

*Hearing*  
**GOD**





**The Person & the Work of the**

# *Holy Spirit*

*14. The Role of the Holy Spirit  
in the Church - 11*

13. . . . when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.
14. He will glorify Me, because He will take of what is Mine and will reveal it to you.

**John 16:13-14**

14. I am the good shepherd, and I know My own and My own know Me,
15. even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.
16. I have other sheep, which are not of this fold; I must bring them also, **and they will hear My voice**; and they will become one flock with one shepherd.

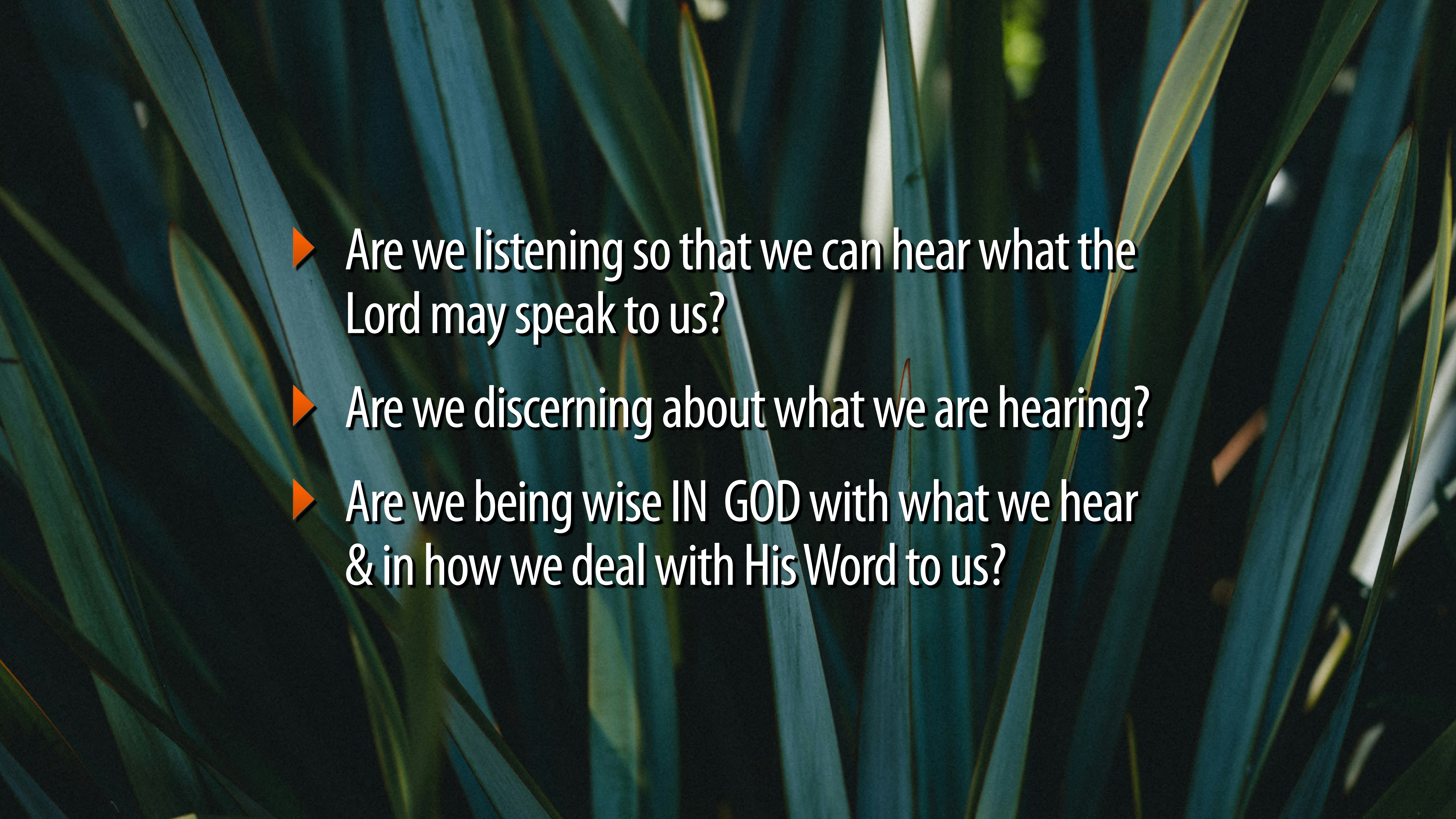
**John 10:14-16**

22. At that time the Feast of the Dedication took place at Jerusalem;
23. it was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple in the portico of Solomon.
24. The Jews then gathered around Him, and were saying to Him, "How long will You keep us in suspense? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly."
25. Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe; the works that I do in My Father's name, these testify of Me.
26. But you do not believe because you are not of My sheep.
27. **My sheep hear My voice**, and I know them, and they follow Me."

**John 10:22-27**

Thus says the Lord of hosts, "Do not listen to the words of the prophets who are prophesying to you. They are leading you into futility; they speak a vision of their own imagination, not from the mouth of the Lord.

**Jeremiah 23:16**

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- The background of the slide features a close-up, slightly blurred image of long, narrow, blue-green leaves, possibly from a plant like a lily or iris. The leaves are arranged in a dense, overlapping pattern, creating a textured and vibrant backdrop for the text.
- ▶ Are we listening so that we can hear what the Lord may speak to us?
  - ▶ Are we discerning about what we are hearing?
  - ▶ Are we being wise IN GOD with what we hear & in how we deal with His Word to us?

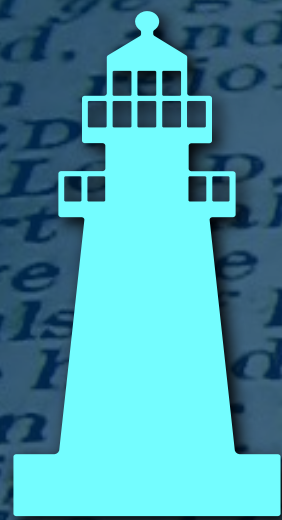
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# The Three Harbour Lights

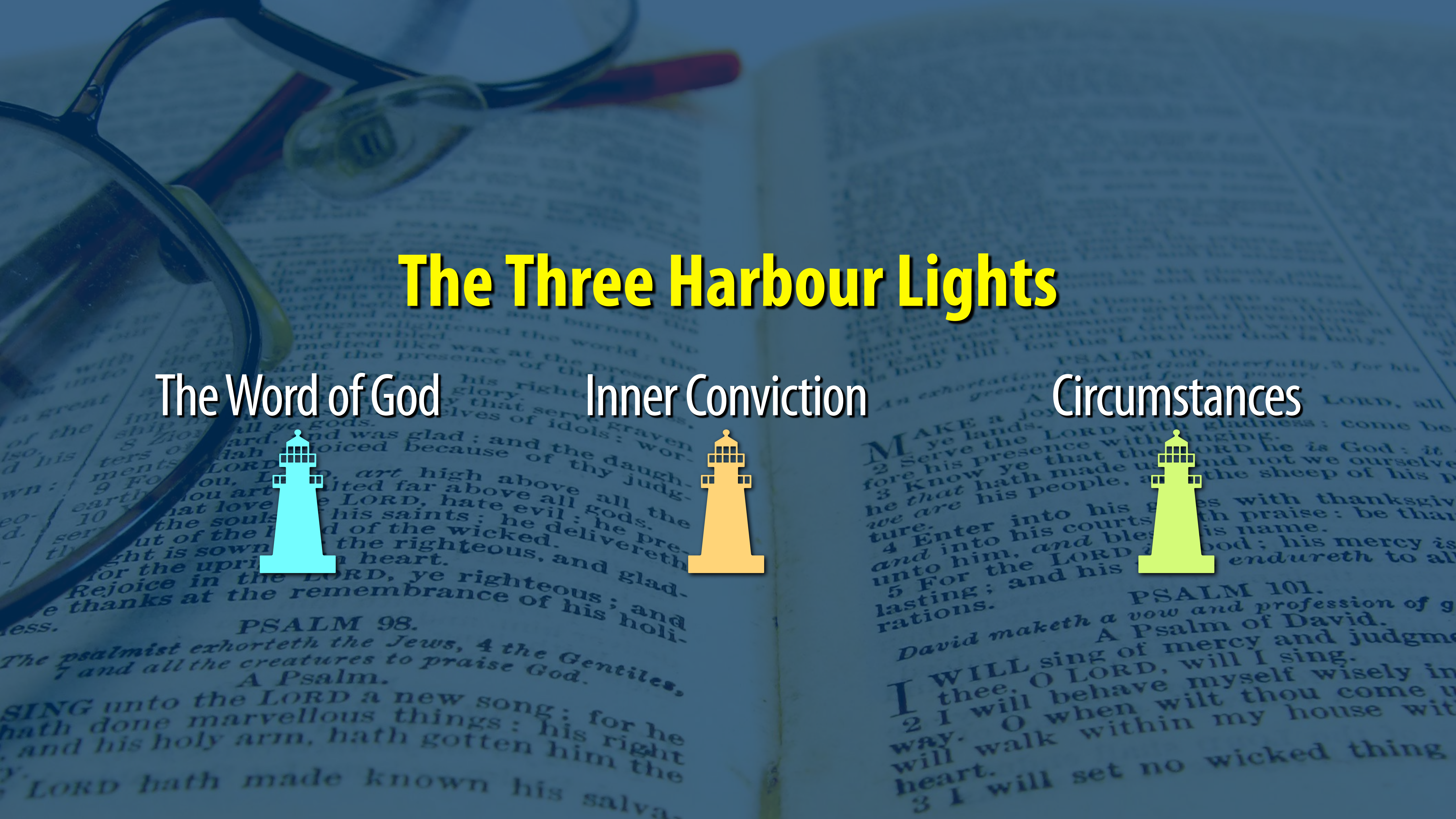
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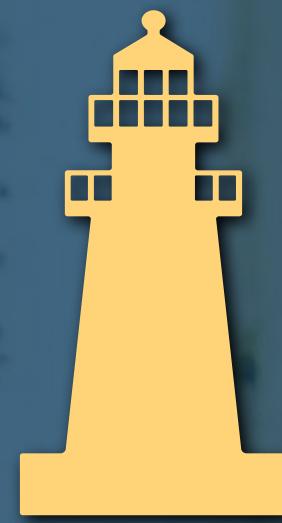


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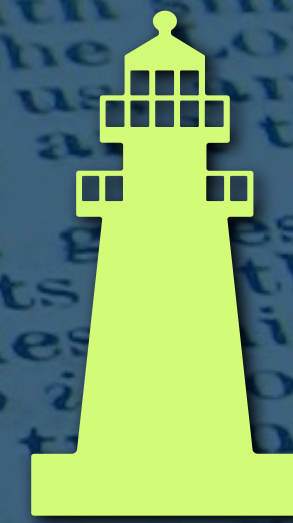


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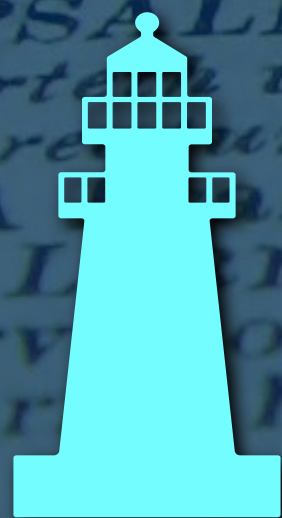
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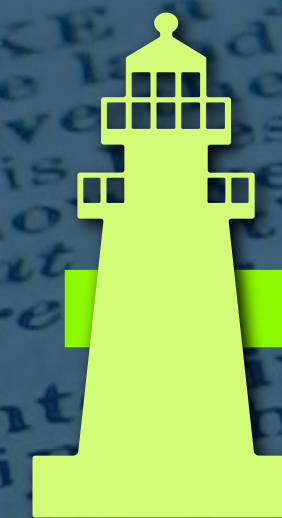
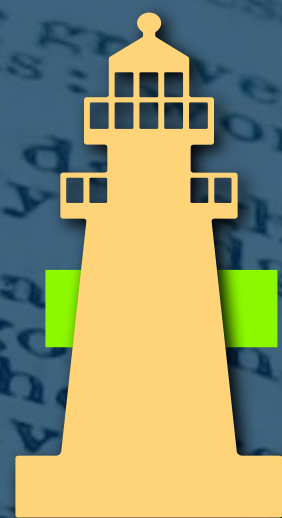
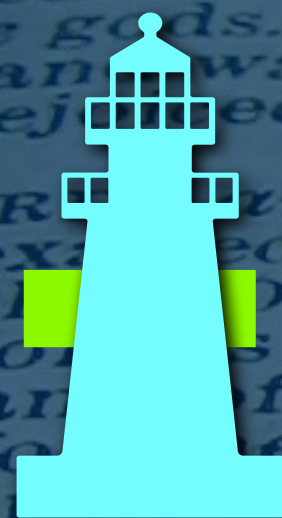


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(fourthly: the counsel of others)

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## **Through the Word of God**

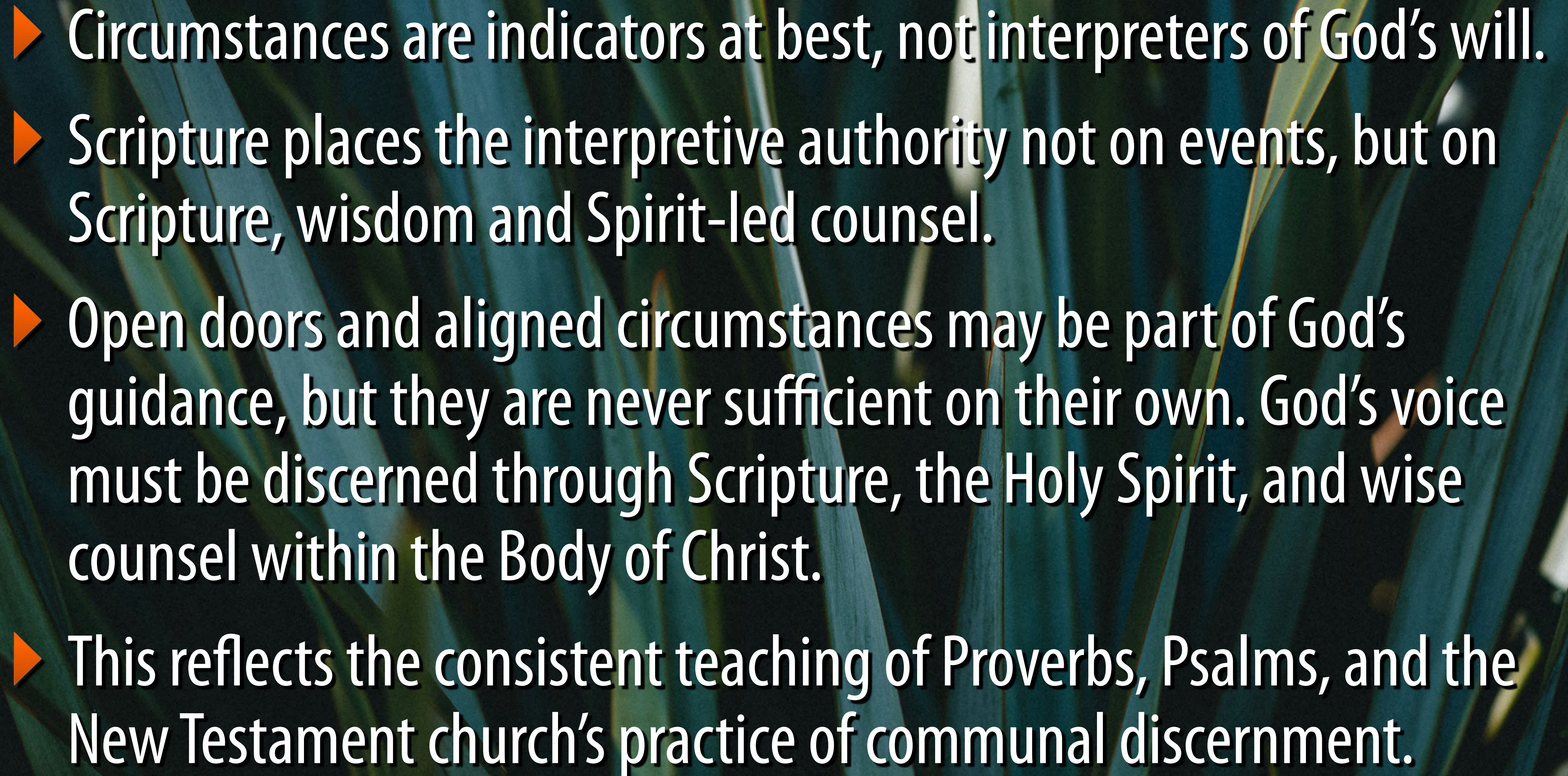
This is the most clear and effective way of God's communication with His people. If you want to know how things work perfectly, you need to read the manual. The Bible is God's manual for His people. But as is the case with other manuals, we often ignore the Bible! How often do we try everything else, but His word?

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- ▶ Circumstances are indicators at best, not interpreters of God's will.
  - ▶ Scripture places the interpretive authority not on events, but on Scripture, wisdom and Spirit-led counsel.
  - ▶ Open doors and aligned circumstances may be part of God's guidance, but they are never sufficient on their own. God's voice must be discerned through Scripture, the Holy Spirit, and wise counsel within the Body of Christ.
  - ▶ This reflects the consistent teaching of Proverbs, Psalms, and the New Testament church's practice of communal discernment.

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- ▶ The counsel of Godly men and women (Proverbs 12:15)

Without consultation, plans are frustrated,  
but with many advisors they succeed.

**Proverbs 15:22**

Iron sharpens iron, so one  
man sharpens another.

**Proverbs 27:17**

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Let the peace of Christ rule (as arbiter or umpire)  
in your hearts ..

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Let the shalom which comes from the  
Messiah be your heart's decision-maker.

**Colossians 3:15** (Complete Jewish Bible)

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Although the Lord has given you bread of privation and water of oppression, He, your Teacher will no longer hide Himself, but your eyes will behold your Teacher.

Your ears will hear a word behind you, "This is the way, walk in it," whenever you turn to the right or to the left.

**Isaiah 30-20-21**

Ellicott's Commentary explains that the "word behind you" refers to the inner confirming voice that echoes what God's teachers proclaim outwardly—guidance that becomes internalised and personally applied.

Albert Barnes describes it as an "invisible guide," often identified with conscience, providence, or the Spirit of God, recalling a person when they begin to stray from the right path.

The imagery is drawn from everyday life: a teacher walking behind a student, correcting their steps, or a shepherd guiding sheep, calling them back when they wander.

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For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen,  
disguising themselves as apostles of Christ.

And no wonder, **for even Satan disguises himself as an  
angel of light.**

So it is no surprise if his servants, also, disguise themselves  
as servants of righteousness.

**2 Corinthians 11:13-15**

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- ▶ **Dreams and visions (Acts 16:9-10; 18:9-10; 22:17-20)**

And it shall be in the last days,' God says, 'that I will pour forth of My Spirit on all mankind; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and **your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams;** even on My bondservants, both men and women, I will in those days pour forth of My Spirit and they shall prophesy.

**Acts 2:17-18**

Call to Me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known.

**Jeremiah 33:3**

Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for He will speak peace to His people, to His saints.

**Psalms 85:8**

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with Me.

**Revelation 3:20**

But My people did not listen to My voice ..

**Psalm 81:11**

Because I have called and you refused to listen ..

**Proverbs 1:24**

- ▶ I believe that God wants to speak to me as His child
- ▶ I understand & accept that as a believer, I can hear God speak to me by His Spirit, in the ways discussed this morning
- ▶ I declare this morning that it is my hearts desire to actually hear what the Holy Spirit wants to speak to me & it is my hearts desire to obey His Word to me