

Runway Lights:

When an airplane is descending to the runway for a landing at night, it is vital that the pilot find the runway lights in order to land safely. The same is true for us. When we need to know God's will, His purposes, and His perspective, it is vital for us to follow the runway lights. There are three "runway lights." Here's a summary:

Runway Light #1: The Written Word, the Bible

God speaks to us primarily through the Bible, His written Word. The Holy Spirit illuminates God's Word when we read our Bibles so that we can understand His direction. Psalm 46:10 summarizes our response to His Word: "Be still and know that I am God."

When a Scripture speaks a message to your heart, or you receive a Bible study insight, or a passage from your devotional reading seems to jump out at you—and speaks directly to your circumstances—this is the voice of God.

Runway Light #2: Peace

Peace is the umpire that confirms if something is of God or not. Proverbs 19:2 says, "...and he who hurries his footsteps errs," and even Paul urges us, in Colossians 3:15, to "let the peace from Christ rule in your hearts..."

Runway Light #3: Circumstances

Any message we are hearing from God should be confirmed through other messages. We should head confirmation of His message in sermons, in our quiet time, in Bible study, through other people, etc. James 1:22 is the ultimate goal.