

Hearing God :: The Test

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...with foreign lips and strange tongues God will speak to this people...

Isaiah 28:11

Review:

- God speaks to people
- He speaks through his Word and his Spirit
- He speaks to those who pursue him.

A CONVERSATION OF HOW GOD SPEAKS • PRAY • MY LIST OF GOD SPEAKING

Ways God speaks:

1. Through the Bible
2. Through times of Prayer
3. Through Relationships
4. Through Moments (those you encounter, those you enter, those you create)
5. Through your Passions

BUT THE MOMENTARY WHISPERS AND THE PASSIONS ARE DANGEROUS

Testing God's Whispers

Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

1 John 4:1

The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?

Jeremiah 17:9

THERE ARE TWO PROBLEMS WITH HEARING GOD'S VOICE • FALSE SPIRITS & A DECEITFUL HEART

On our own, we can't know the difference between a prompting and a temptation...

WALKING IN THE KITCHEN, SEE THE CAKE, PASSAGE OF SCRIPTURE "TAKE AND EAT"

...so I test all whispers against God's Word with godly people.

HOW I TEST --> #1 GOING TO NWBC • #2 LEAVE NWBC // BIBLE DOESN'T SAY, "JEFF MOVE TO LAFAYETTE" LESS ABOUT TESTING THE WHISPER, MORE ABOUT TESTING YOURSELF / YOUR EARS

How It Works

1. Be so clear on the momentum of Scripture that the momentary whispers make sense.

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Romans 12:2

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

Hebrews 12:1

EVERY MOMENT HAS MOMENTUM

2. Be so focused on Jesus that false whispers fall flat.

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:2

This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world.

1 John 4:2-3

3. Be so close to godly people that the Spirit's voice is magnified.

While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."

Acts 13:2

4. Be in submission to the right people.

MISSING WITH MOST • LEAVE A CHURCH, OFFEND SOMEONE (E.W.), QUIT A JOB, LEAVE SPOUSE
BIBLICAL GUIDANCE IN THE NEW TESTAMENT ALWAYS COMES IN THE CONTEXT OF SUBMISSION
Acts 21:10-14 (p. 774)

PAUL KNEW TWO THINGS: CITIZENSHIP APPEAL TO CAESAR & AGABUS ISN'T THE ONLY PROPHECY
Acts 9:15-16 (p. 763)

WHEN PAUL REFUSED THE SUGGESTIONS OF ACTS 21, HE WAS LIVING OUT THE WHISPER FROM ACTS 9!

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BLOG ENTRY ABOUT WHEN A GOD-PROMPTING DOESN'T HAVE THE DESIRED OR EXPECTED RESULT.