



**THE YES TEST**  
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**2 Corinthians 1:12-24      ALIGNING GOD'S YES WITH YOUR YES**

<sup>12</sup> Now this is our boast: Our conscience testifies that we have conducted ourselves in the world, and especially in our relations with you, with integrity and godly sincerity. We have done so, relying not on worldly wisdom but on God's grace. <sup>13</sup> For we do not write you anything you cannot read or understand. And I hope that, <sup>14</sup> as you have understood us in part, you will come to understand fully that you can boast of us just as we will boast of you in the day of the Lord Jesus. <sup>15</sup> Because I was confident of this, I wanted to visit you first so that you might benefit twice. <sup>16</sup> I wanted to visit you on my way to Macedonia and to come back to you from Macedonia, and then to have you send me on my way to Judea. <sup>17</sup> Was I fickle when I intended to do this? Or do I make my plans in a worldly manner so that in the same breath I say both "Yes, yes" and "No, no"? <sup>18</sup> But as surely as God is faithful, our message to you is not "Yes" and "No." <sup>19</sup> For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us—by me and Silas and Timothy—was not "Yes" and "No," but in him it has always been "Yes." <sup>20</sup> For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God. <sup>21</sup> Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, <sup>22</sup> set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come. <sup>23</sup> I call God as my witness—and I stake my life on it—that it was in order to spare you that I did not return to Corinth. <sup>24</sup> Not that we lord it over your faith, but we work with you for your joy, because it is by faith you stand firm.

**GOD'S "YES" TO US**

**Numbers 23:19      GOD'S YES FOR YOU NEVER CHANGES**

<sup>19</sup> God is not human, that he should lie, not a human being, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill?

**Isaiah 55:11      GOD'S YES FOR YOU IS ABOUT HIS PURPOSE FOR YOU**

<sup>11</sup> so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

**OUR 1<sup>ST</sup> "YES" IS EASY**

**John 3:16      SAYING YES NOT TO GO TO HELL**

<sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

**Psalms 103:2-4      SAYING YES TO THE THINGS THAT BENEFIT US**

<sup>2</sup> Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits—<sup>3</sup> who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,<sup>4</sup> who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion,

**OUR SECOND "YES" IS HARD**

**Romans 12:1      SAYING YES TO SACRIFICING FOR GOD**

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

## SAYING YES TO PUTTING GOD AND OTHERS BEFORE YOURSELF

## John 17:17

<sup>17</sup> Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.

## Jeremiah 29:11-13

## Psalm 26:2

## Matthew 5:37

## Psalm 130:5

## 2 Corinthians 1:20

## Isaiah 6:8

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