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listen to
the voice
of truth

... do not believe every spirit,
but test the spirits to see
whether they are from God.
I John 4:1

Introduction:

- 7-year old Somer Thompson *may* have made a deadly mistake. Assuming her killer fit the M.O. of other child killers, he most likely spoke to her, lured her into his car and eventually killed her. If that was the case, she listened to the wrong voice.
- Many Christians have made the same deadly mistake. They have been deceived by lies, diverted from the walk of faith and their life destroyed by the Enemy.
- The Word of God warns us about the dangers of listening to the wrong voice.
 - Matthew 24:5-6 and Romans 16:17-19
Listening to the wrong voice will _____ us.
 - I Timothy 6:20,21 and II Timothy 2:17-18
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 - Matthew 7:15 and Acts 20:29,30
Listening to the wrong voice will _____ us.
- John gives the prudent believer the heads-up on listening to the wrong voice. In our passage this morning, we will learn the two tests every voice must pass to qualify to be the voice of truth.

1. The Voice of Truth will pass

The _____ Test

Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God.
I John 4:2b

You have the ability to _____.

You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world (v. 4).

Those truly born again have been given not only the supernatural insight into truth (Luke 10:21), but also a discernment that protects from being deceived (I Corinthians 2:12-16).

John MacArthur, **NT Commentary - I John**, p. 158-159

Cf. John 10:3-5; 18:37

Jesus put it this way:

“My sheep hear my _____.”

2. The Voice of Truth will pass The _____ Test

We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us (v. 6).

We – John himself and the other writers of Scripture.

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished for every good work. II Timothy 3:16

Conclusion:

Be careful _____ what you hear!