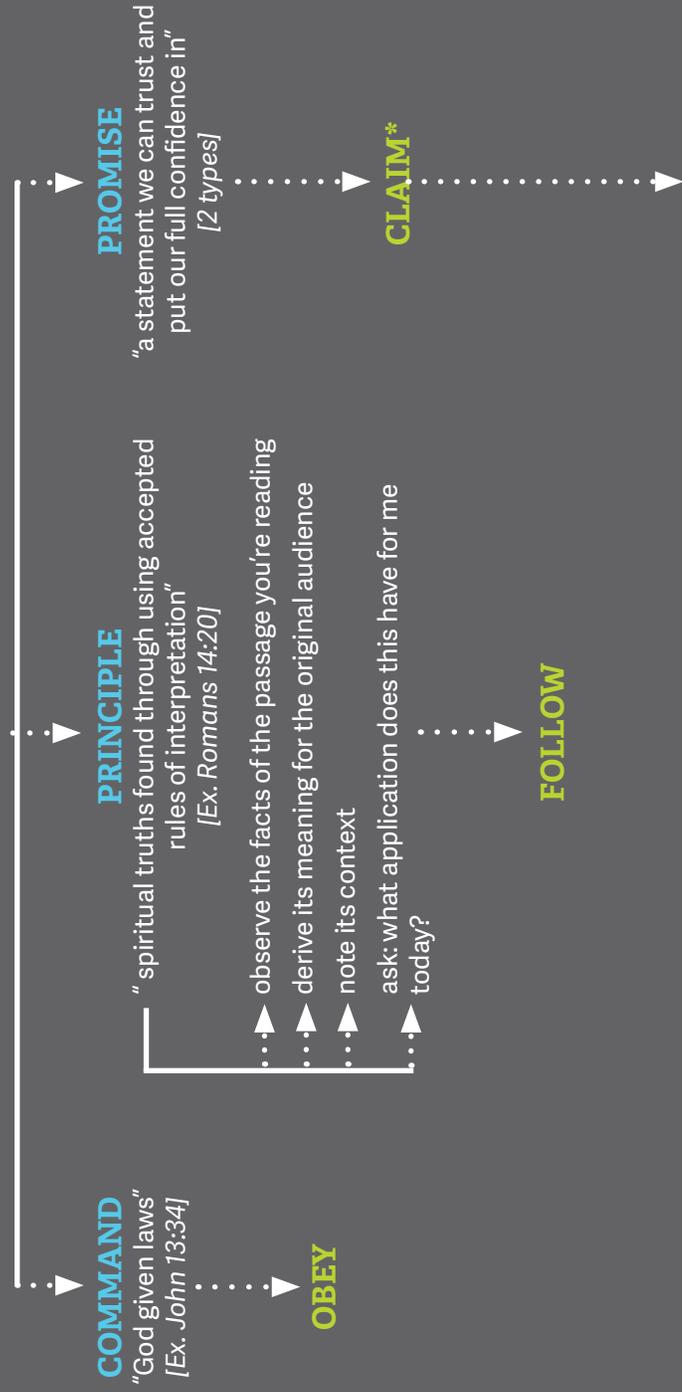


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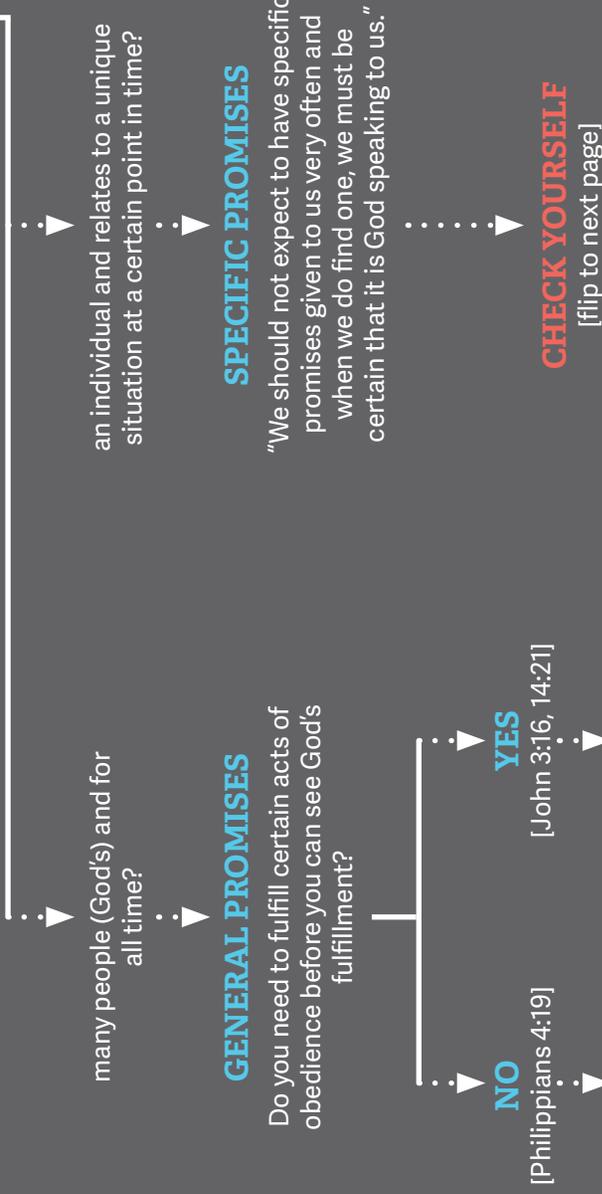
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## FIRST: IDENTIFY

Is it a



**ASK YOURSELF:**  
Is it given to



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## CHECK YOURSELF

Remember that this is a very subjective process. "The heart is deceitful above all things" [Jeremiah 17:9] and as such, we are capable of reading into certain passages what we want to see. To guard against this:

Does it align with the rest of God's Word, keeping its commands and principles? [The Lord will never lead a person, through a specific promise, to do something that would be contrary to or in opposition with another portion of His inspired Word.]

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

In claiming this promise, are you putting God to the test?  
(e.g. expecting a *certain outcome/trying to align God's will with your desires*)

NO \_\_\_\_\_ YES

**DO NOT CLAIM**

Did you find the promise:

During reading your Bible longing to meet with God and hear His voice?

Flipping through your Bible, focused on finding such a passage?

While reading, is the Holy Spirit impressing a passage of Scripture on your heart?

**PROBABLY NOT FOR YOU**

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

Do you have an inner assurance that this is part of His special leading in your life as you spend time in intentional prayer over it?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

**CLAIM IT \***

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## HOW TO CLAIM A PROMISE

1. You need to be His child, having faith in a great and faithful God.
2. You need to act upon the promise. The most common way to do this is through prayer, but if you've received a promise with a specific call to action, you'll need to obey that and carry it out! [see "conditional promise"]
3. You need to hold it with an open hand. Pray over the promise in humility and reverence, acknowledging God's Lordship over us and His right to do as He pleases. The promise may not be answered as you thought or hoped it would be!

### What do we mean when we say "claim a promise"?

Claiming a verse doesn't mean we're "laying claim" to the promise, declaring ourselves entitled to it and demanding it as our due.

Rather, it's more along the lines of a 19th century miner: after seeking out a good spot, he would stake his claim and then camp out there, dwelling in his claim and hoping it would prove profitable.

When we claim a verse, we earnestly seek God's voice in His Word, and when He leads us to a promise, we claim it by camping out in that promise: mining it through study and meditation, and continuously praying over it as we hope for its fulfillment.

One key thing we have to remember is that the fulfillment of a promise often looks different than we expected. For example, you may think you're mining for silver, but end up with oil: it's uglier and messier, but far more valuable in the long run.

Most importantly, unlike the miner's worldly hope, which is little better than a wish, our godly hope means that we wait in confident, eager expectation for the promise's fulfillment, because we know all promises are "yes" in Jesus! (Heb. 11:1, 2 Cor. 1:20)

### UNFULFILLED PROMISE?

*Check your heart. Is there:*

