

RESPONDING TO THE PROMISES OF GOD

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Lessons from the father of our faith

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The call to leave his nets & follow

Genesis 12:1-3

Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

Three ways of responding to God's Promises

1. Eliezer (Gen 15)
2. Ishmael (Gen 16)
3. Isaac (Gen 17)

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1. Eliezer (sight) 'behold, Lord'
2. Ishmael (flesh) 'go in to'
3. Isaac (faith) 'fell to his face'

1. Eliezer - 2 Cor 5:7 for we walk by faith, not by sight.
2. Ismael - Gal 3:3 Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?
3. Isaac - 2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness.

The fruit

1. Eliezer - Settle for less
2. Ishmael - Strife & pain
3. Isaac - Glory & awe!

Romans 10:17

So then faith comes by hearing, and
hearing by the word of God.

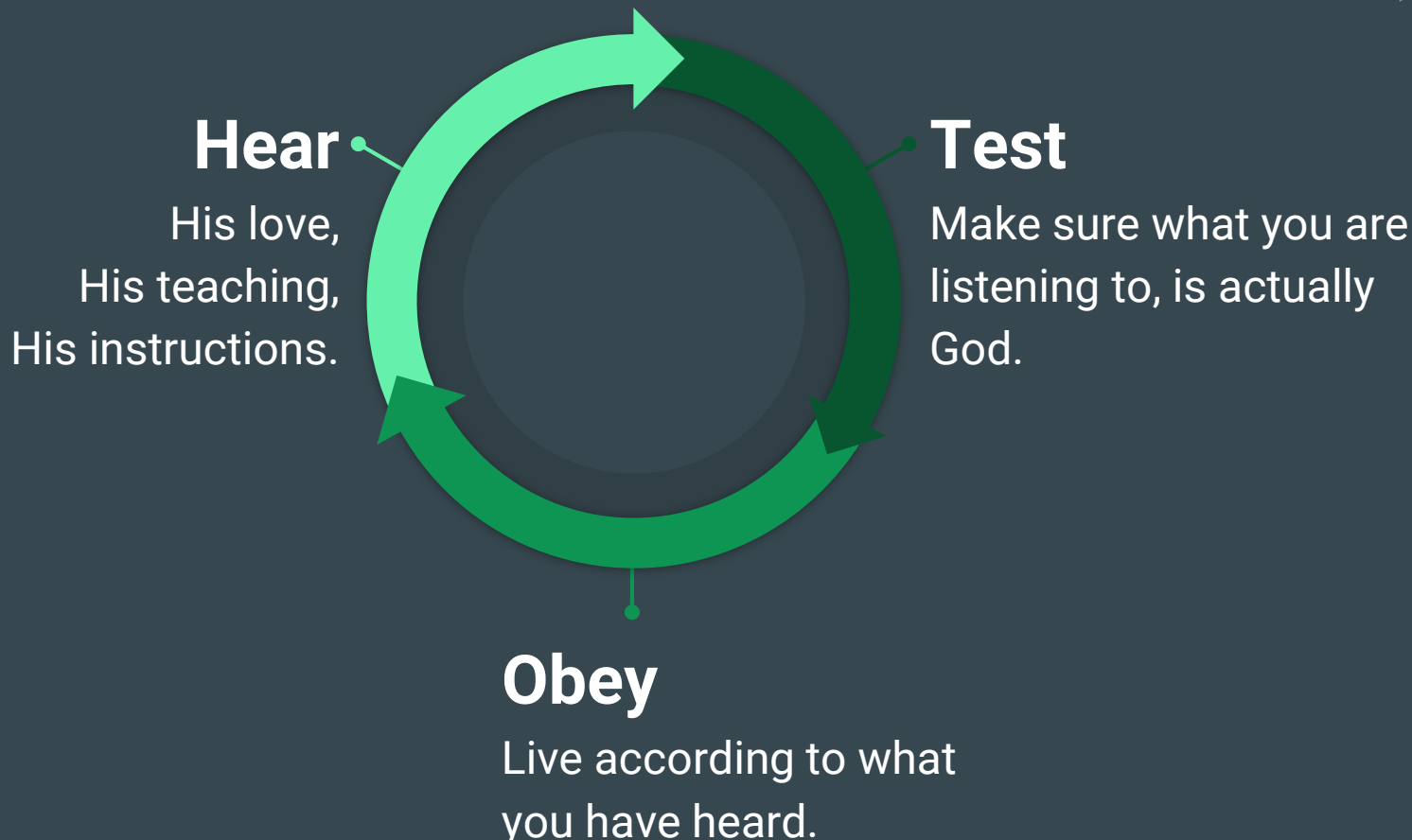
How to hear Him?

1. Time with Him
2. HIS WORD//HIS VOICE//HIS BODY
3. Confirmation

It's not monkey hear,
monkey do...

Matt 25:14-30...

Waiting



Covenants



Promises

God initiates His love & commitment to us & tells us our part.

Consequences

Allows dire consequences when we act out of line. Adam. Cain. Sarai.

Grace

Invades our mistakes with love. Keeps His promises.

When Isaac has come

- Isaac belongs to God.
- Ready to offer him to God?

Responding

- Need to listen?
- Surrender to the wait?
- Repent of 'sight' or 'flesh' stuff?
- Has Isaac come?