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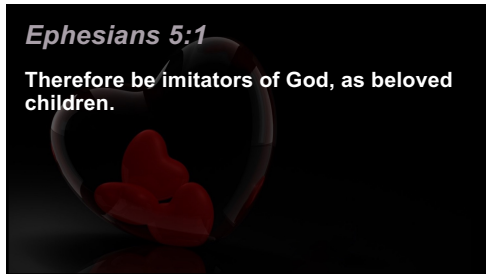
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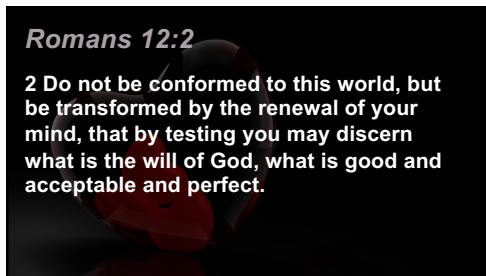
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**Test**

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Test the quality of metal

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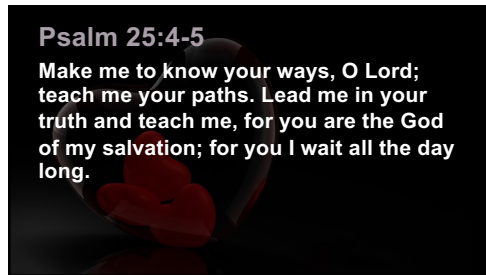
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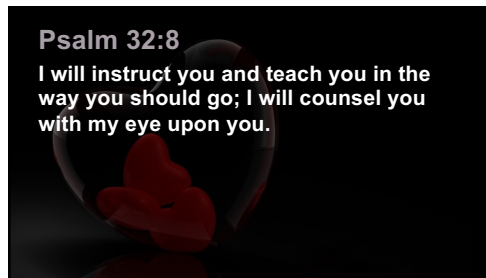
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**Jeremiah 1**

11 The word of the Lord came to me: "What do you see, Jeremiah?" "I see the branch of an almond tree," I replied. 12 The Lord said to me, "You have seen correctly, for I am watching to see that my word is fulfilled."

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**Jeremiah 1:11-12**

11 And the word of the LORD came to me, saying, "Jeremiah, what do you see?" And I said, "I see an almond (Saqed) branch." 12 Then the LORD said to me "You have seen well, for I am watching (soqed) over my word to perform it."

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**Jeremiah 1**

13 The word of the Lord came to me again: "What do you see?" "I see a pot that is boiling," I answered. "It is tilting toward us from the north." 14 The Lord said to me, "From the north disaster will be poured out on all who live in the land."

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**How to Hear from God?**

Waiting	Looking to the Lord
Invitation	Invite the Lord to speak
Be Still	No activity, sound clutter
Know God	Know (Yada) Intimately
God's Agenda	Let God pick the topic
God's Method	Don't limit how God speaks
Scribe	Write down everything

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**Ways to Hear From God**

Inner Witness	The Holy Spirit speaks directly to the believer's spirit
Written Word of God	Revelation through written word
Spoken Word of God	Revelation thru preaching, dreams, vision or prophesy
Signs	God arranges a specific physical sign as direction
Audible Voice of God	God speaks in an audible voice
Divine Messenger	Angel or Christ Himself

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**How to Trust God to Communicate?**

**Allow God to choose the time and the method of communication**

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Jeremiah 32

6 Jeremiah said, "The word of the Lord came to me: 7 Behold, Hanamel the son of Shallum your uncle will come to you and say, 'Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours.'

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Jeremiah 32

8 Then Hanamel my cousin came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the Lord, and said to me, 'Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself.' Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord.

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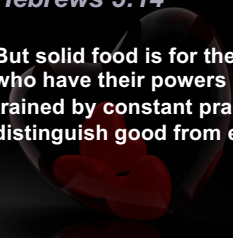
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**Hebrews 5:14**

But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.



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**Discernment and Guidance  
are a team activities**



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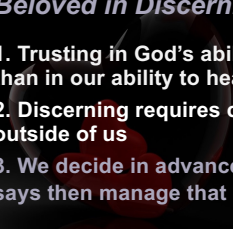
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**Jeremiah 32**

25 Yet you, O Lord God, have said to me, "Buy the field for money and get witnesses"—though the city is given into the hands of the Chaldeans." 26 The word of the Lord came to Jeremiah: 27 "Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh. Is anything too hard for me?"

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**Peace in the Aftermath of Discerning**

Jeremiah experienced confusion and doubt AFTER he obeyed God and executed the contract to buy land from His Uncle Hanamel because Jeremiah began to focus on the fact that the land was under Babylonian military control.

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**James 1**

5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. 6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind.

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**Proverbs 3:5-6**  
 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

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**Jeremiah 32**  
 42 "For thus says the Lord: Just as I have brought all this great disaster upon this people, so I will bring upon them all the good that I promise them. 43 Fields shall be bought in this land of which you are saying, 'It is a desolation, without man or beast; it is given into the hand of the Chaldeans.'

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**Jeremiah 32**  
 44 Fields shall be bought for money, and deeds shall be signed and sealed and witnessed, in the land of Benjamin, in the places about Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, in the cities of the hill country, in the cities of the Shephelah, and in the cities of the Negeb; for I will restore their fortunes, declares the Lord."

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