

January 25, 2026 Sermon Notes

"The Power of Trust Part 4"

DISCERNMENT IS THE ABILITY TO JUDGE RIGHTLY, NOT BY APPEARANCES, OR MY FEELINGS, OR THE FLOW OF CULTURE, BUT BY GOD'S TRUTH.

HEBREWS 5:14

DISCERNMENT IS PATTERN RECOGNITION.

THE BIBLE WAS NOT DESIGNED TO GIVE YOU INFORMATION; GOD GAVE YOU THE BIBLE TO ESTABLISH A PATTERN LIBRARY OF HOW REALITY ACTUALLY WORKS.

PROVERBS 14:12

ECCLESIASTES 1:9B

I. FALSE DISCERNMENT IS CONTAGIOUS.
LUKE 12:1 – 3

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YOU CAN IMPRESS PEOPLE FROM A DISTANCE BUT YOU CAN ONLY IMPACT THEM UP CLOSE.

LUKE 12:2 – 3

Sermon Notes, Continued...

- II. FEAR DISTORTS DISCERNMENT.
LUKE 12:4 – 7
- III. CONFESSION REVEALS WHAT HAS TRAINED YOU. LUKE 12:8 – 9

LUKE 9:23 – 24

- IV. THE HOLY SPIRIT SECURES TRUST UNDER PRESSURE. LUKE 12:10 – 12

1 JOHN 4:2 – 3

JOHN 5:23 – 24

DIAGRAM SHOWING HOW SALVATION ALWAYS TAKES PLACE.

THE HOLY SPIRIT'S ROLE IS NOT INSPIRATION APART FROM PREPARATION, BUT ILLUMINATION IN THE MOMENT OF NEED.

4 TRUTHS TO REMEMBER:

1. FALSE DISCERNMENT SPREADS QUIETLY IF WE DON'T GUARD AGAINST IT.
2. FEAR WILL DISTORT REALITY IF IT BECOMES OUR AUTHORITY.
3. PUBLIC CONFESSION REVEALS WHAT WE TRULY BELIEVE, NOT WHAT WE CLAIM.
4. UNDER PRESSURE, GOD DOES NOT ABANDON PREPARED FAITHFUL BELIEVERS.