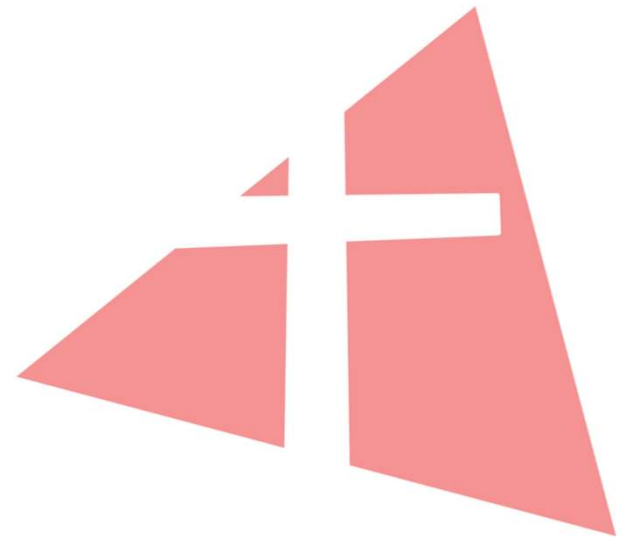


IN HIS TIME

Sunday, May 05th 2019



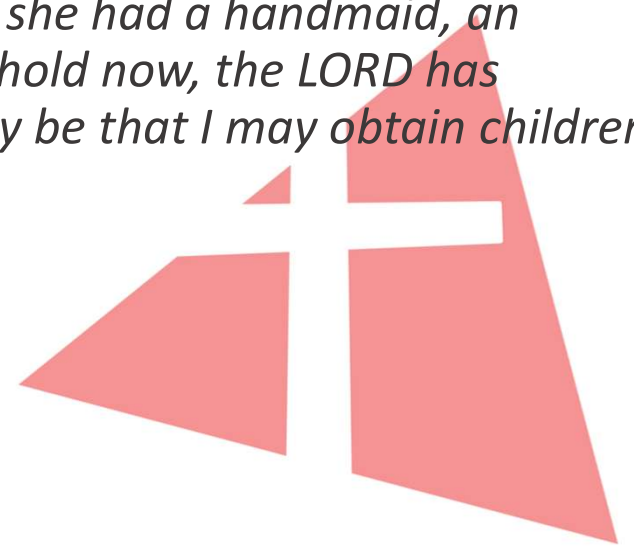
A COMMON OPINION

- God is late



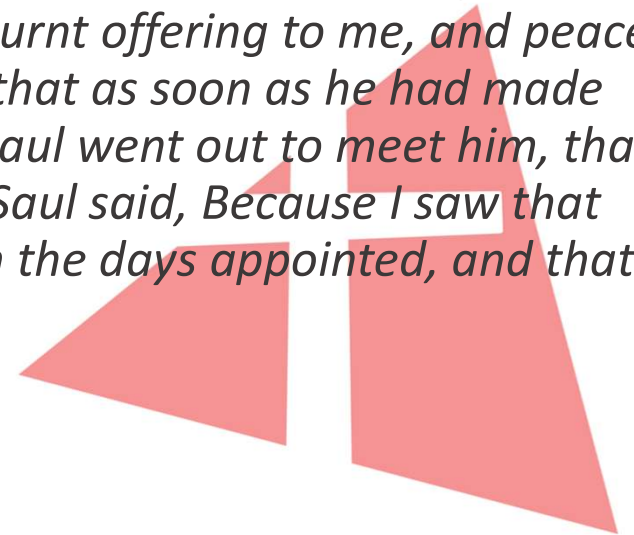
ABRAHAM'S WORRY

Genesis 16:1-2 Now Sarai Abram's wife bore him no children: and she had a handmaid, an Egyptian, whose name was Hagar. And Sarai said unto Abram, Behold now, the LORD has restrained me from bearing: I pray you, go in unto my maid; it may be that I may obtain children by her. And Abram hearkened to the voice of Sarai.



SAUL'S WORRY

1 Samuel 13:7-14 And some of the Hebrews went over Jordan to the land of Gad and Gilead. As for Saul, he was yet in Gilgal, and all the people followed him trembling. And he tarried seven days, according to the set time that Samuel had appointed: but Samuel came not to Gilgal; and the people were scattered from him. And Saul said, Bring here a burnt offering to me, and peace offerings. And he offered the burnt offering. And it came to pass, that as soon as he had made an end of offering the burnt offering, behold, Samuel came; and Saul went out to meet him, that he might greet him. And Samuel said, What have you done? And Saul said, Because I saw that the people were scattered from me, and that you came not within the days appointed, and that the Philistines gathered themselves together at Michmash;



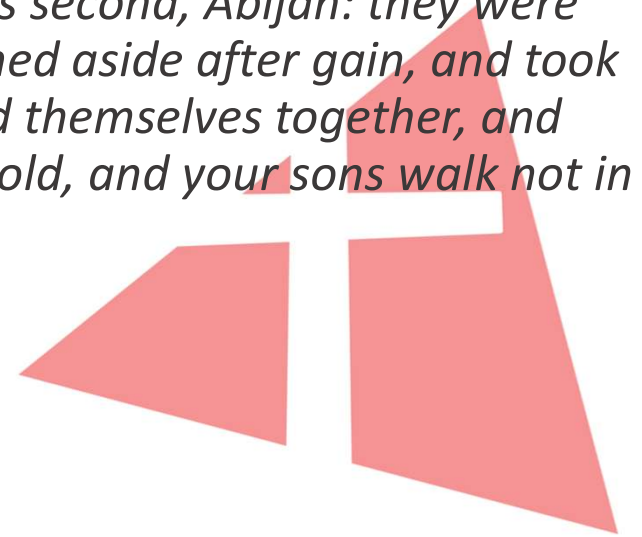
SAUL'S WORRY

Therefore said I, The Philistines will come down now upon me to Gilgal, and I have not made supplication unto the LORD: I felt compelled therefore, and offered a burnt offering. And Samuel said to Saul, You have done foolishly: you have not kept the commandment of the LORD your God, which he commanded you: for now would the LORD have established your kingdom upon Israel forever. But now your kingdom shall not continue: the LORD has sought him a man after his own heart, and the LORD has commanded him to be ruler over his people, because you have not kept that which the LORD commanded you.



THE PEOPLE'S WORRY

1 Samuel 8:1-5 And it came to pass, when Samuel was old, that he made his sons judges over Israel. Now the name of his firstborn was Joel; and the name of his second, Abijah: they were judges in Beersheba. And his sons walked not in his ways, but turned aside after gain, and took bribes, and perverted justice. Then all the elders of Israel gathered themselves together, and came to Samuel unto Ramah, And said unto him, Behold, you are old, and your sons walk not in your ways: now make us a king to judge us like all the nations.



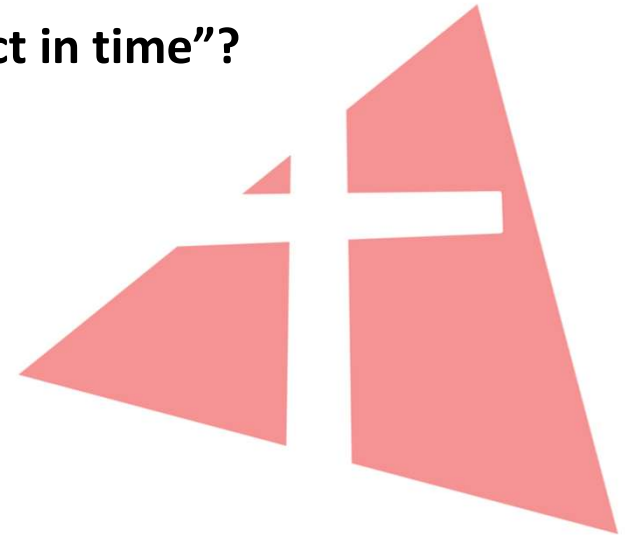
THE ISRAELITES' WORRY

Exodus 16:3 And the children of Israel said unto them, Would to God we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the flesh pots, and when we did eat bread to the full; for you have brought us forth into this wilderness, to kill this whole assembly with hunger.



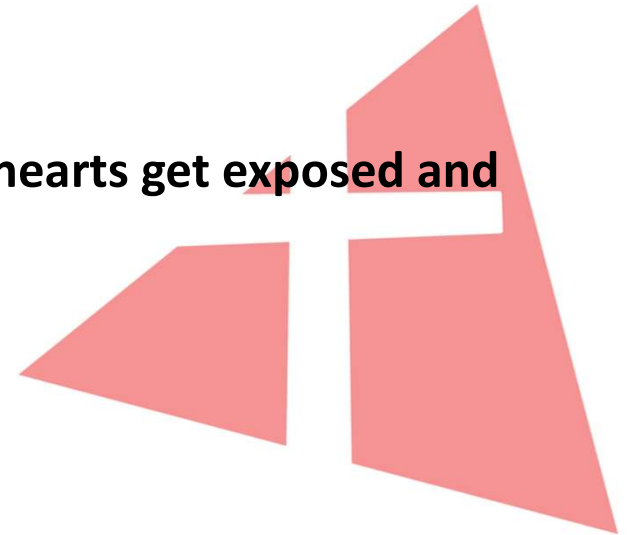
WHAT THEY HAVE IN COMMON

- They had everything they needed for the moment
- They saw a potential problem in the future
- They were consumed by one thought: “What if God doesn’t act in time”?
- They wanted the problem to be fixed now
- They took things into their own hands
- God was never late



WHAT WE DON'T LIKE (BUT GOD DOES)

- We don't like the point where "something has to happen very, very soon, otherwise I'll be in trouble"
 - Feeling of uncertainty
- God likes bringing us to this point, because it's there that our hearts get exposed and transformed



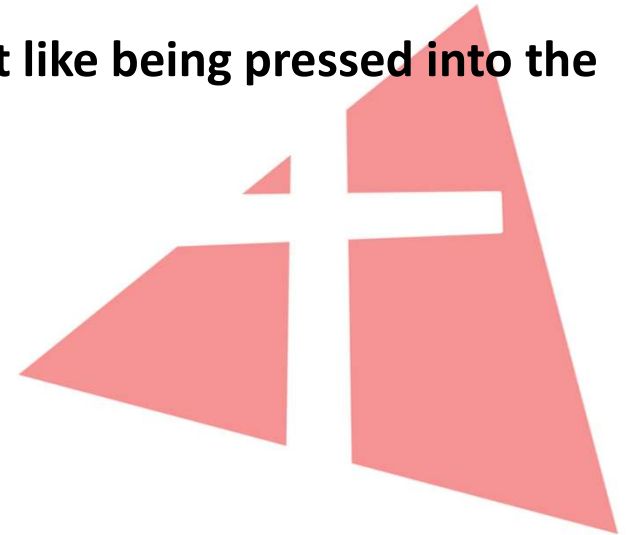
WHAT THESE SITUATIONS SHOW

- **Acting without God's confirmation shows a lack of Faith**



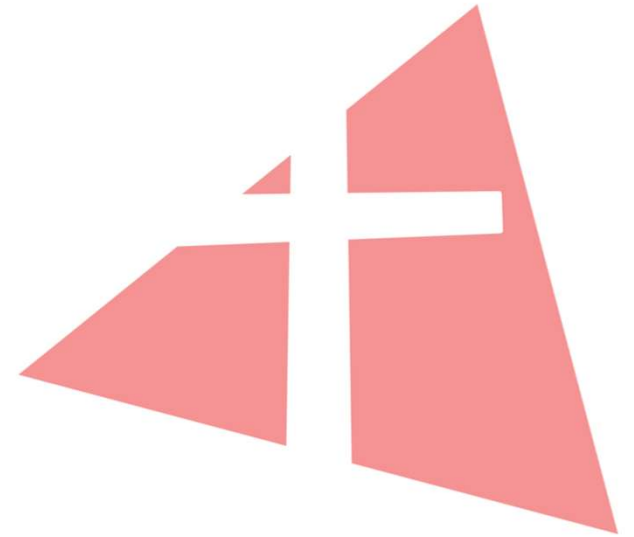
WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

- **Let's stop setting arbitrary deadlines on God because we don't like being pressed into the last minute**



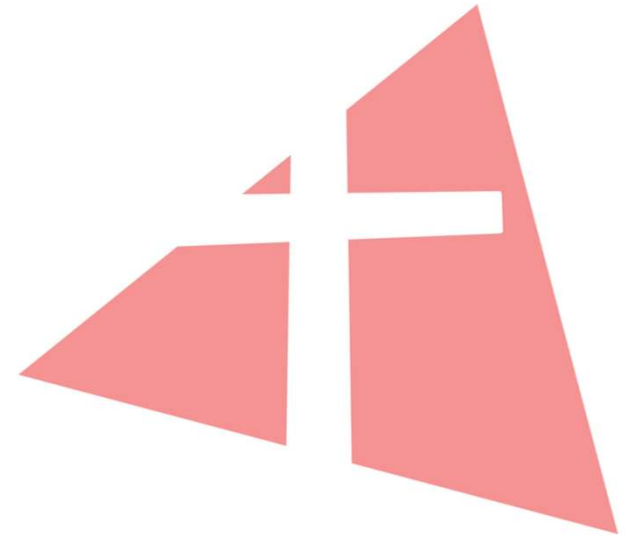
A FEW OF MY PERSONAL EXAMPLES

- **Our house hunt in Munich**
- **Time we prayed about our marriage**
- **Aletheia growth <-> going into fulltime ministry again**



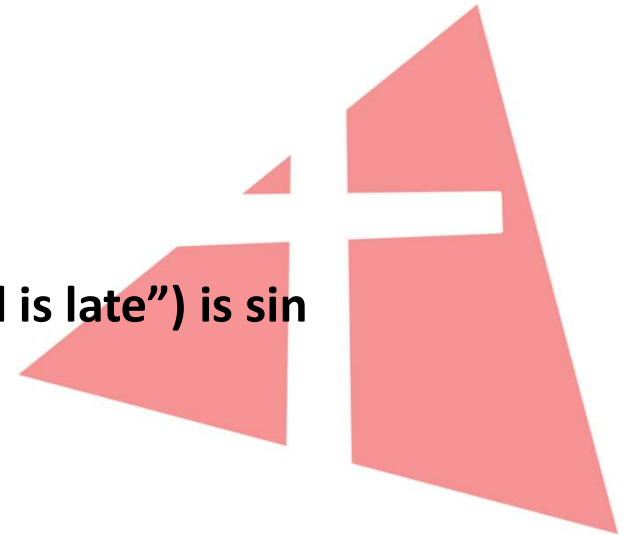
SOME COMMON COMMENTS

- I'm getting old, what if God doesn't give me a husband/wife?
- What if God doesn't give me a job in time?
- What if God doesn't give me enough money for retirement?



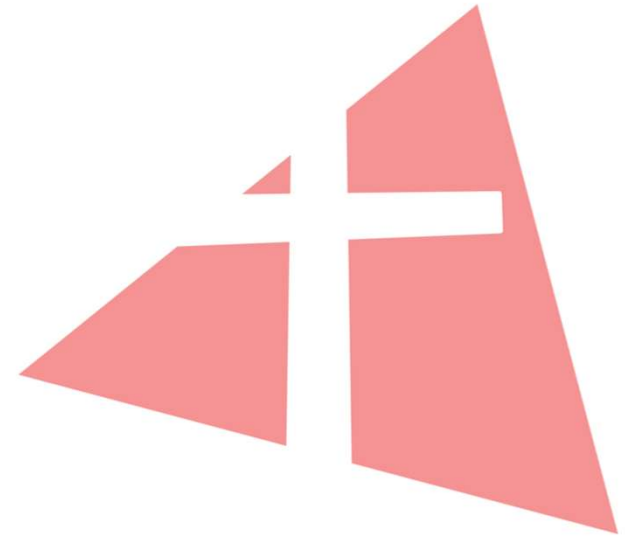
JUST TO BE CLEAR

- **Planning is good**
 - We need to be realistic about worldly situations
- **Praying is good**
- **Worrying is sin**
- **Taking things into our own hands (because we think that “God is late”) is sin**



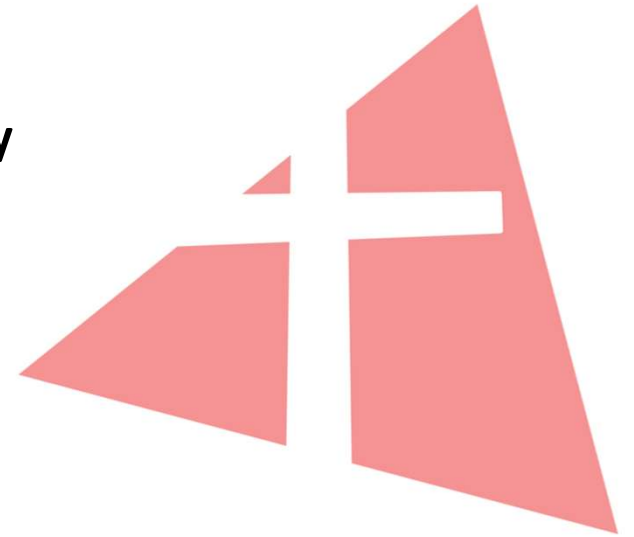
GOD'S CHARACTER

- Time is in God



THE CONNECTION

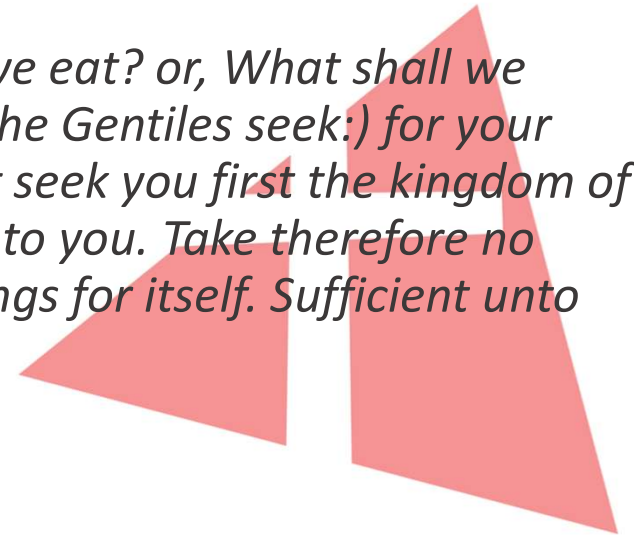
- God promises to provide for all our needs
- But He won't necessarily provide for the rest of our lives today



JESUS ADDRESSED OUR TENDENCY

- **Be Faithful to God today**
- **He will take care of our tomorrow**

Matthew 6:31-34 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, How shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knows that you have need of all these things. But seek you first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Take therefore no thought for tomorrow: for tomorrow shall take thought of the things for itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.



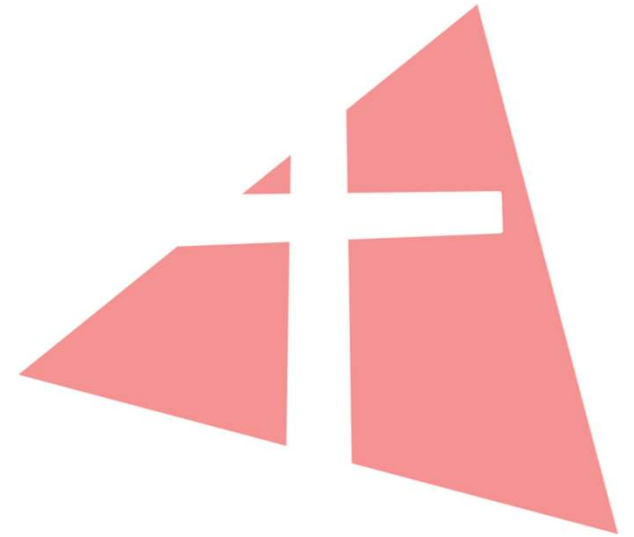
GEORGE MÜLLER

- He built many orphanages
- At one occasion he had the children sit down for breakfast and give thanks for the food when there was absolutely no food left in the whole house



GOD'S PROMISE

He has made every thing beautiful in its time... (Eccl. 3:11)



Communion

Remembering His sacrifice.

