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## Is it God or My Gut? Pt. 2

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*Don't always 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 (LB)

## 6 TESTS

**1** IS IT **C O N S I S T E N T** WITH  
THE **B I B L E** ?

*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.*

HEBREWS 13:8 (NLT)

*For the word of God will never fail.*

LUKE 1:37 (NLT)

## 2 WILL IT HELP MY SPIRITUAL GROWTH?

You say, "I am allowed to do anything"—but not everything is good for you. And even though "I am allowed to do anything," I must not become a slave to anything.

1 CORINTHIANS 6:12 (NLT)

You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.

PHILIPPIANS 2:5 (NLT)

We will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ.

EPHESIANS 4:15 (NLT)

## 3 DO MATURE CHRISTIANS CONFIRM IT?

God's purpose in all this was to use the church to display his wisdom in its rich variety.

EPHESIANS 3:10 (NLT)

The wisdom of the righteous can save you.

PROVERBS 11:9 (GN)

## 4 IS IT CONSISTENT WITH MY GIFTS AND ABILITIES?

We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works which God prepared in advance for us to do.

EPHESIANS 2:10 (NIV84)

In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well.

ROMANS 12:6 (NLT)

## 5 IS IT CONVICTING OR CONDEMNING?

*God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.*

**JOHN 3:17 (NIV)**

*If we confess our sins to him, (God) can be depended on to forgive us and cleanse us from every wrong.*

**1 JOHN 1:9 (LB)**

## 6 DO I HAVE GOD'S PEACE ABOUT IT?

*God doesn't stir us up into confusion.*

**1 CORINTHIANS 14:33 (MSG)**

*Let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts.*

**COLOSSIANS 3:15 (NLT)**

*Whoever belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God.*

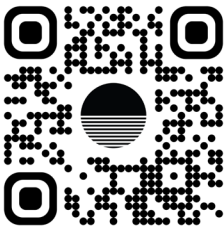
**JOHN 8:47 (NIV)**

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## SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

- 1 What stood out to you in this week's sermon and why?
- 2 Can cultural or societal influences impact our perception of whether a decision is guided by God or our intuition? How do we stay true to our faith while navigating these influences?
- 3 Share a story from your life where you felt a strong prompting, either from God or your gut, that led you in a specific direction.
- 4 How can seeking counsel from mature Christians provide clarity and confirmation for the guidance we receive? Share an instance when seeking wise counsel impacted your decision-making.
- 5 How can we be praying for you?



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## Upcoming Events

- 09.06 | AWANA Begins  
MOPS Begins
- 09.09 | Men's Breakfast at Rancho
- 09.10 | Small Groups Sign Ups in the Lobby  
Classic Praise
- 09.21 | Women's Bible Study Begins
- 09.23 | Core Four: Apologetics Begins