

Encourage Her

Signs God Is Trying to Get Your Attention

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Some people dismiss signs from God as a coincidence. But those signs may be purposeful. They're meant to grab our attention, guide us, warn us, or reassure us. It's important to recognize these signs. Ignoring or missing these signs can lead to missing out on important messages or blessings that God wants to give us.

God is always trying to get our attention. **He created us to fellowship with him and to do his will (Psalm 100:3; Revelation 4:11)**. God wants to speak to us every day in the wonders of nature, through the Bible, by his Spirit, and through his messengers. In order to hear him, we must be available to listen.

Common Signs God Uses

God often uses a few signs to get our attention.

One of them is unusual occurrences or coincidences.

These can be events that seem out of the ordinary, timing that seems too perfect to be random, or connections that appear too meaningful to be by chance.

God also often communicates through repeated messages or themes.

These can be through conversations with others, readings in the Bible, sermons at church, or even songs.

When we notice the same message or theme coming up multiple times, it could be God trying to get our attention and speak to us about something important.

Intuitive feelings or nudges are another way God communicates with us.

These feelings can be like a gentle prompting, a sense of peace or unease, or a strong conviction about a decision or situation.

Dreams or visions are the last way.

He uses it to convey important messages, warnings, or instructions.

Not all dreams are necessarily from God, so it's important to discern them.

Biblical Examples of God Getting Attention

There are a few examples in the Bible of God getting people's attention.

1. What are some common other common signs God uses?
2. What are some examples in your life where God was trying to get your attention?
3. How will you know when God is giving you a sign?
4. What will be different when something is just happening randomly compared to when God is trying to tell you something?
5. What are some biblical stories where God was trying to get one's attention?

One of them is the burning bush with Moses (**Exodus 3**). God spoke to Moses through a burning bush that did not burn up. This got Moses' attention, and God told him to lead the Israelites out of Egypt.

Another is when an angel visited Mary (**Luke 1**). The angel told her she would conceive Jesus, the son of God. This divine encounter revealed God's plan for salvation through Mary's willing acceptance of this calling.

The last one I want to mention is when Joseph had a dream (**Matthew 1**). In his dream, an angel told him Mary's baby was from God. And not her own doings. He was asked to take Mary as his wife and raise Jesus as his own. Joseph obeyed, and Jesus was born, fulfilling God's plan.

How to Discern God's Signs

Discerning God's signs requires prayer.

6. What biblical scripture reference to God's sign?
7. Describe a method for determining if it's God or Satan?
8. How does one feel once God gives discernment? (should feel peace).
9. What are some examples of signs that God may give to confirm something in your life?

Pray and ask Him for guidance and clarity. Take note of any patterns that happen repeatedly. You should also seek counsel from trusted mentors about the signs.

Always test the signs against God's Word to make sure it aligns.

How to Recognize God's Signs

- His Word, the Bible – In fact, most of the other ways God speaks to us is to confirm something He's already spoken in the Bible. ...
- His Holy Spirit – He speaks to us directly in our spirit and by the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

First, there are signs and wonders. God chooses when to use these signs but we are not supposed to ask God for this type of sign because we are not to put God to the test (Luke 4:12).

Second, there are signs that are indications of what biblical principle God wants you to apply. This is the type of "signs" Christians should always look

for, so they know how to live the way God wants them to live. For example, if you are asking God if you should date someone, you should not look for a shooting star. You should first see if this person is a Christian. If they are not, that would be a sign God does not want you to date them because 2 Corinthians 6:14 states to not be unequally yoked.

If an Important Event Happens That Relates to What You've Asked God About, This Is Often God Showing You a Sign

One of the key principles in rightly interpreting signs from the Lord is the sovereignty of God. God's sovereignty means that God is the one who is ultimately in control of everything that does and does not happen. God is not a powerless God who is simply responding to humans all day. That would mean humans and not God are the primary causes behind everything that happens, which would completely contradict huge parts of Scripture which clearly teach us that God has a sovereign plan.

The reasons the doctrine of God's sovereignty is so important when it comes to trying to know God's will is because God will speak through the circumstances that happen in our lives because He is ultimately the one in control of the circumstances in our lives.

When God Is Giving You a Sign, You Will Gain Clarity and Not More Confusion.

God is able to make you understand what he wants you to understand. If something odd happens and you do not know what it means, it is much more likely this is not a sign from God since God is not the author of confusion. As 1 Corinthians 14:33 states, "For God is not a God of confusion but of peace." As Paul told Timothy in 2 Timothy 2:7, "Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything." God is the one who gives understanding. When you lack wisdom, you should ask as James 1:5 states. But sometimes you will remain confused about something because it is not a sign from God and God has nothing to say about it.

Responding to God's Signs

When we recognize God's signs it is important to respond.

If that sign shows you've done something wrong, repenting and seeking forgiveness is important.

It's better to be obedient to God's will. And that might mean doing things that might be hard or you're scared to do. But trust in His plan.

Getting closer to God through prayer, reading, and studying the Bible can help you better understand His signs.

If you have experienced God's signs, sharing your story with others can help them see God's work too.

Final Thoughts

Recognizing and responding to God's sign is a key aspect on the faith journey.

Keep your mind on God so that you are attentive to His signs.

Continue to seek discernment in God's signs and trust in His perfect plan.

How do you know if God is guiding you?

One of the clearest signs that God is moving you is if He starts to speak to you directly through His Word or other people. If you feel like God is consistently speaking to you about a particular thing, it's likely that He is trying to guide you in that direction.