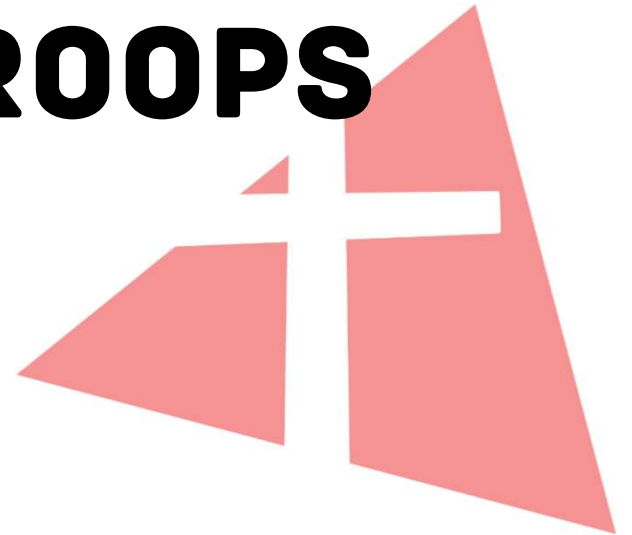


COUNTING YOUR TROOPS

Verse by Verse series

February 10th 2019



2. SAMUEL 24

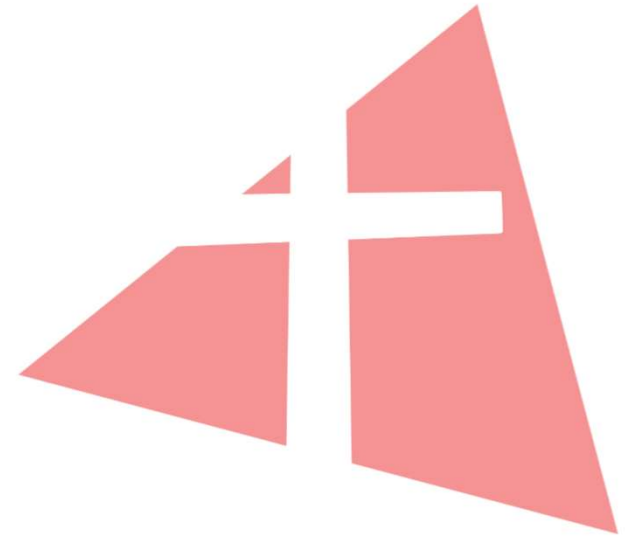
2 Samuel 24:1-4 And again the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and he incited David against them to say, Go, number Israel and Judah. For the king said to Joab the captain of the host, who was with him, Go now through all the tribes of Israel, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, and number you the people, that I may know the number of the people. And Joab said unto the king, Now the LORD your God add unto the people, however many they may be, a hundredfold, and that the eyes of my lord the king may see it: but why does my lord the king delight in this thing? Nevertheless the king's word prevailed against Joab, and against the captains of the army. And Joab and the captains of the army went out from the presence of the king, to number the people of Israel.

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2 Samuel 24:8 So when they had gone through all the land, they came to Jerusalem at the end of nine months and twenty days.

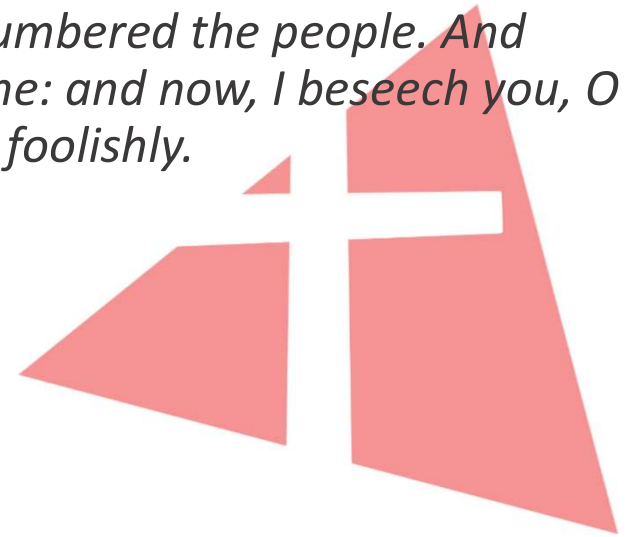
TAKING A CENSUS

- God commanded Moses to take a census before
- God gave instructions on “how to conduct a census”



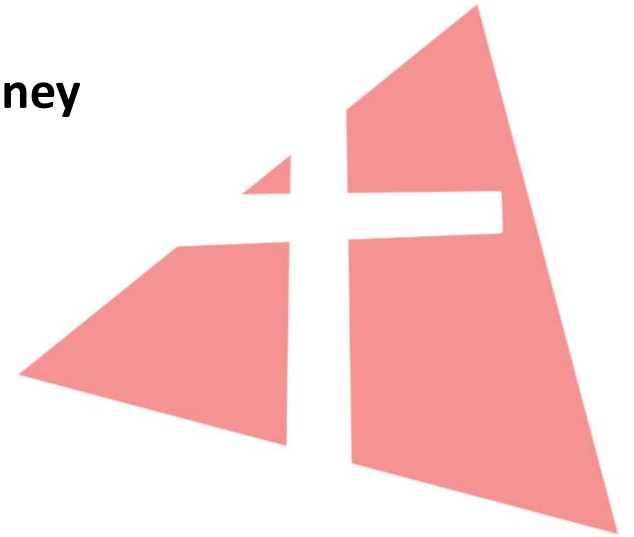
THIS CENSUS WAS WRONG!

2 Samuel 24:10 And David's heart condemned him after he had numbered the people. And David said unto the LORD, I have sinned greatly in what I have done: and now, I beseech you, O LORD, take away the iniquity of your servant; for I have done very foolishly.



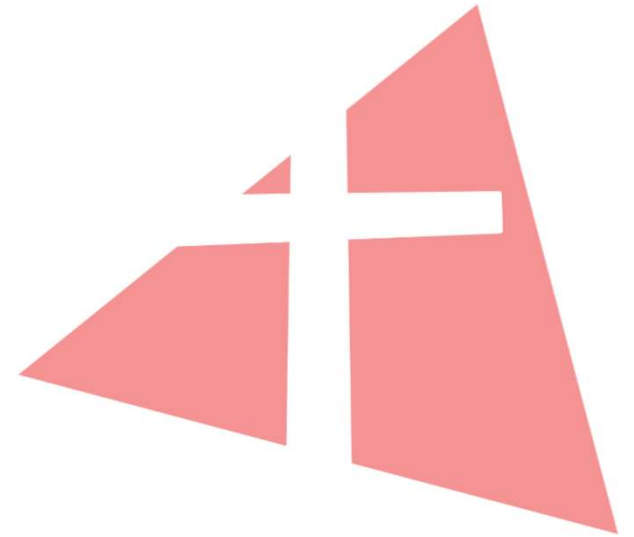
JUST IMAGINE

- A 3 year old child spending 9 months counting his parent's money



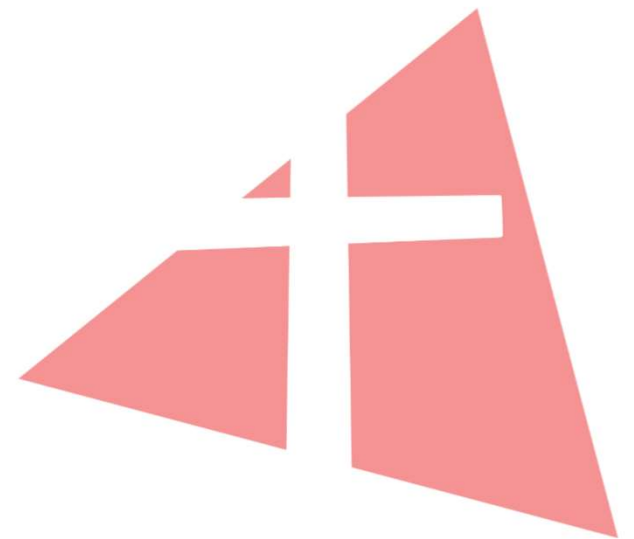
POSSIBLE HEART ATTITUDES

- Lack of trust



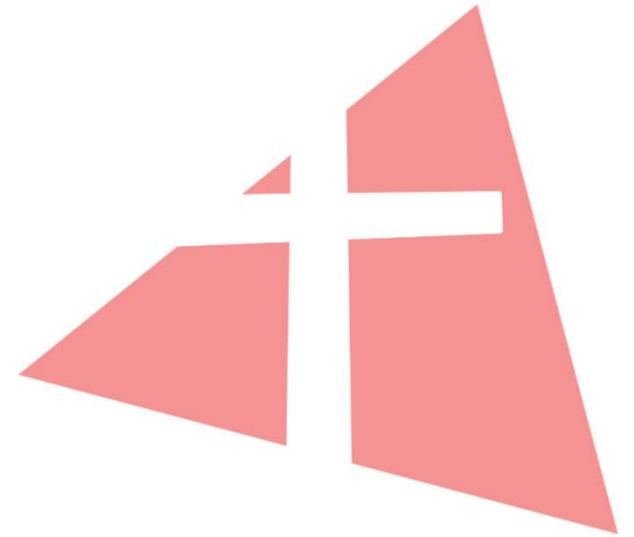
POSSIBLE HEART ATTITUDES

○ Pride



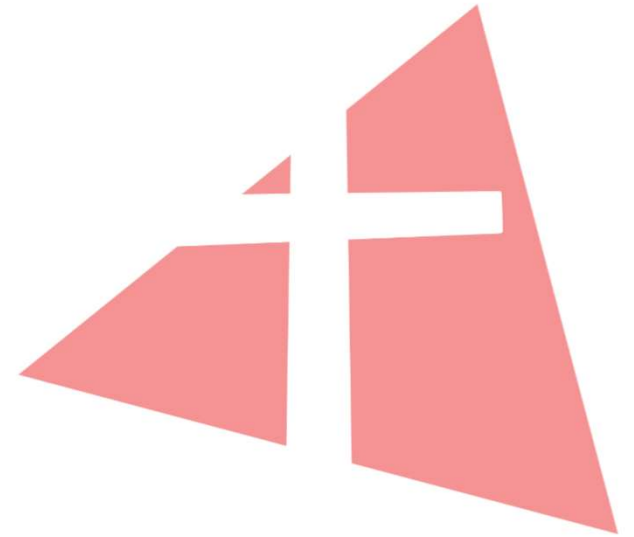
POSSIBLE HEART ATTITUDES

- Taking God's people for himself



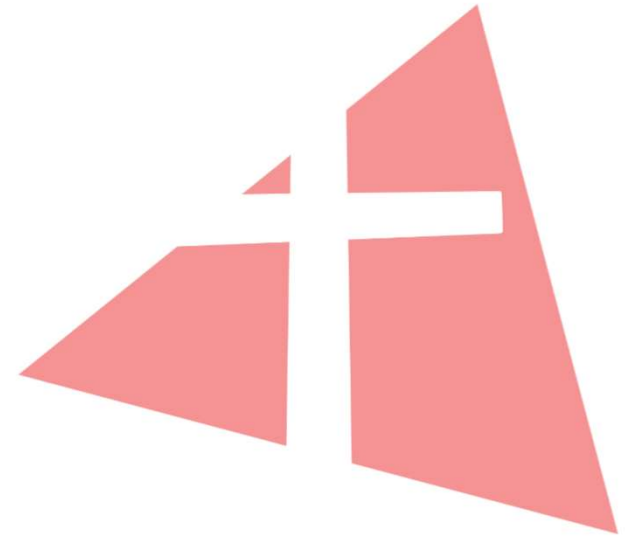
AN OBVIOUS PROBLEM

- Wasting resources



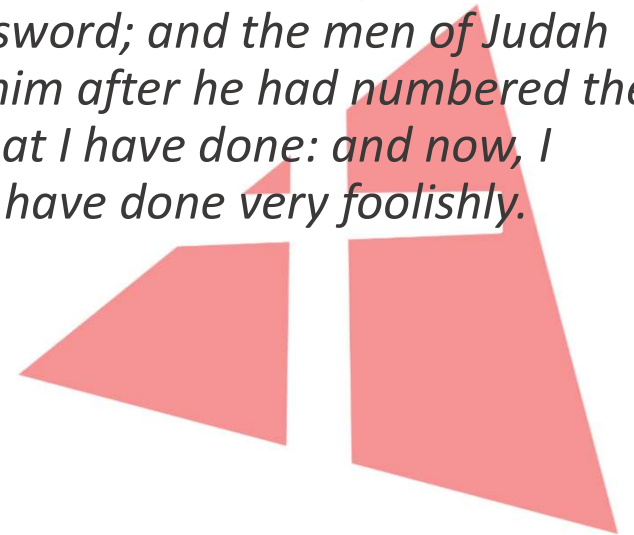
DAVID THE KING

- David in his role had to be above reproach



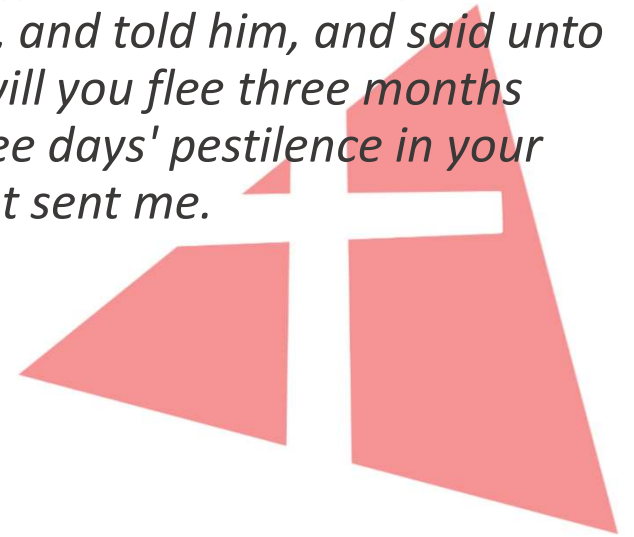
DAVID IMMEDIATELY KNEW

2 Samuel 24:9-10 And Joab gave the sum of the number of the people unto the king: and there were in Israel eight hundred thousand valiant men that drew the sword; and the men of Judah were five hundred thousand men. And David's heart condemned him after he had numbered the people. And David said unto the LORD, I have sinned greatly in what I have done: and now, I beseech you, O LORD, take away the iniquity of your servant; for I have done very foolishly.



DAVID'S OPTIONS

2 Samuel 24:12-13 Go and say unto David, Thus says the LORD, I offer you three things; choose you one of them, that I may do it unto you. So Gad came to David, and told him, and said unto him, Shall seven years of famine come unto you in your land? or will you flee three months before your enemies, while they pursue you? or shall there be three days' pestilence in your land? now consider, and see what answer I shall return to him that sent me.



DAVID'S CHOICE

2 Samuel 24:14 And David said unto Gad, I am in a great distress: let us fall now into the hand of the LORD; for his mercies are great: and let me not fall into the hand of man.

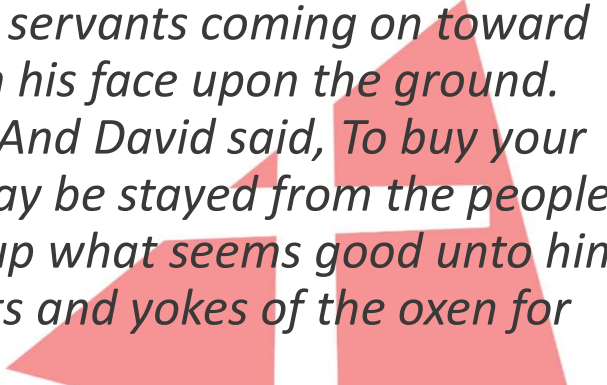


DAVID'S RESTORATION

2 Samuel 24:18 And Gad came that day to David, and said unto him, Go up, erect an altar unto the LORD in the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite.

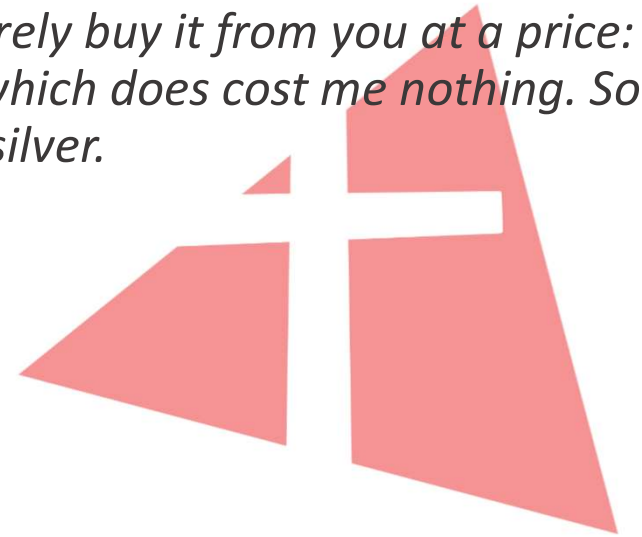
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2 Samuel 24:20-22 And Araunah looked, and saw the king and his servants coming on toward him: and Araunah went out, and bowed himself before the king on his face upon the ground. And Araunah said, Why has my lord the king come to his servant? And David said, To buy your threshing floor, to build an altar unto the LORD, that the plague may be stayed from the people. And Araunah said unto David, Let my lord the king take and offer up what seems good unto him: behold, here are oxen for burnt sacrifice, and threshing instruments and yokes of the oxen for wood.



DAVID'S RESPONSE

2 Samuel 24:24 And the king said unto Araunah, Nay; but I will surely buy it from you at a price: neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the LORD my God of that which does cost me nothing. So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver.



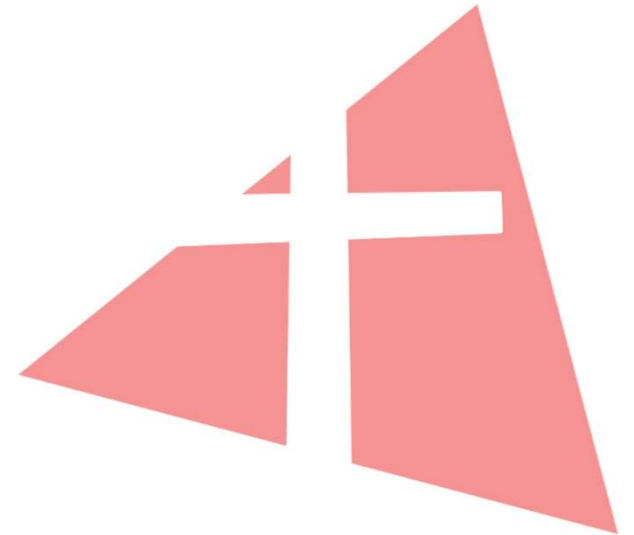
THE RESULT

2 Samuel 24:25 And David built there an altar unto the LORD, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. So the LORD heeded supplications for the land, and the plague was stayed from Israel.



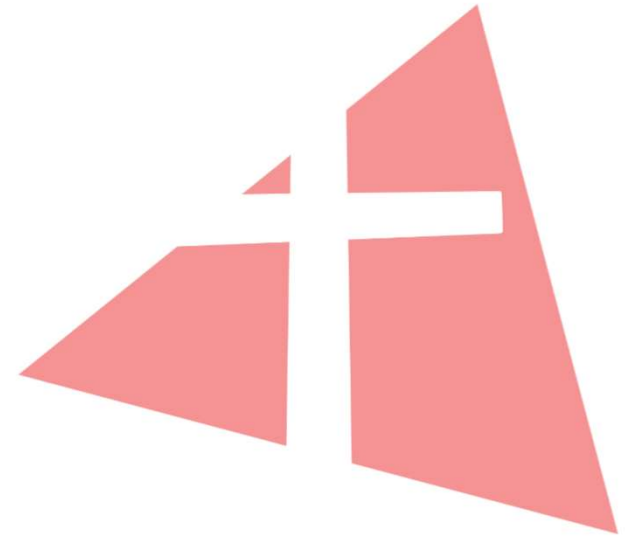
APPLIKATION

- Let's not only look at "what we do"
- Let's analyze: Why do I do what I do?
 - 2 people can do the same thing with different motives
 - One is sin, the other is not



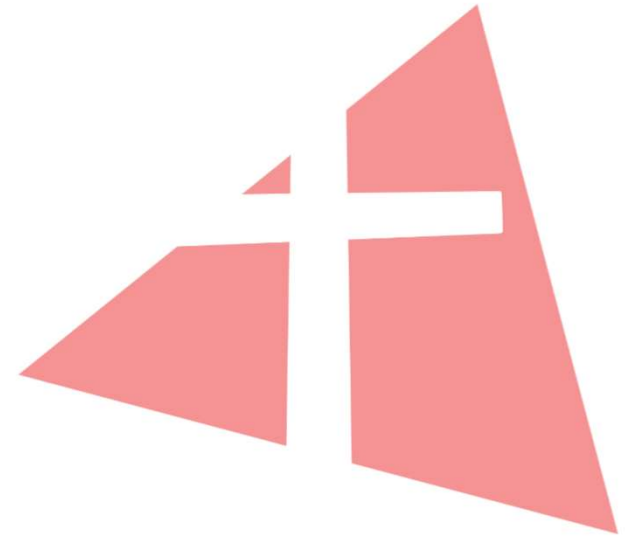
EXAMPLES

- Seeking marriage
- Saving money
- Doing well in our job or studies
- Staying fit



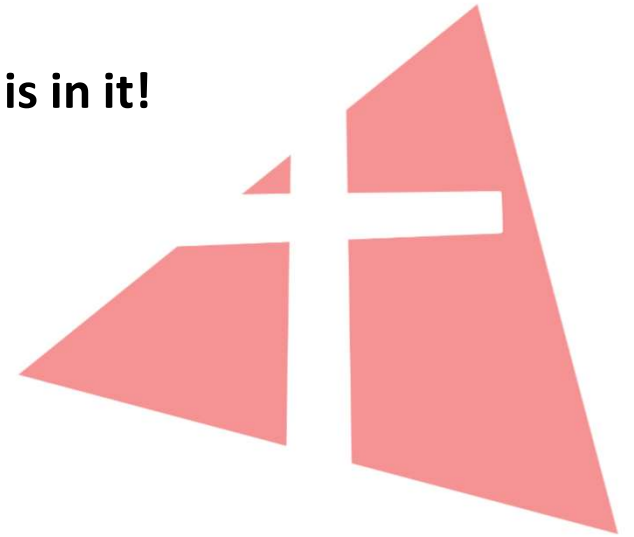
APPLICATION

- God often let's us move ahead with our mess



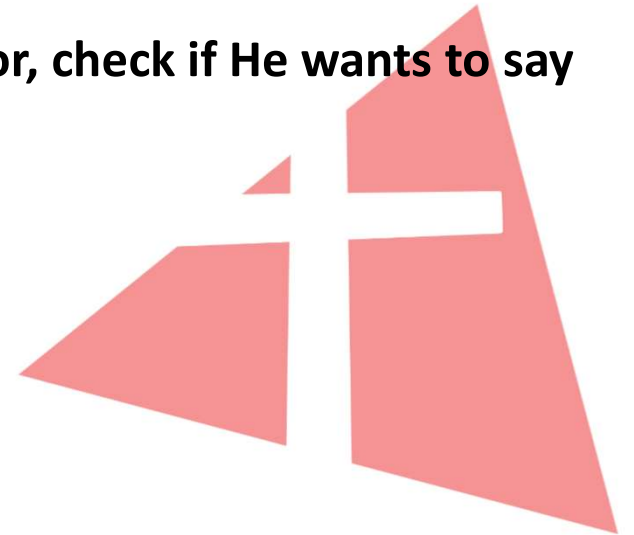
APPLICATION

- **Before making any kind of major investments, make sure God is in it!**



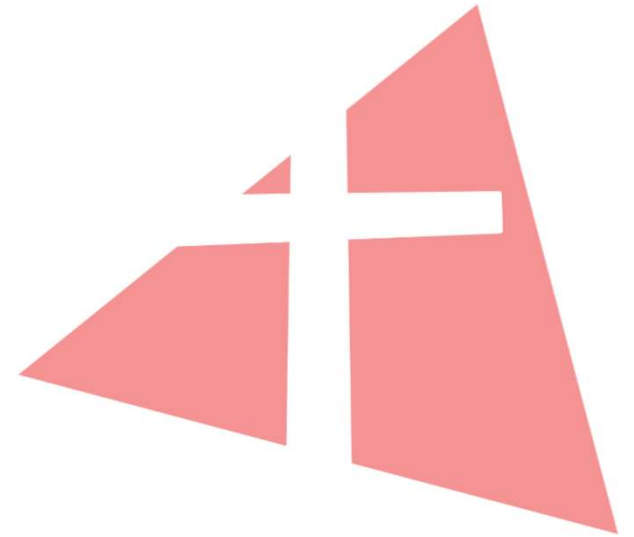
APPLICATION

- **When God closes doors and/or takes away what we worked for, check if He wants to say something to us**



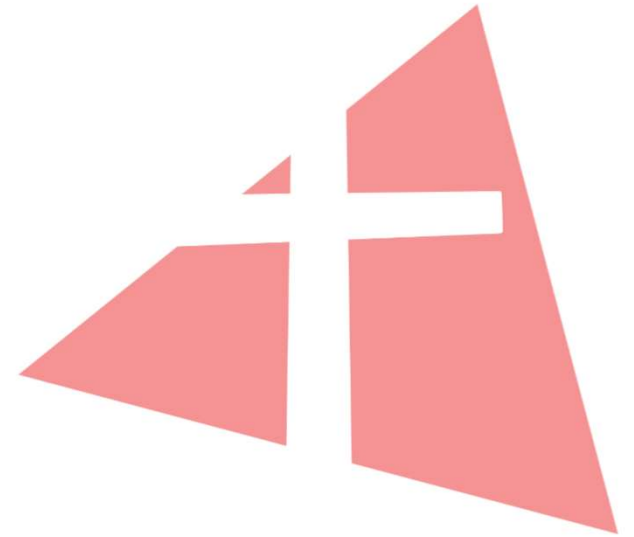
APPLICATION

- Our only hope is God's mercy



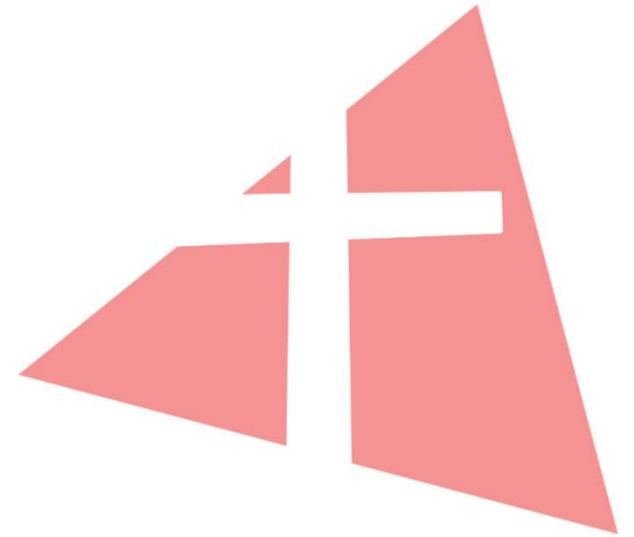
APPLICATION

- **Don't take God's grace lightly**
 - "Cheap grace" is not grace at all



APPLICATION

- There are certain things nobody else can do for us



Communion

Remembering His sacrifice.

