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AT HIS FEET · FREE RESOURCE

The Three Checks

What to do when a message looks real, before you click, share or send.

AI can now copy a face, a voice and even a Scripture quotation. A video can look like your pastor and still be fake. Jesus warned that end-time deception would be convincing, "if it were possible, … the very elect" (Matthew 24:24). He also told us ahead of time so we could stand. When your phone lights up, slow down and check three things.

1 Check the source

Who actually sent this?

- Call the person or church office using a number **you already know**, not one in the message.
- Ask directly: "Did you send this?"
- A familiar face or voice is not proof. A trusted channel is.

2 Check the message

Does it agree with the whole counsel of God?

- If it quotes Scripture, read the passage **around** the verse.
- Set Scripture beside Scripture, as Jesus did: "It is written again" (Matthew 4:7).
- A sign or a correct prediction doesn't prove a message is from God (Deuteronomy 13:1–3).

The Bereans "searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so." (Acts 17:11)

3 Check the request

What are they asking me to do, and why so fast?

- Money, links, secrecy and urgency are warning signs.
- Pause before you send, pay, share or go anywhere.
- Real needs can still be met through a trusted, known process.

FOR CHURCH LEADERS

Choose **one official channel** for urgent notices. Tell your people how to verify a request, and practice it with your team, so everyone has a step they remember when their phone lights up.

GO DEEPER

Four questions for testing a teaching

Which Jesus does it present?
The One revealed in Scripture, or another? *1 John 4:1*

Are the verses read in their setting?
Or pulled away from their context to say something new?

What fruit does it produce?
Humility and holiness, or fear, secrecy and pressure? *Matthew 7:16*

Who is weighing it?
Discernment is something the church does together, with open Bibles. *1 Corinthians 14:29*

STAY AT HIS FEET

A daily rhythm

The goal isn't to fear every video. It's to know His voice so well through His Word that a counterfeit sounds wrong. "My sheep hear my voice … and they follow me" (John 10:27).

Sit
Open the Word before you open the news or your messages.

Listen
Read slowly. Ask what He is showing you. Write one line down.

Test
Bring anything loud back to His feet. Use the three checks.

Obey
Do the next good thing He has shown you. (James 1:22)

This week: read 1 Chronicles 12:32 and Matthew 24:23–27 with someone you trust. Pick one claim you would normally share and check it together first. "Prove all things; hold fast that which is good." (1 Thessalonians 5:21)

Watch the At His Feet series

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2. **The Goshen Signal Watch:** Reading the Signs Without Panic
3. **At His Feet:** Hearing His Voice in a Season of Deception

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