

The **Big** Story Of The Bible #32

CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?

HEARING & RECOGNIZING GOD'S VOICE

Don't believe everything you hear just because someone says it is a message from God; Test it first to see if it really is! 1 John 4:1 (TLB)

Accept other believers who are weak in faith, and don't argue with them about what they think is right or wrong... Who are you to condemn someone else's servants? They are responsible to the Lord, so let him judge whether they are right or wrong. And with the Lord's help, they will do what is right and will receive his approval. Romans 14:1-4 (NLT)

So accept each other just as Christ has accepted you; then God will be glorified. Romans 15:7 (NLT)

Anyone who wants to do God's will can test this teaching and know whether it's from God or whether I'm making it up. John 7:17 (MES)

How Do I "Test" An Impression?

1. What Does _____ Say?

* Heaven and earth will disappear, but my words will never disappear. Matthew 24:35 (NLT)

* The word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires. Hebrews 4:12 (NLT)

* Happy are those who don't listen to the wicked, who don't go where sinners go, who don't do what evil people do. They love the Lord's teachings, and they think about those teachings day and night. They are strong, like a tree planted by a river. The tree produces fruit in season, and its leaves don't die. Everything they do will succeed. Psalm 1:1-3 (NLT)

2. Will It Make Me _____ or _____

Like Jesus?

* Instead, we will lovingly follow the truth at all times- speaking truly, dealing truly, living truly- and so become more and more in every way like Christ.

Ephesians 4:15 (TLB)

* I keep praying that this faith we hold in common keeps showing up in the good things we do, and that people recognize Christ in all of it. Philemon 1:4 (MES)

3. Do People I _____ Agree?

* God's intent is that through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known. Ephesians 3:10 (NIV)

* The wisdom of the righteous can save you. Proverbs 11:9 (GN)

4. What Does My _____ Tell Me?

* Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life. Proverbs 4:23 (NLT)

* Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you your heart's desires. Psalm 37:4 (NLT)

5. Pray & Flip A _____?

* And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen..." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles. Acts 1:23-26 (NLT)

* We may throw the dice, but the Lord determines how they fall.

Proverbs 16:33 (NLT)

Testament

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