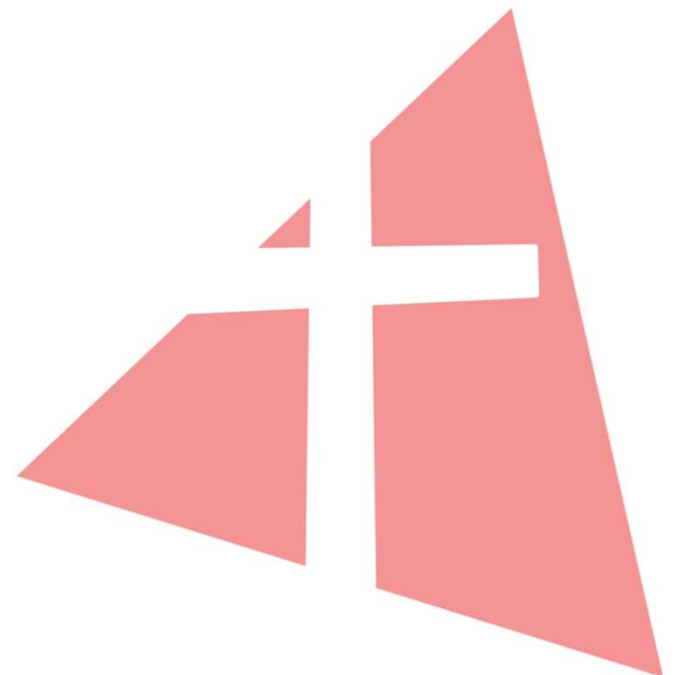


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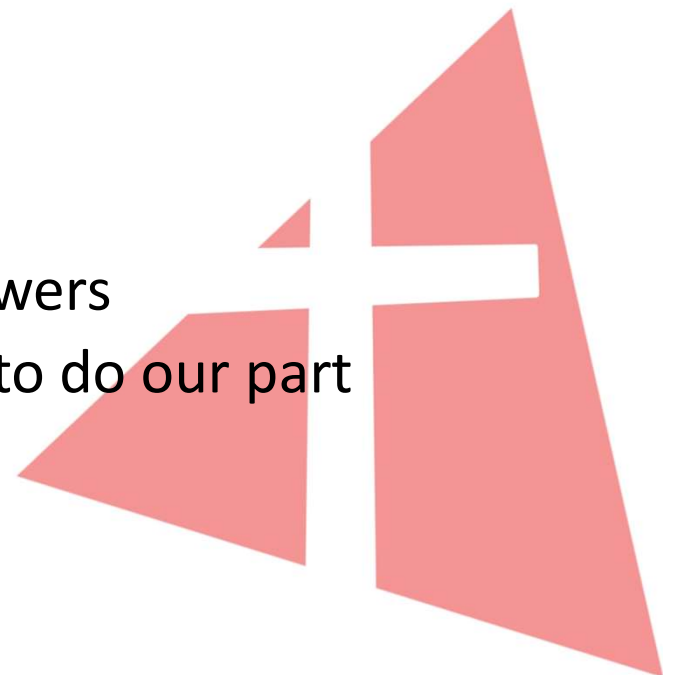
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- **We live our lives out of how we answer 2 questions**
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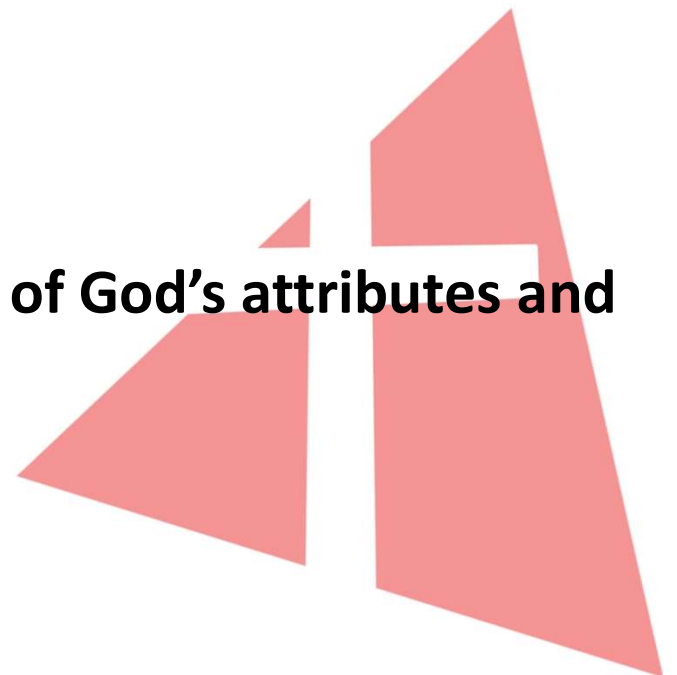


WHO IS GOD?

○ **The Attributes of God**

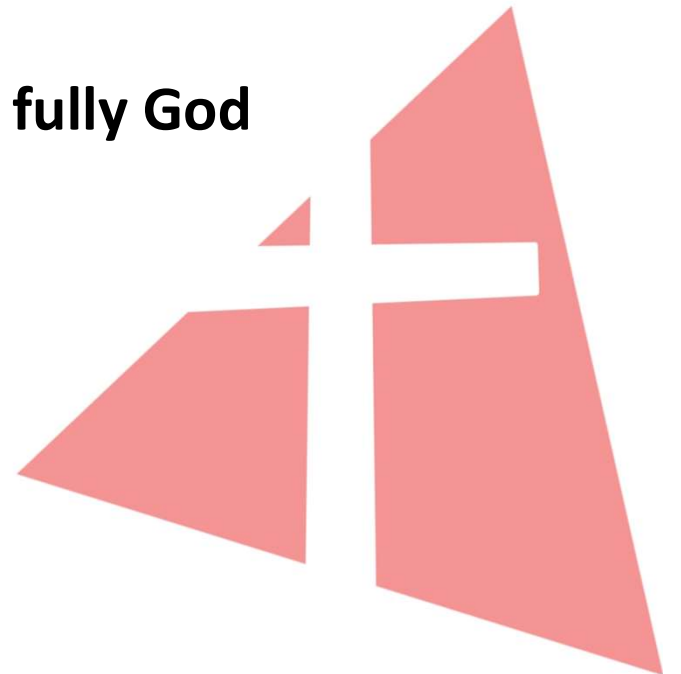
- God is Holy
- God is just
- God is love
- God is merciful

- ## ○ **The problem is when we focus only on some of God's attributes and neglect or ignore the others**



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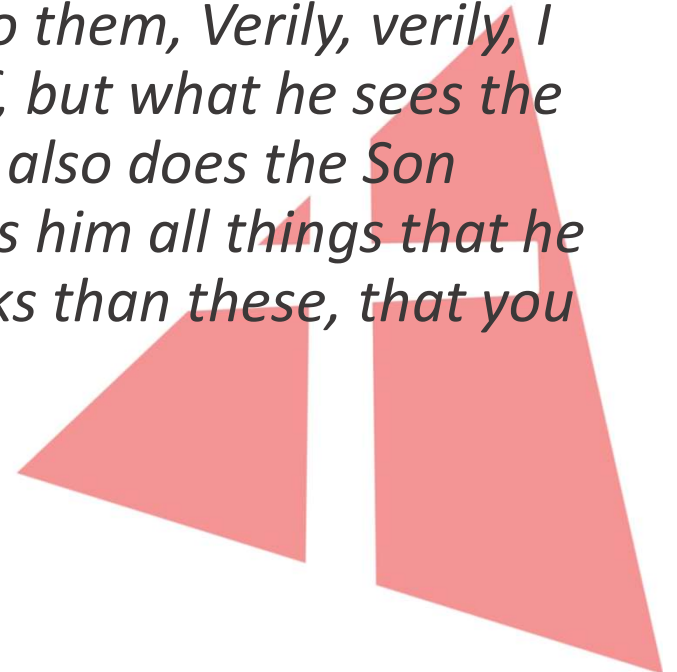
- **Assumption for today: Jesus is fully man and fully God**



JESUS IS GOD

- **If Jesus is God, then it has consequences**

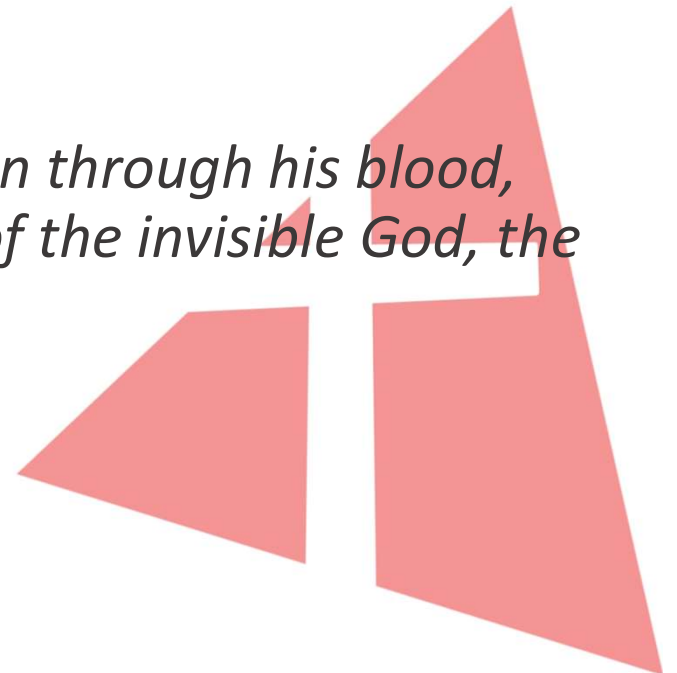
John 5:19-20 Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he sees the Father do: for whatsoever things he does, these also does the Son likewise. For the Father loves the Son, and shows him all things that he himself does: and he will show him greater works than these, that you may marvel.



JESUS IS GOD

- **If Jesus is who He says He is, then He is the perfect reflection of who God is**

Colossians 1:14-15 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation:



JESUS IS GOD

- If Jesus only does/says what God does/says, then every word Jesus spoke to people are words from God directly
- Since God never changes, He deals with you and me today in exactly the same way Jesus dealt with people when walking the earth



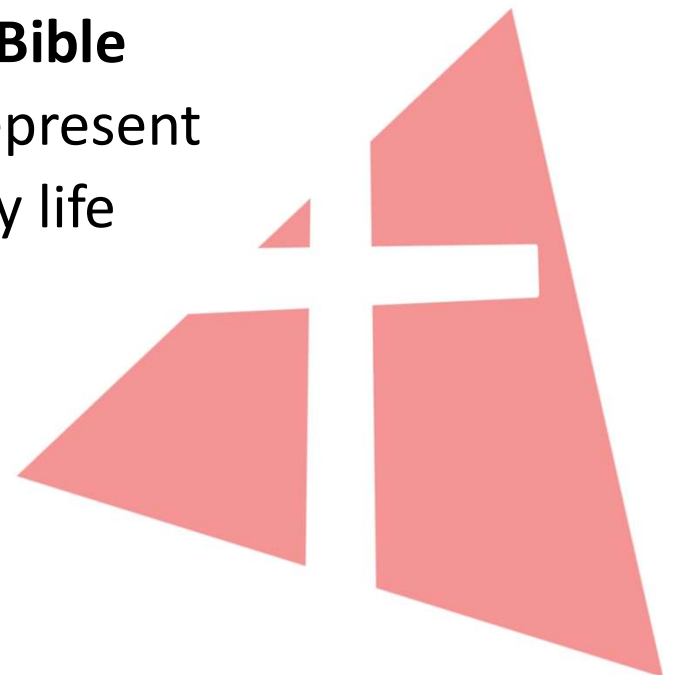
JESUS IS GOD

- **Every encounter between Jesus and people shows how God deals with certain aspects of our lives**



GOAL FOR TODAY

- **Let's read the Bible differently**
- **Let's put ourselves INSIDE the people of the Bible**
 - See what aspect of my life these people represent
 - See how Jesus deals with that aspect of my life
 - Meditate on how that applies to my life

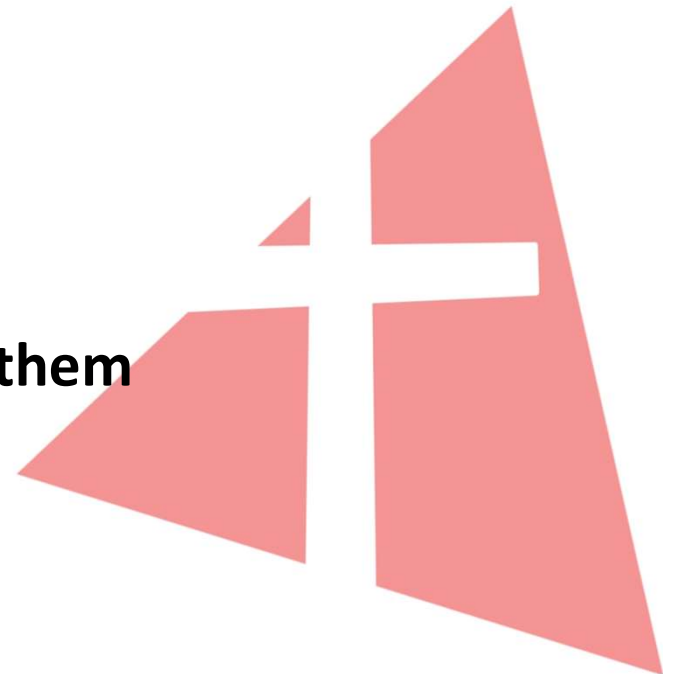


EXAMPLE

Mark 4:35-41 And the same day, when the evening was come, he said unto them, Let us pass over unto the other side. And when they had sent away the multitude, they took him just as he was in the ship. And there were also with him other little ships. And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full. And he was in the rear of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awoke him, and said unto him, Teacher, care you not that we perish? And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. And he said unto them, Why are you so fearful? how is it that you have no faith? And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?

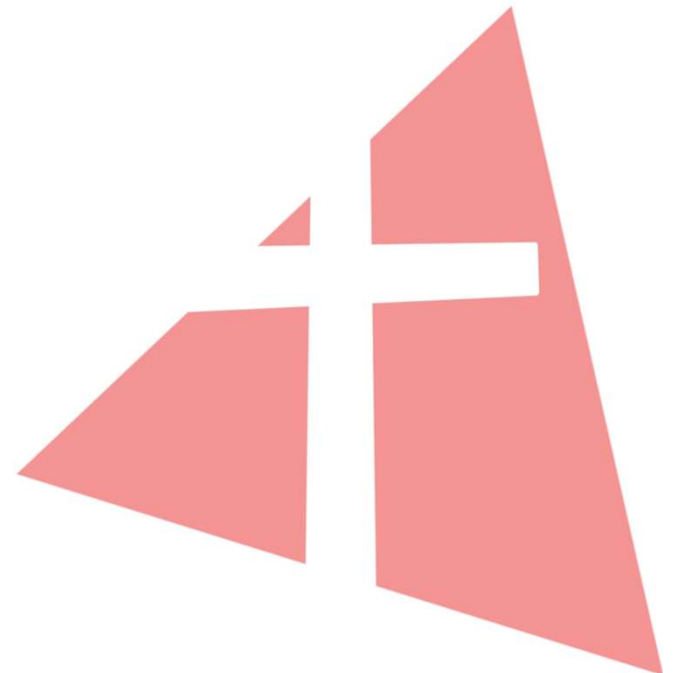
THE DISCIPLES

- The disciples got a command from Jesus, but they didn't ask Him about the "how"
- Jesus let them "do their thing"
- Jesus slept
- Allowed trouble in their lives
- But when they cried out to Him, He rescued them



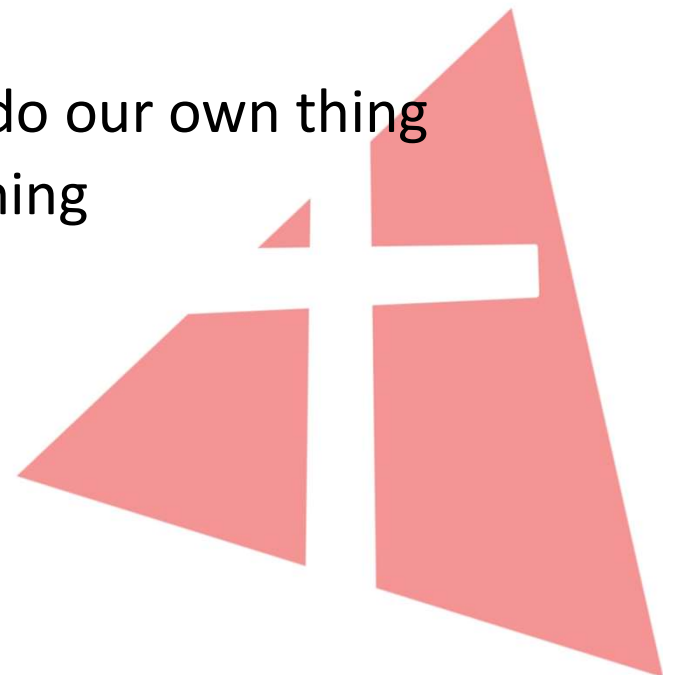
3 QUESTIONS

- **What aspect of my life does this story represent?**
 - Not surrendering the details of our lives to God
- **How does Jesus deal with the disciples?**
 - He does NOT intervene
 - He does what they say
 - He waits until they return to Him



3 QUESTIONS

- **What does this say about how God deals with me?**
 - God allows us to “do our own thing”
 - God allows troubles in our lives when we do our own thing
 - God is often silent when we do our own thing
 - God acts as soon as we turn back to Him

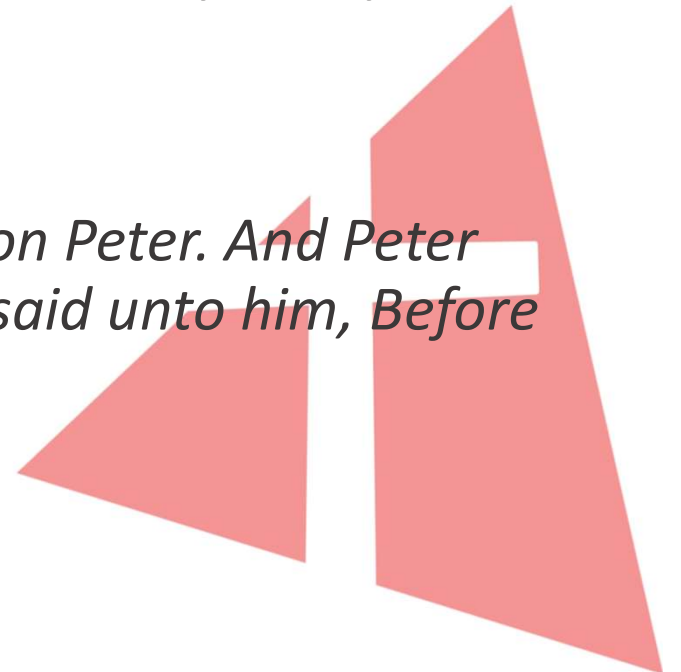


EXAMPLE

Luke 22:33-34 And he said unto him, Lord, I am ready to go with you, both into prison, and to death. And he said, I tell you, Peter, the cock shall not crow this day, before you shall three times deny that you know me.

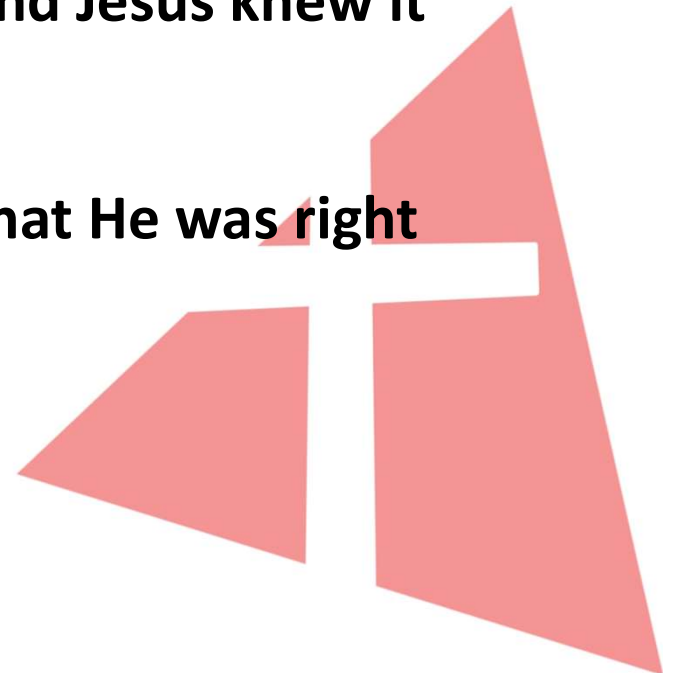
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Luke 22:61 And the Lord turned, and looked upon Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said unto him, Before the cock crows, you shall deny me three times.



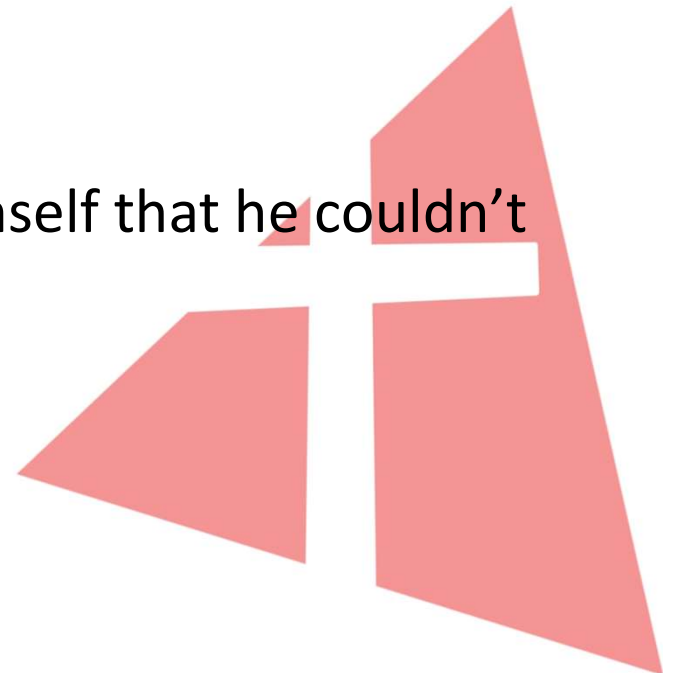
PETER

- Peter made promises he could never keep, and Jesus knew it
- Jesus didn't get into an argument with Peter
- Jesus simply allowed Peter to fail, to prove that He was right



3 QUESTIONS

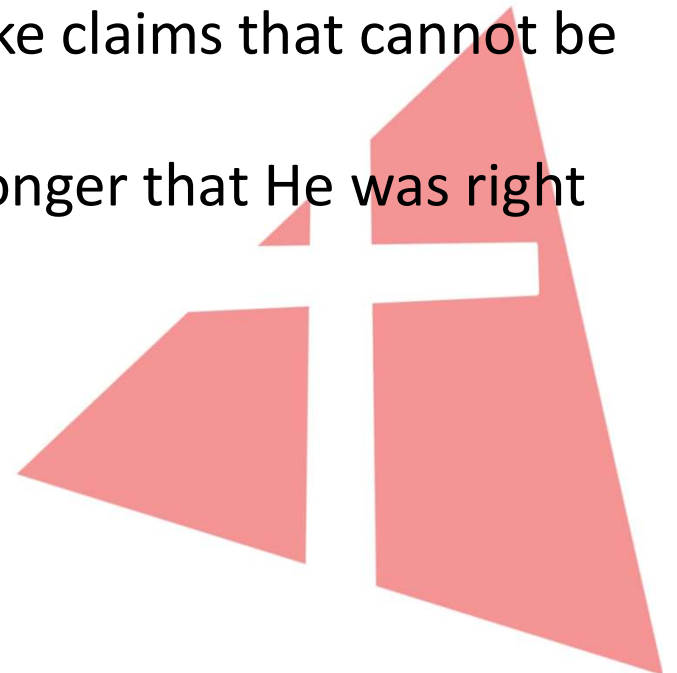
- **What aspect of my life does this story represent?**
 - Thinking of ourselves as greater than we actually are
- **How does Jesus deal with Peter?**
 - He does NOT argue with Peter
 - He simply waits for Peter to realize for himself that he couldn't keep his word
 - When we fail, Jesus reminds us



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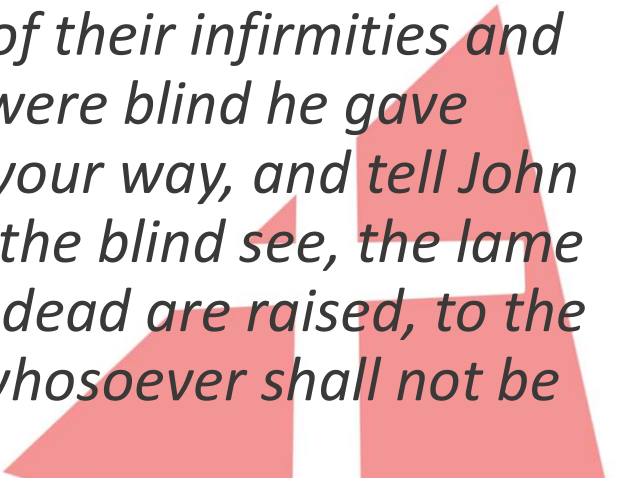
○ What does this say about how God deals with me?

- God doesn't "argue" with us when we make claims that cannot be proven/disproven
- He waits until we fail and can't deny any longer that He was right
- Then He starts the process of restoration



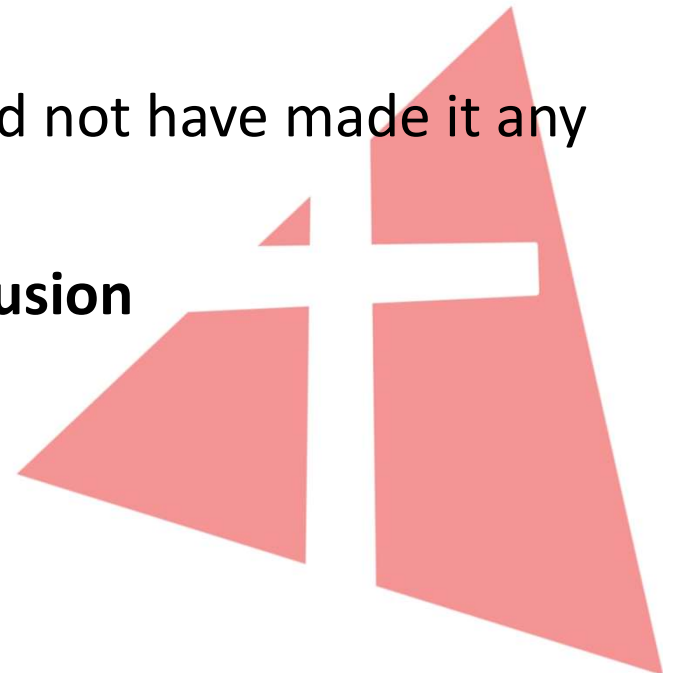
EXAMPLE

Luke 7:19-23 And John calling unto him two of his disciples sent them to Jesus, saying, Are you he that should come? or look we for another? When the men were come unto him, they said, John the Baptist has sent us unto you, saying, Are you he that should come? or look we for another? And in that same hour he cured many of their infirmities and plagues, and of evil spirits; and unto many that were blind he gave sight. Then Jesus answering said unto them, Go your way, and tell John what things you have seen and heard; how that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preached. And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me.



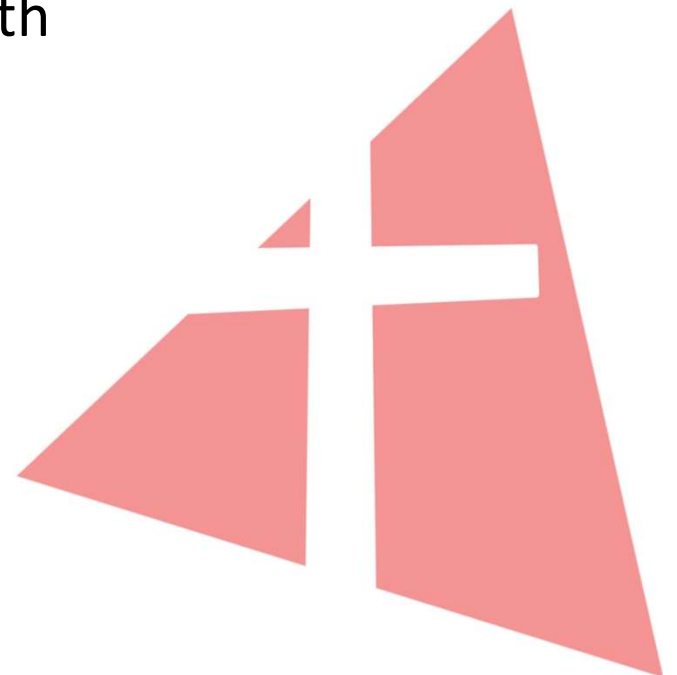
JOHN AND HIS DISCIPLES

- **Someone doubted whether Jesus is God**
- **Jesus doesn't give a straight answer**
 - Jesus knows that repeating His claim would not have made it any more convincing
- **He wants people to come to their own conclusion**



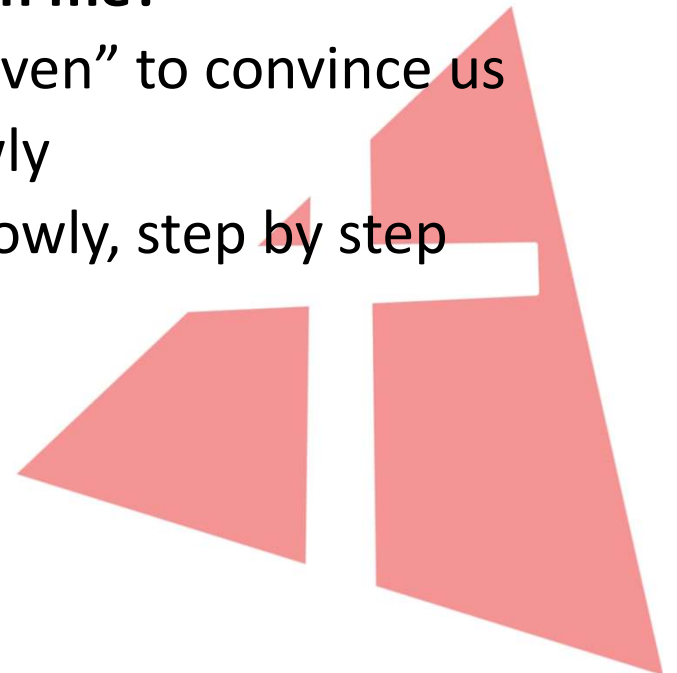
3 QUESTIONS

- **What aspect of my life does this story represent?**
 - Having doubts about any aspect of our Faith
- **How does Jesus deal with the people**
 - He doesn't give them a straight answer
 - He gives them questions to think about



3 QUESTIONS

- **What does this say about how God deals with me?**
 - God hardly ever sends “lightning from heaven” to convince us
 - Most of the time He gives us answers slowly
 - He usually puts the big picture together slowly, step by step



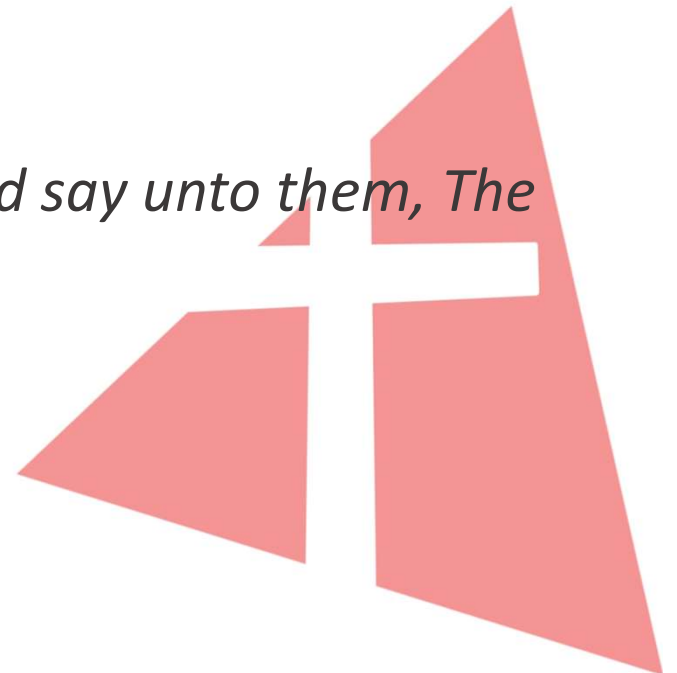
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Luke 10:1 After these things the Lord appointed seventy others also, and sent them two by two before his face into every city and place, where he himself would come.

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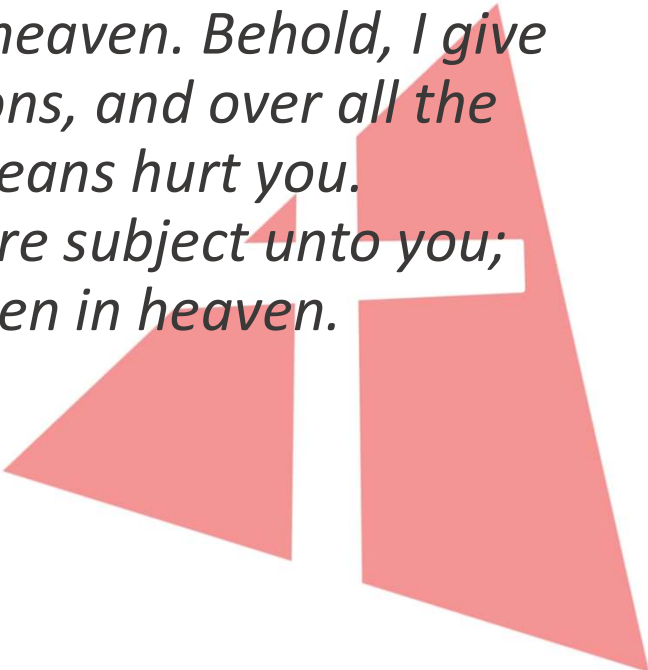
Luke 10:9 And heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come near unto you.

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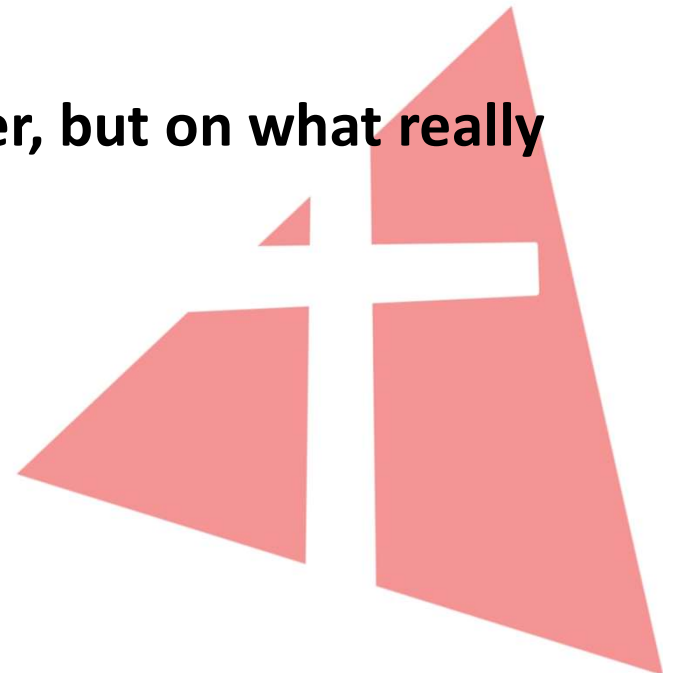
EXAMPLE

Luke 10:17-20 And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the demons are subject unto us through your name. And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Nevertheless in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.

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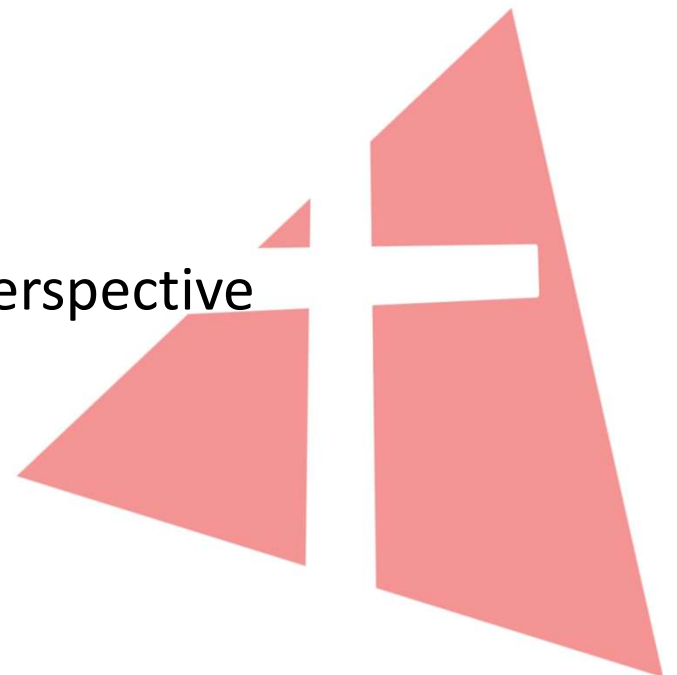
THE DISCIPLES

- **The disciples received great power**
- **Jesus warned them to not focus on the power, but on what really matters**



3 QUESTIONS

- **What aspect of my life does this story represent?**
 - Pride
- **How does Jesus deal with the people**
 - He humbles them
 - He tells them to put their “success” into perspective

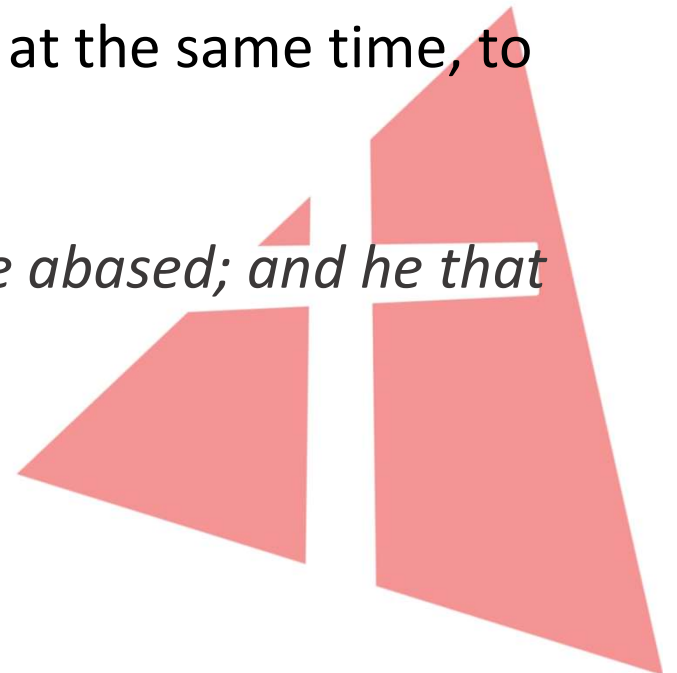


3 QUESTIONS

○ What does this say about how God deals with me?

- God hates our pride
- God often gives us success and challenges at the same time, to keep us humble

Luke 14:11 For whosoever exalts himself shall be abased; and he that humbles himself shall be exalted.

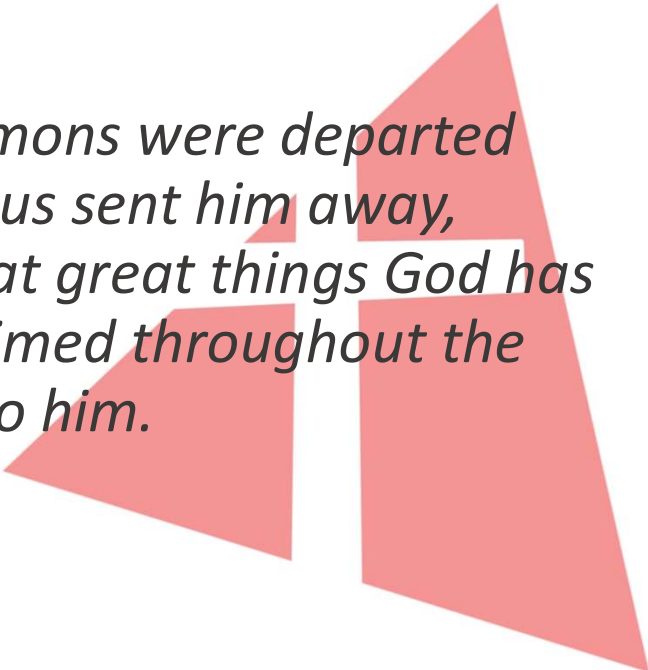


EXAMPLE

Luke 8:33 Then went the demons out of the man, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the lake, and were drowned.

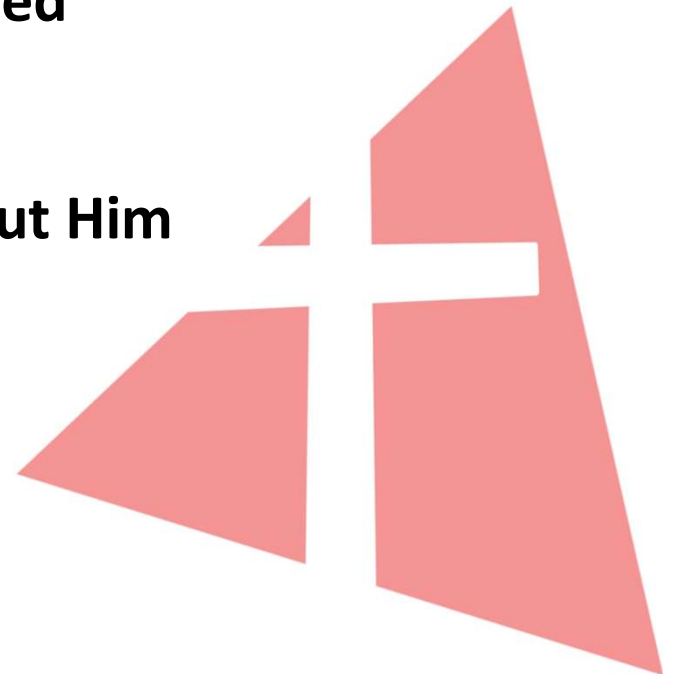
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Luke 8:38-39 Now the man out of whom the demons were departed besought him that he might be with him: but Jesus sent him away, saying, Return to your own house, and show what great things God has done unto you. And he went his way, and proclaimed throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done unto him.



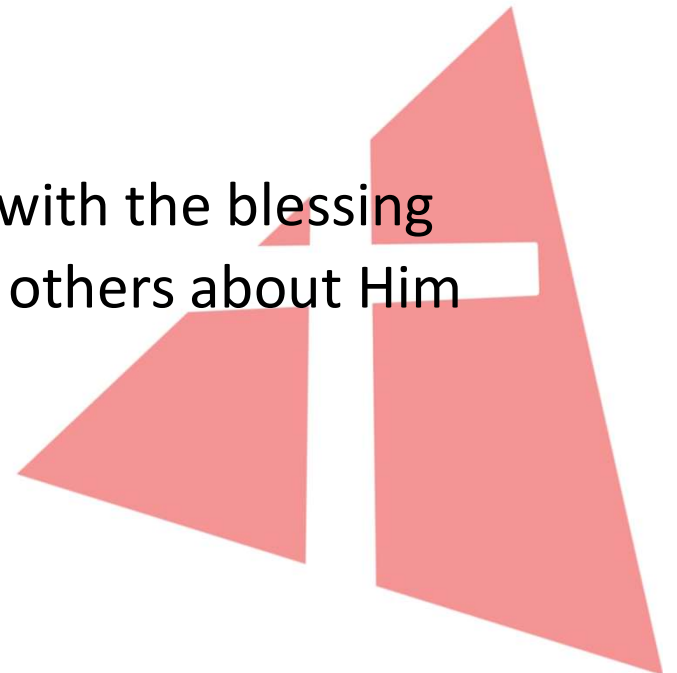
THE SITUATION

- Jesus healed a man who was demon possessed
- The man wanted to stay with Jesus
- Jesus told the man to instead tell others about Him



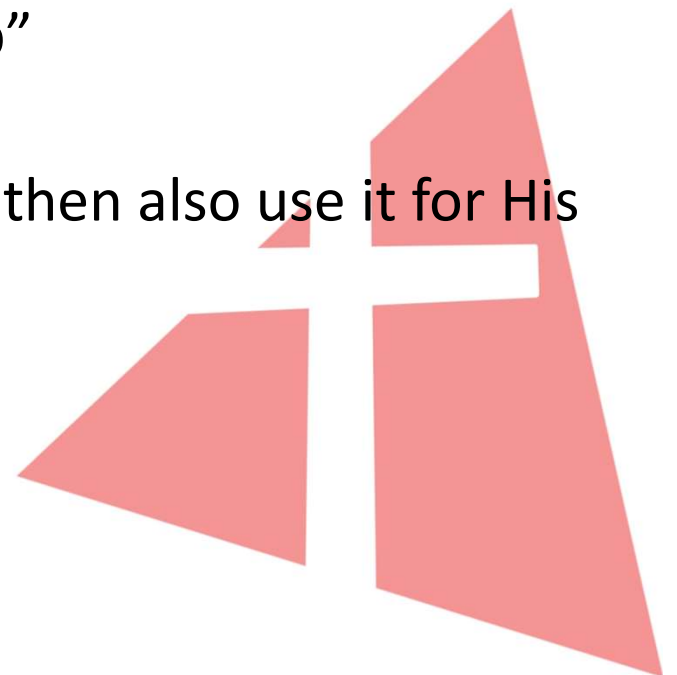
3 QUESTIONS

- **What aspect of my life does this story represent?**
 - Blessings we received
- **How does Jesus deal with the people**
 - He tells the man to not get “comfortable” with the blessing
 - He tells the man to use the blessing to tell others about Him



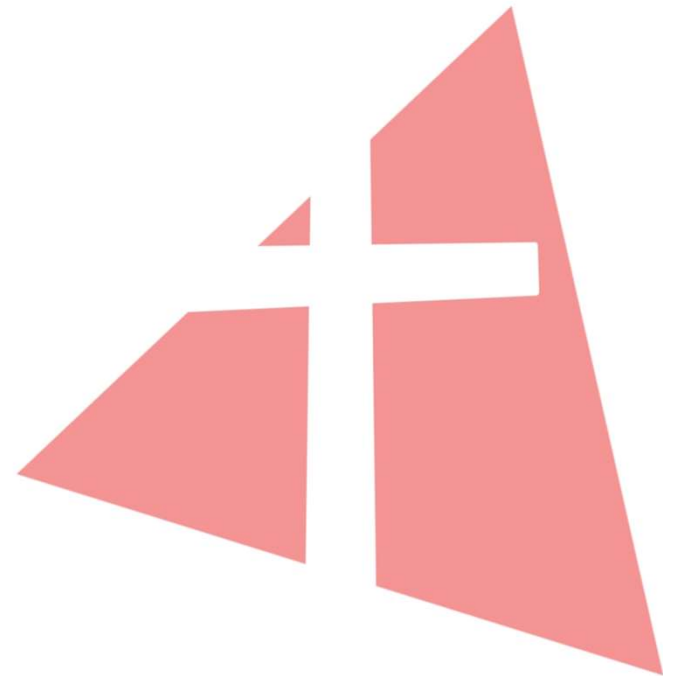
3 QUESTIONS

- **What does this say about how God deals with me?**
 - God's blessings are not "just for us to keep"
 - God blesses us for His glory
 - God wants us to receive His blessings, but then also use it for His glory



ONE FINAL COMMENT

- **Don't take situations out of context**



IN CONCLUSION

- **The encounters that Jesus had with people are some of the clearest revelations of “how God relates to us”**
- **Studying these encounters can help us deepen our relationship with God**

