

WORK THESE WORDS
BIBLECAST
SHOW NOTES *from* MAY 2026

FOUNDATIONAL TEXT

Matthew 2:13-23 NIV | ¹³ When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. “Get up,” he said, “take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.” ¹⁴ So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, ¹⁵ where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: “Out of Egypt I called my son.” ¹⁶ When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi. ¹⁷ Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled: ¹⁸ “A voice is heard in Ramah, weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because they are no more.”

¹⁹ After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt ²⁰ and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child’s life are dead.” ²¹ So he got up, took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. ²² But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee, ²³ and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets, that he would be called a Nazarene.

DISCERNING THE VOICE OF GOD (EXTERNALLY)

God’s Word is His revealed truth, given through Scripture, that anchors what we believe, shapes how we live, and provides the foundation for discernment.

The Bible reveals truth, renews our thinking, and redirects our lives.

Prayer slows us down, sharpens our hearing, and shapes our hearts.

Prophecy, when wisely weighed, provides prompting and perspective.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. What has God already made clear in Scripture that you are overlooking, delaying, or resisting?
2. Where in your life do you need to slow down long enough to notice what God is trying to show you?
3. What wisdom, encouragement, or confirmation from trusted believers is God inviting you to take more seriously?