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## TIME OF REFLECTION

“It does not matter how small the sins are, provided that their cumulative effect is to edge the man away from the Light and out into the Nothing. Murder is no better than cards if cards can do the trick. Indeed, the safest road to Hell is the gradual one—the gentle slope, soft underfoot, without sudden turnings, without mile stones, without signposts.”

~ Screwtape in *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis

“Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride in possessions—is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.”

~1 John 2:15-17

“The devil has made it his business to monopolize on three elements: noise, hurry, crowds. He will not allow quietness.”

~Elisabeth Elliot, *Shadow of the Almighty: The Life and Testament of Jim Elliot*

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## *Worship through the Word*

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**SERMON** – “Testing the Spirits: Listening for God in an Age of Noise”  
*Jason Achmoody*

**SERMON PASSAGES** – 1 John 4:1-6 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup>Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. <sup>2</sup>By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, <sup>3</sup>and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. <sup>4</sup>Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. <sup>5</sup>They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. <sup>6</sup>We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.