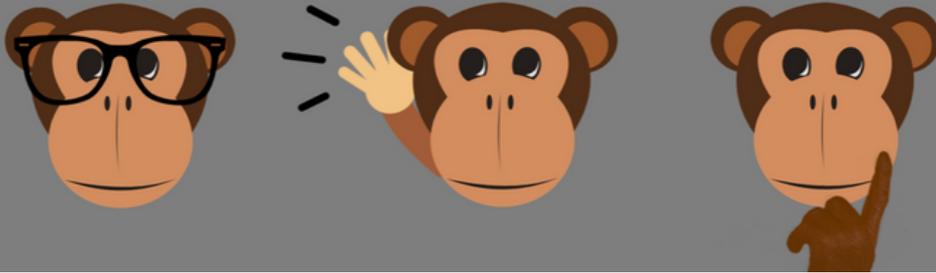


THE WORD



CONNECT WITH THE WORD.

The choice lies in front of us:

This job or another.

This school or another.

This insurance or another.

This opportunity or another.

Where is our big booming voice from above declaring, "OPTION B IS THE WAY TO GO,"?

God rarely communicates via big booming voice these days, but that's because He gave us something even better. He gave us His Son. And He gave us His Word. And every time we read His Word, Jesus is present with us and speaking to us - personally and meaningfully.

He may not say, "I'd go with Option B if I were you," but He will remind us of His sovereignty, remind us of our identity, point us towards truth, and *be with us*. Jesus promises to meet with us in His Word.

And the presence of Jesus is better than Option B anyway.

IN THE BIBLE.

Hebrews 1:1-2

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe.

John 8:31-32

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

Luke 24:30-32

When [Jesus] was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?”

QUESTIONS.

1. What stood out to you in those verses? Why?
2. How does the Bible connect us to Jesus?
3. What do you think it means to "abide" in his word?
4. What are some other ways God communicates with His people?

Whenever you read the Bible, ask yourself these three questions:

1. What does this tell you about God?
2. What does this tell you about yourself and the world?
3. How is this going to change who you are and how you live?