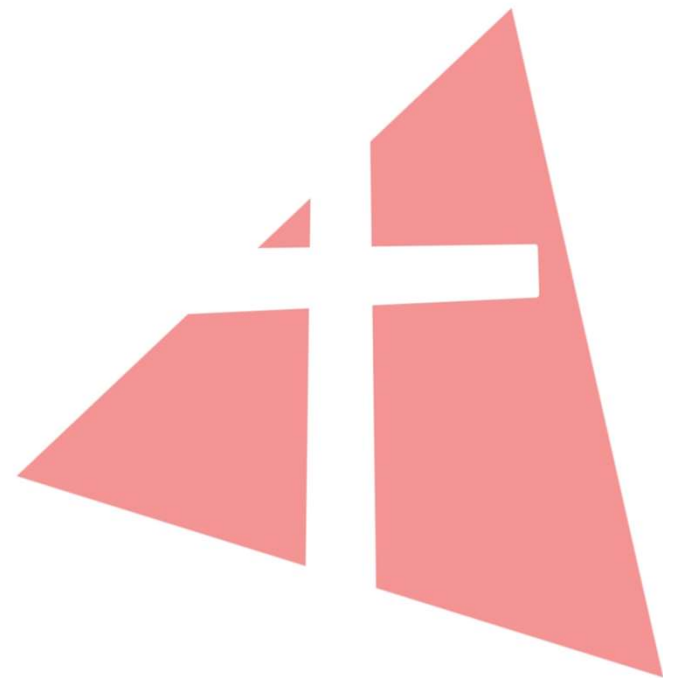


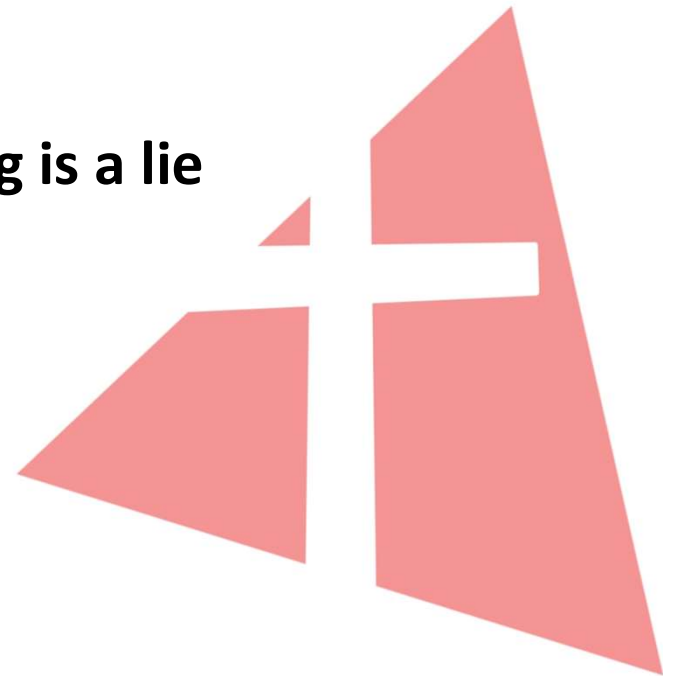
PROPHECY

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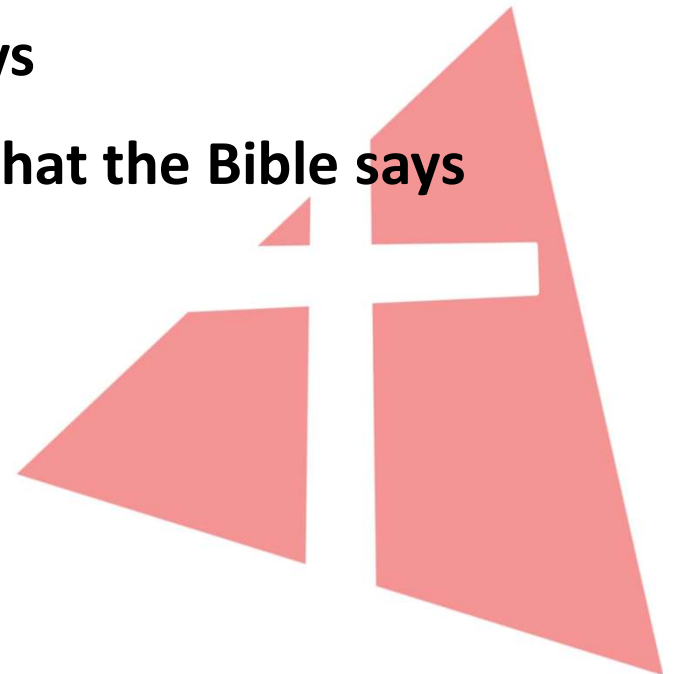
TOPIC LAST WEEK: THE BIBLE

- **Everything the Bible says is true**
- **Anything that contradicts the Bible's teaching is a lie**



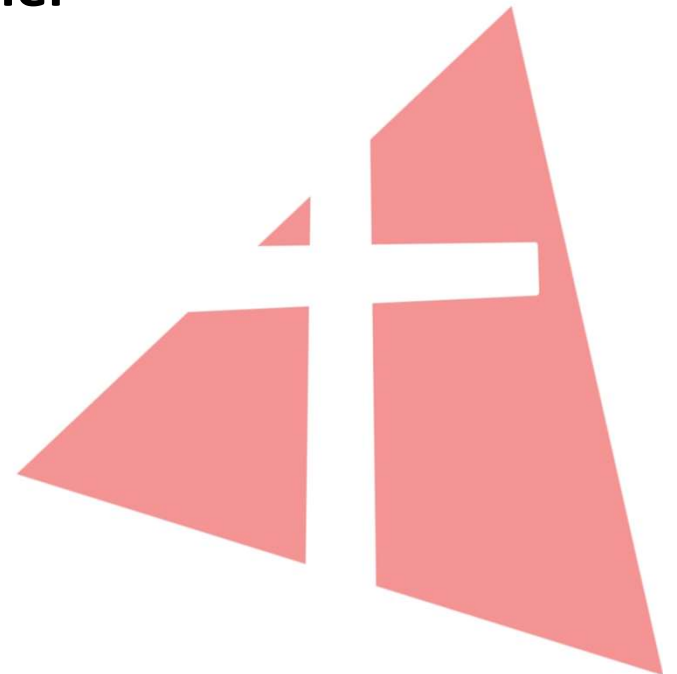
THE BIBLE

- **Sometimes God guides us through other ways**
- **But those other ways can never contradict what the Bible says**



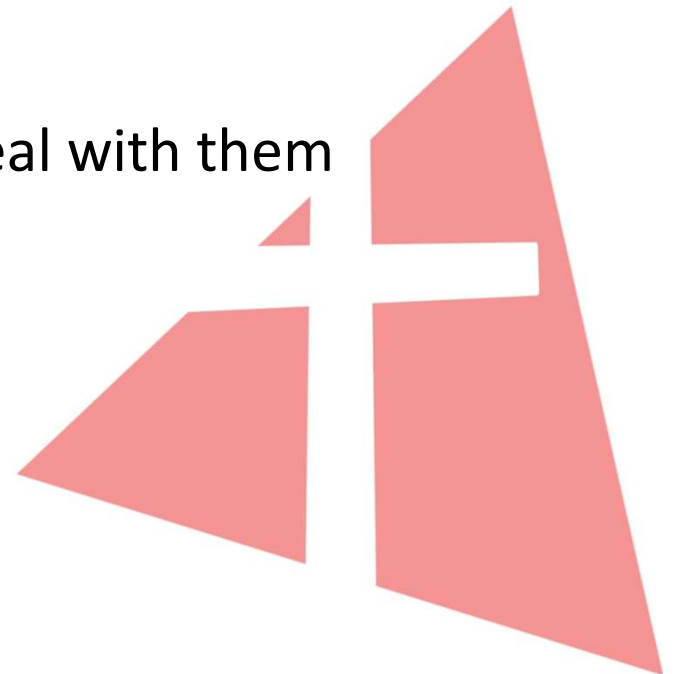
TOPIC TODAY: PROPHECY

- **Speaking forth the Truth of God to one another**
 - Bible Verses
 - Biblical Principles
 - A supernatural revelation from God



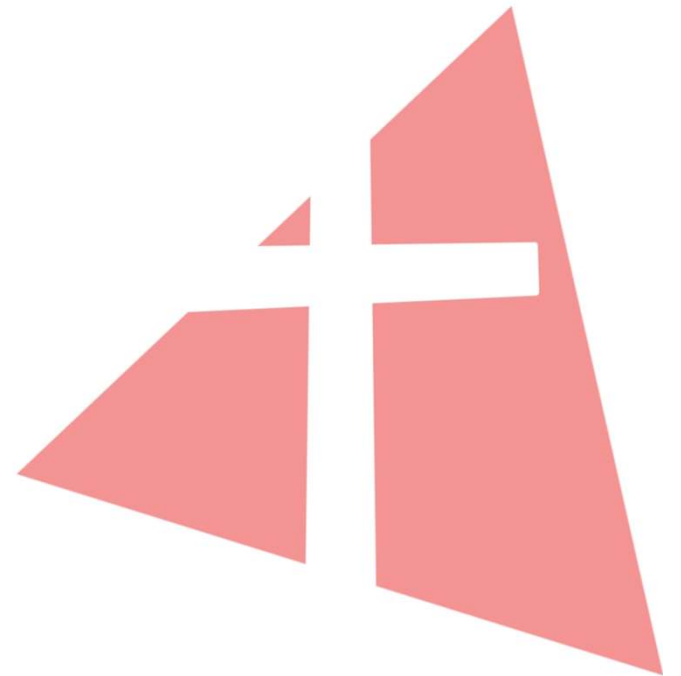
IN RECENT SERVICES

- **Prophetic Words were given**
 - But maybe not everybody knew how to deal with them



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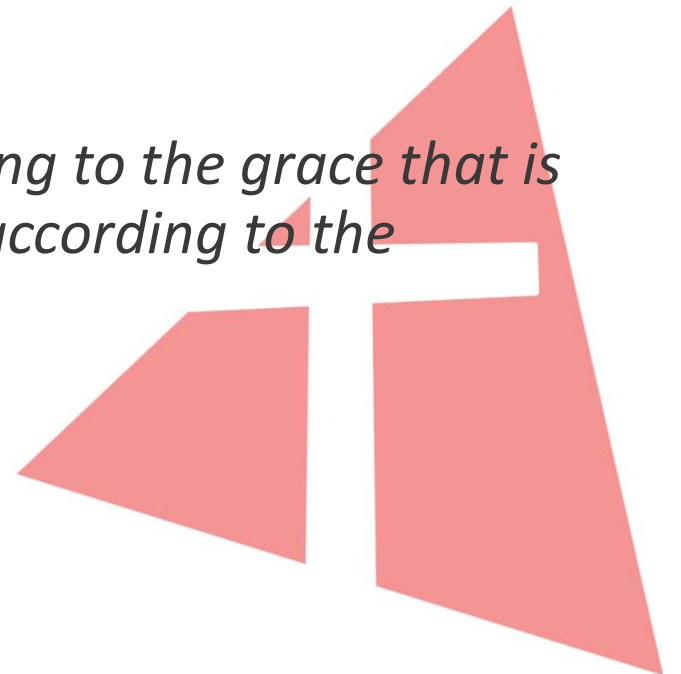
- **All Christians**



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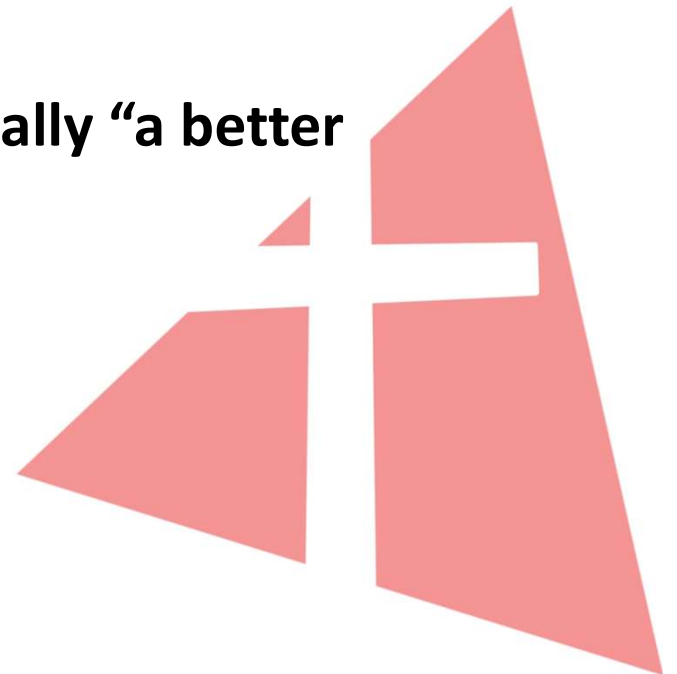
- **Some people are gifted in the area of “receiving timely, supernatural Prophetic Words”**

Romans 12:6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;



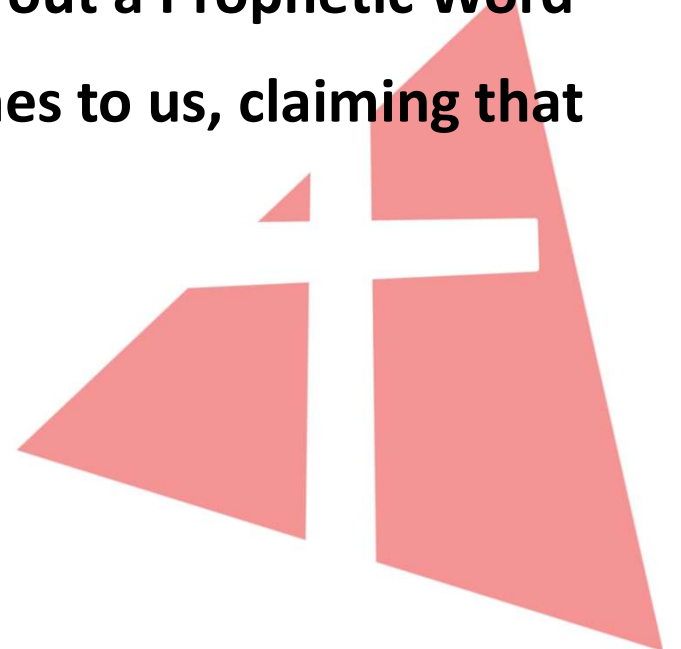
PROPHECY

- God gives messages, by His Holy Spirit
- A prophetically gifted person isn't automatically "a better Christian"



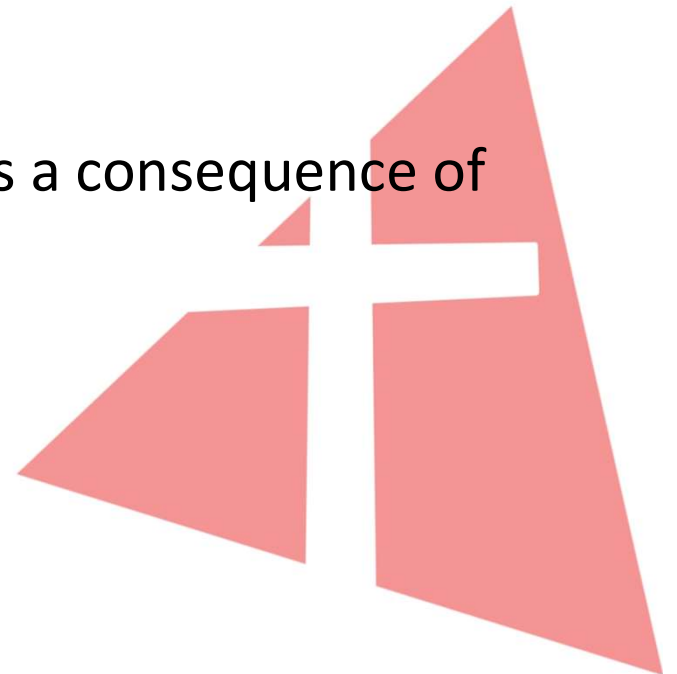
FOCUS TODAY

- **Not “how to hear from God so we can speak out a Prophetic Word”**
- **Rather: How to respond when someone comes to us, claiming that he/she has a Word from God for us.**



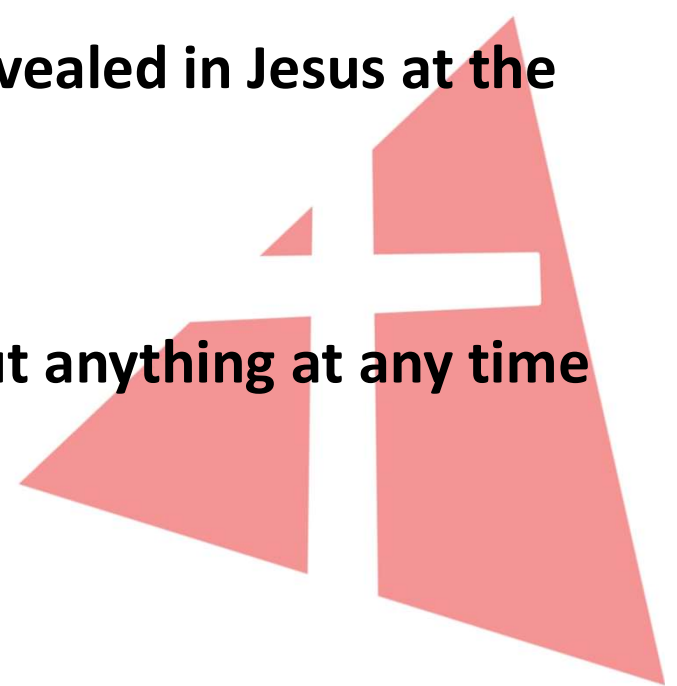
PROPHECY IN THE OT

- **Prophecy was limited to specific people**
- **Mostly “predicting the future”**
 - Often warnings of judgement and wrath as a consequence of disobedience



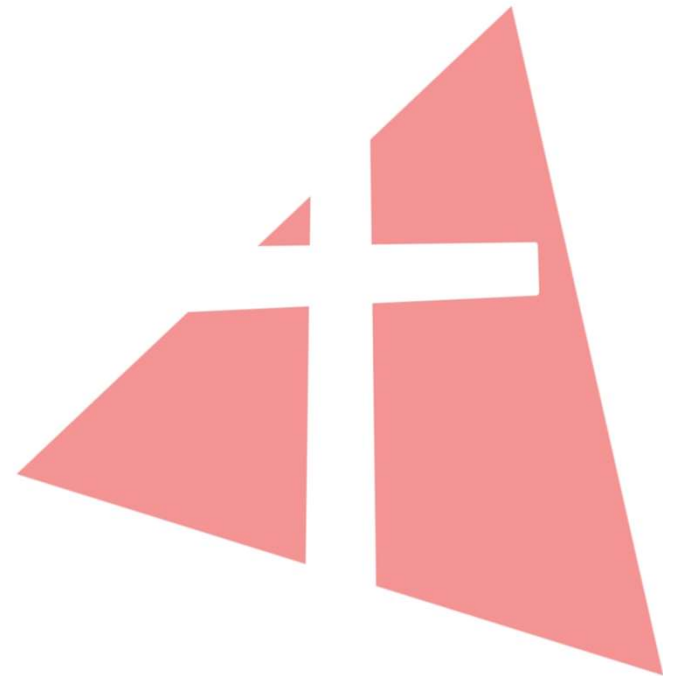
PROPHECY IN THE NT

- **Everybody is a prophet**
 - The Holy Spirit is now available to all of us all the time
- **God's Wrath has already been completely revealed in Jesus at the cross**
- **God can give us supernatural messages about anything at any time**



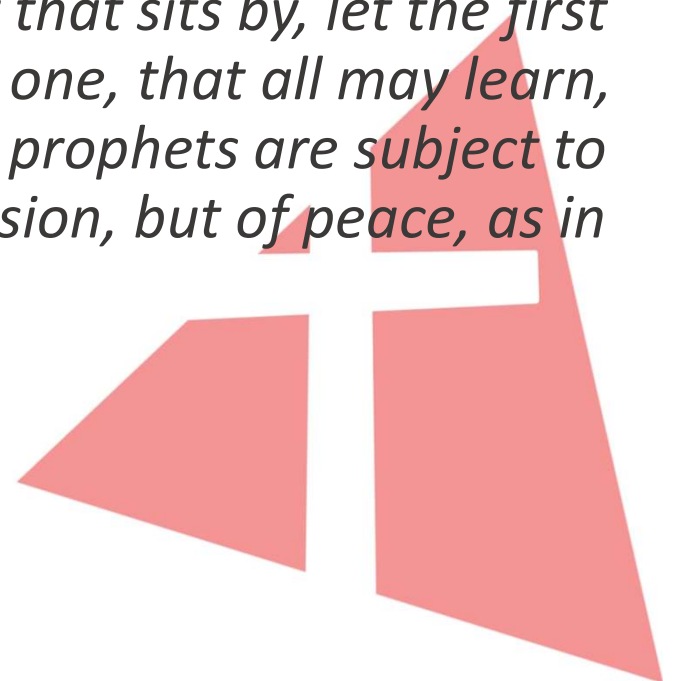
PROPHECY IN THE NT

- **There is a need to discern**



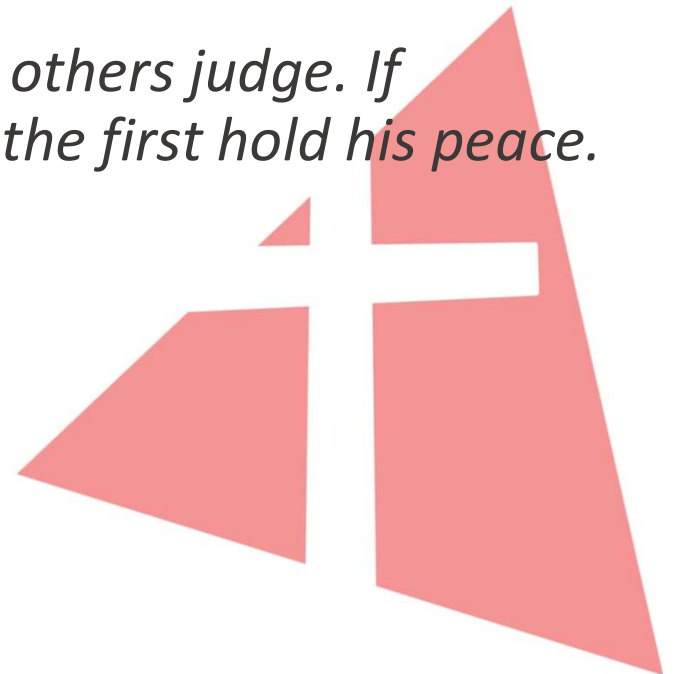
PROPHECY IN THE CHURCH

1 Corinthians 14:29-33 Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the others judge. If anything be revealed to another that sits by, let the first hold his peace. For you may all prophesy one by one, that all may learn, and all may be comforted. And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets. For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.



ORDERLY WORSHIP

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THE PURPOSE

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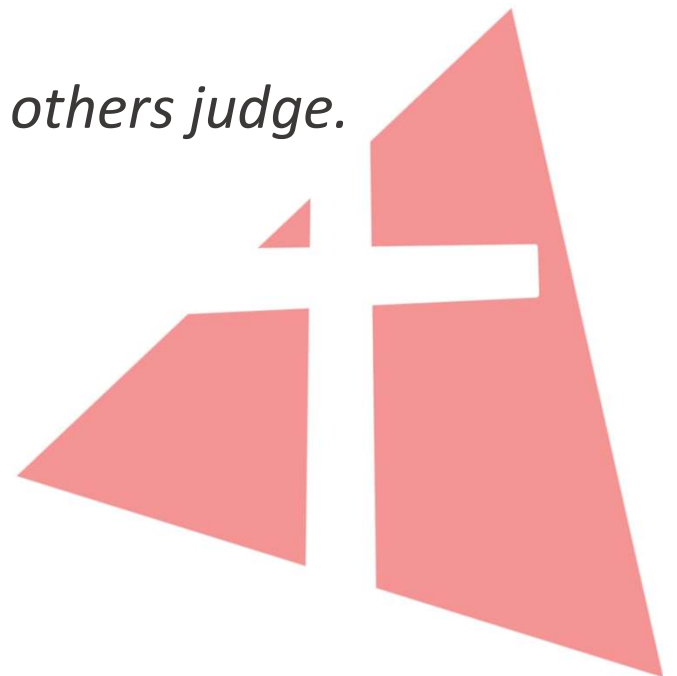
PEACE, NOT CONFUSION

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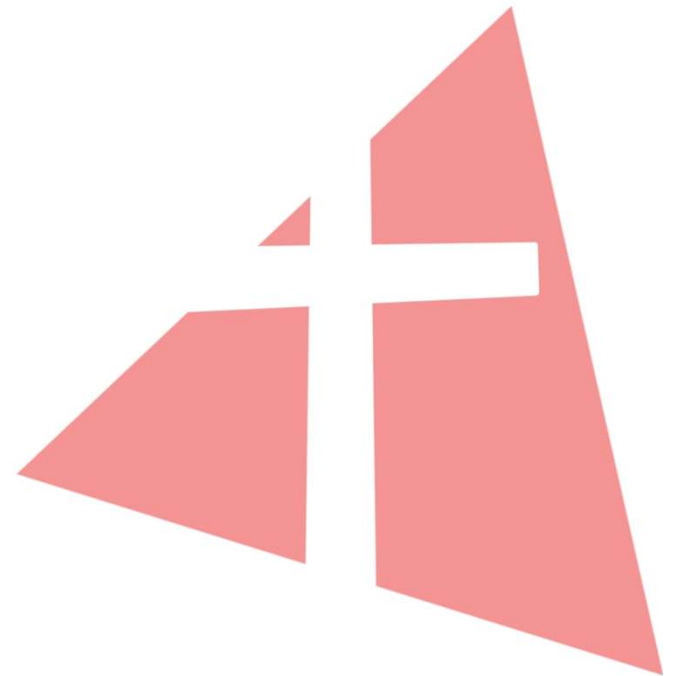
DISCERNMENT AS A BODY

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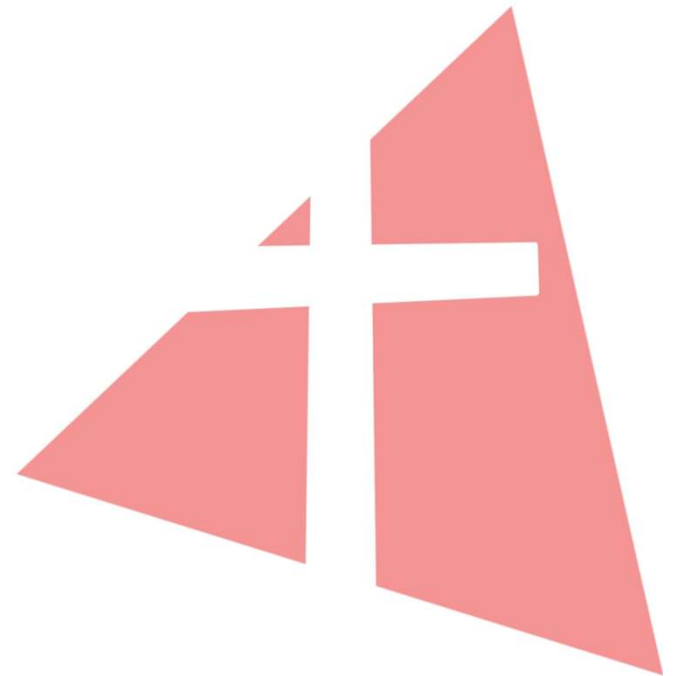
HOW TO DISCERN

- **The Bible**



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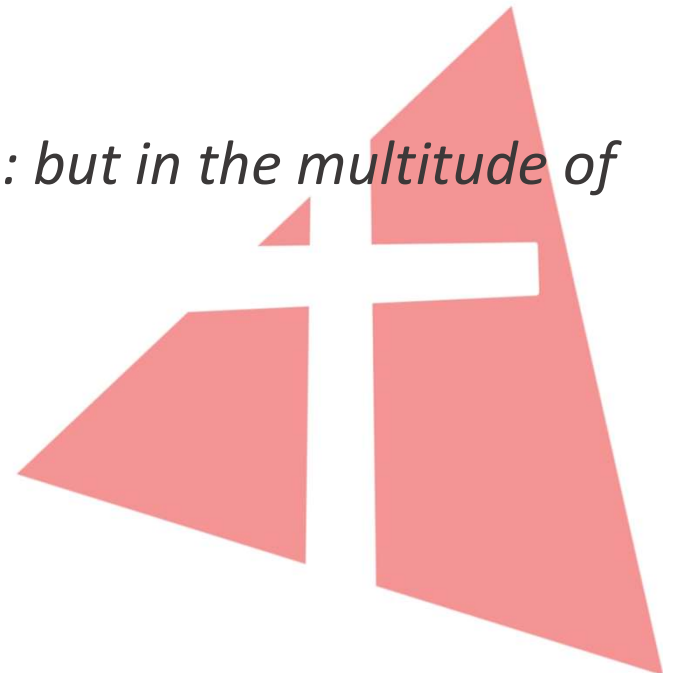
- **A Prophetic Word never comes alone**



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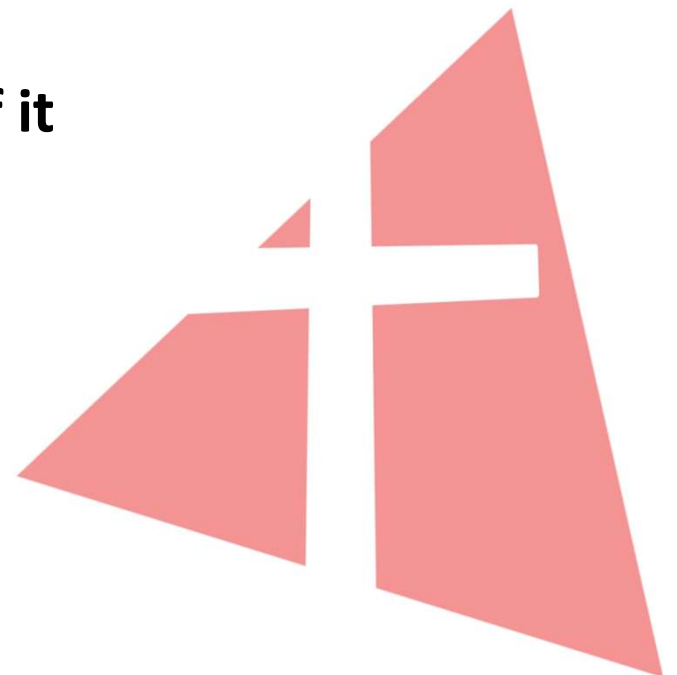
- **Talk with mature Christian friends**

Proverbs 15:22 Without counsel plans go wrong: but in the multitude of counselors they are established.



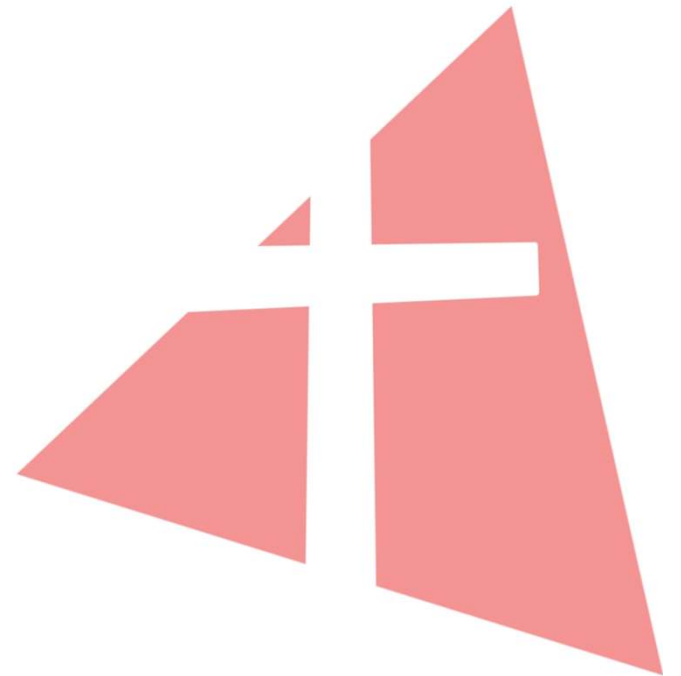
HOW TO DISCERN

- **Ask God for confirmations or the opposite of it**



HOW TO DISCERN

- **Give it time**



IN SUMMARY

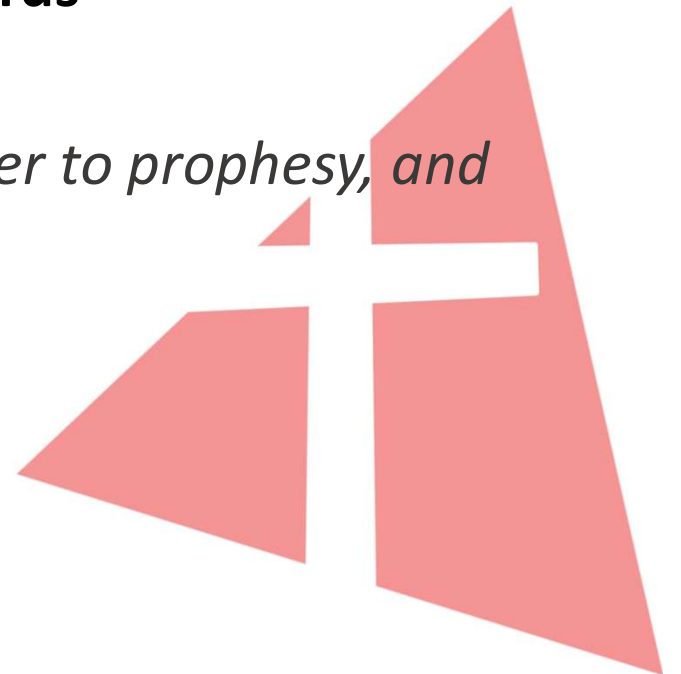
- **Prophetic Words are real, and Biblical**
- **Prophetic Words can also be misused, and without discernment, we can be led astray**
- **Discern, before you act on something another person claims to be “a Word from God”**



ALETHEIA

- **We want to encourage orderly Prophetic Words**

1 Corinthians 14:39 Therefore, brethren, be eager to prophesy, and forbid not to speak with tongues.



ALETHEIA

- **We want to be a church where everybody can use their gifts**
- **We want to be a church where God can move**

