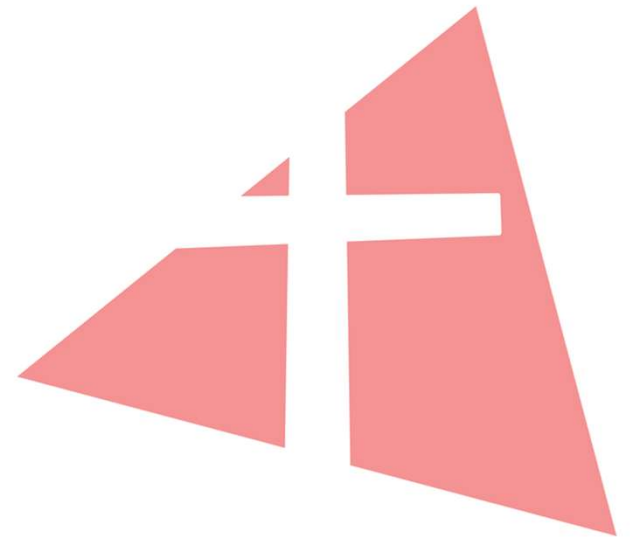


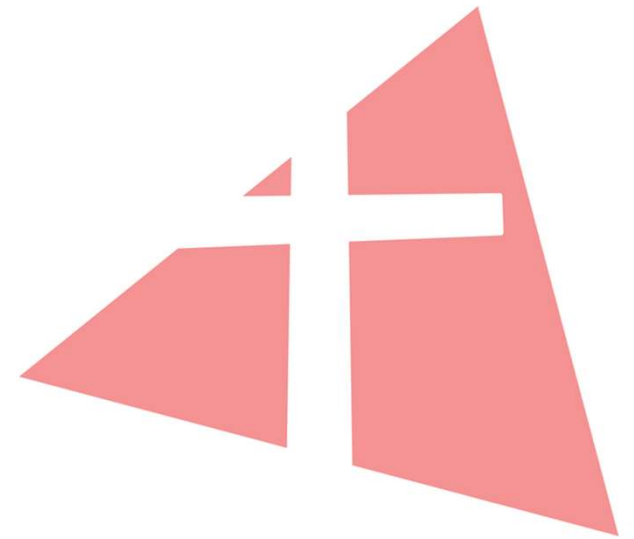
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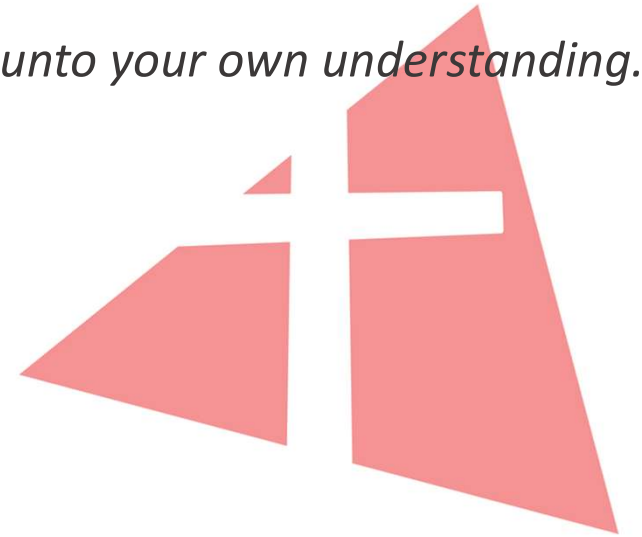
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- Some more principles from the Bible on “when/how God will (not) guide us”



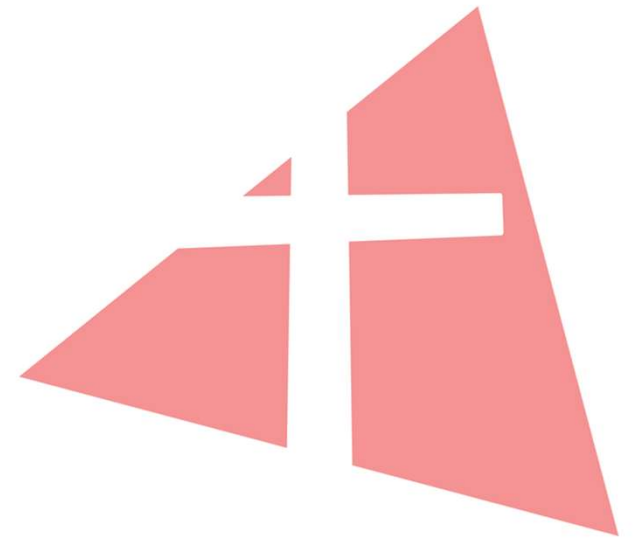
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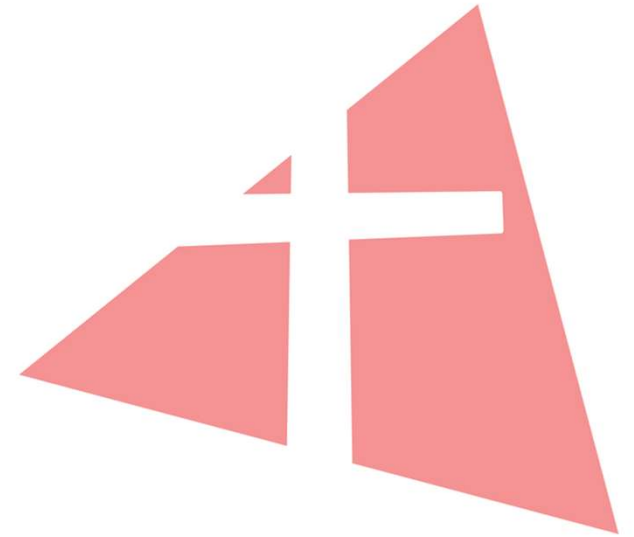
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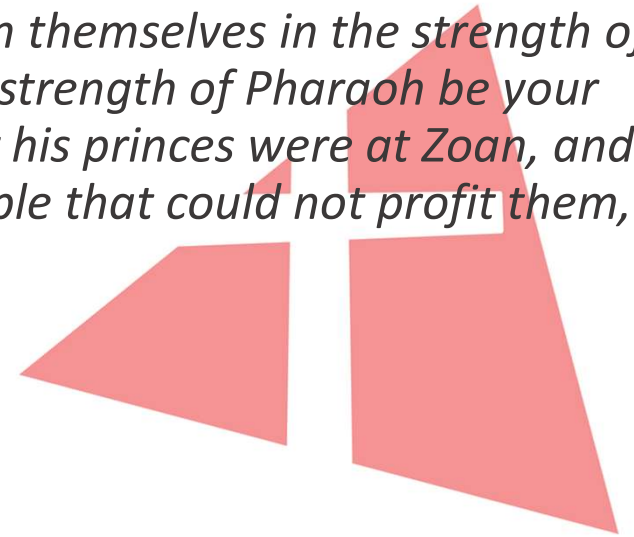
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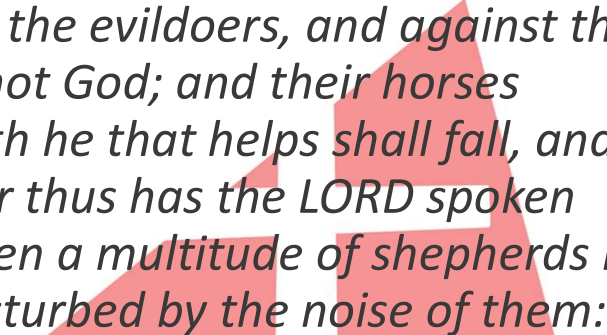
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Isaiah 30:1-5 Woe to the rebellious children, says the LORD, that take counsel, but not from me; and that cover with a covering, but not of my spirit, that they may add sin to sin: That walk to go down into Egypt, and have not asked my counsel; to strengthen themselves in the strength of Pharaoh, and to trust in the shadow of Egypt! Therefore shall the strength of Pharaoh be your shame, and the trust in the shadow of Egypt your humiliation. For his princes were at Zoan, and his ambassadors came to Hanes. They were all ashamed of a people that could not profit them, nor be a help nor a profit, but a shame, and also a reproach.



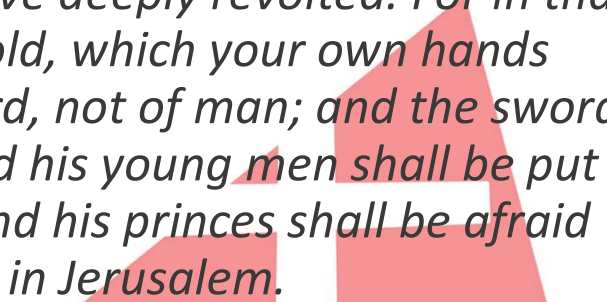
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Isaiah 31:1-9 Woe to them that go down to Egypt for help; and rely on horses, and trust in chariots, because they are many; and in horsemen, because they are very strong; but they look not unto the Holy One of Israel, neither seek the LORD! Yet he also is wise, and will bring evil, and will not call back his words: but will arise against the house of the evildoers, and against the help of them that work iniquity. Now the Egyptians are men, and not God; and their horses flesh, and not spirit. When the LORD shall stretch out his hand, both he that helps shall fall, and he that is helped shall fall down, and they all shall fail together. For thus has the LORD spoken unto me, Like the lion and the young lion roaring over his prey, when a multitude of shepherds is called forth against him, he will not be afraid of their voice, nor disturbed by the noise of them:



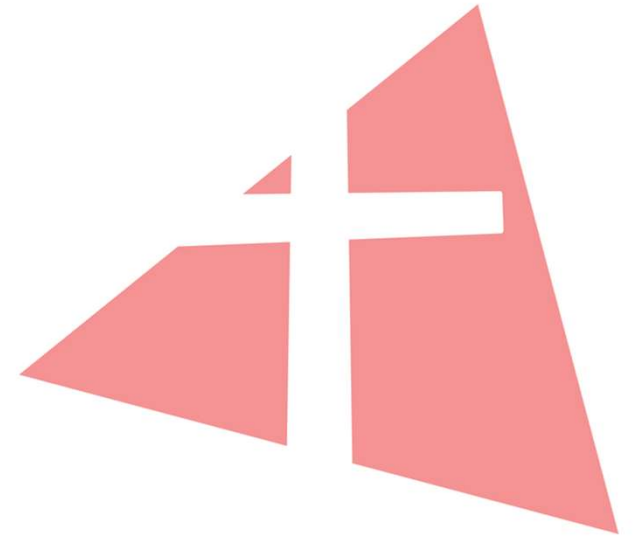
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so shall the LORD of hosts come down to fight for mount Zion, and for its hill. As birds flying, so will the LORD of hosts defend Jerusalem; defending, he will also deliver it; and passing over, he will preserve it. Turn unto him from whom the children of Israel have deeply revolted. For in that day every man shall cast away his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which your own hands have sinfully made for you. Then shall the Assyrian fall by the sword, not of man; and the sword, not of men, shall devour him: and he shall flee from the sword, and his young men shall be put to forced labor. And he shall pass over to his stronghold for fear, and his princes shall be afraid of the banner, says the LORD, whose fire is in Zion, and his furnace in Jerusalem.



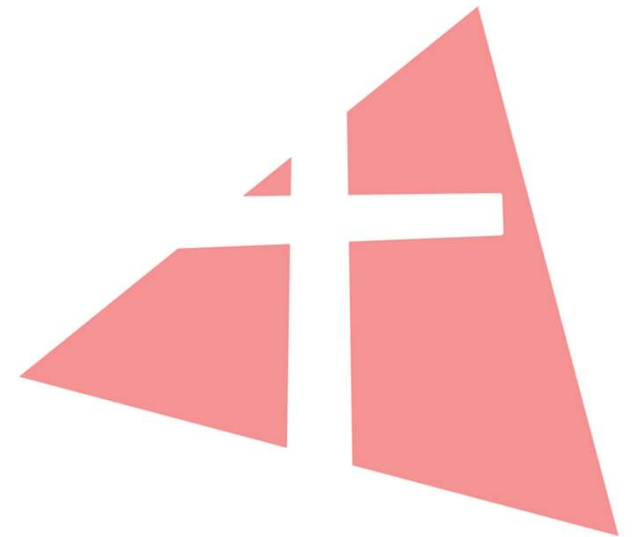
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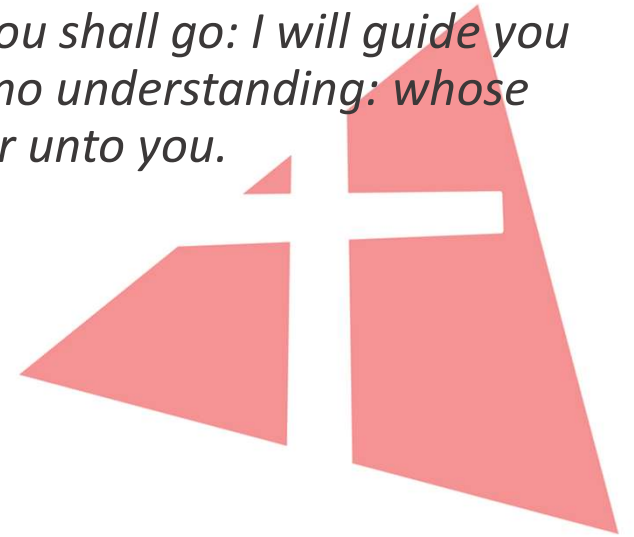
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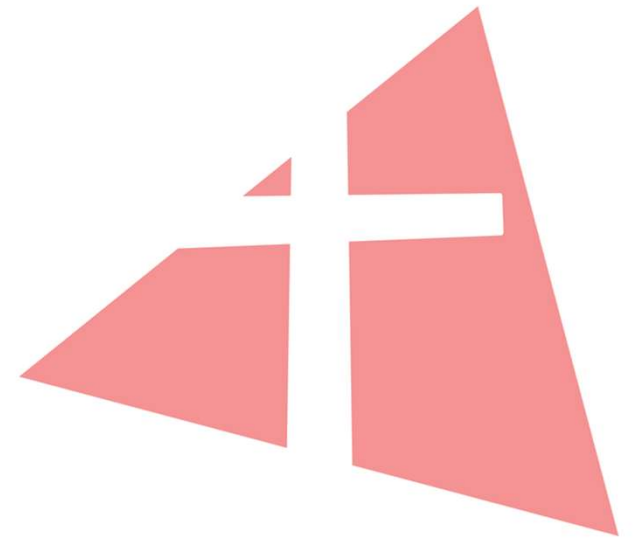
HORSES AND MULES

Psalms 32:8-9 I will instruct you and teach you in the way which you shall go: I will guide you with my eye. Be you not as the horse, or as the mule, which have no understanding: whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle, else they come not near unto you.



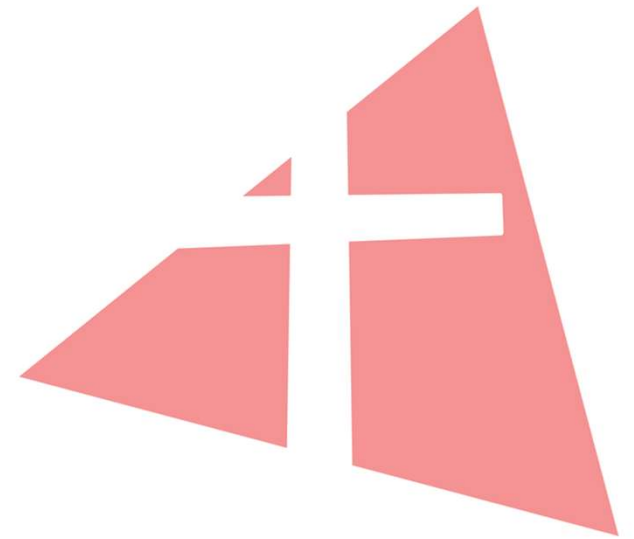
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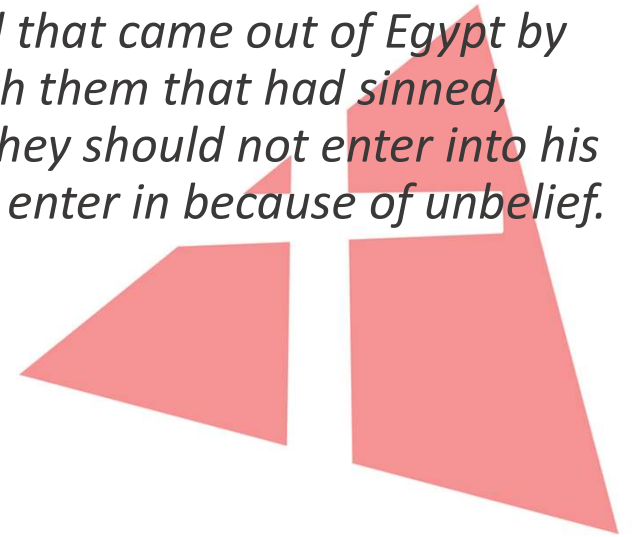
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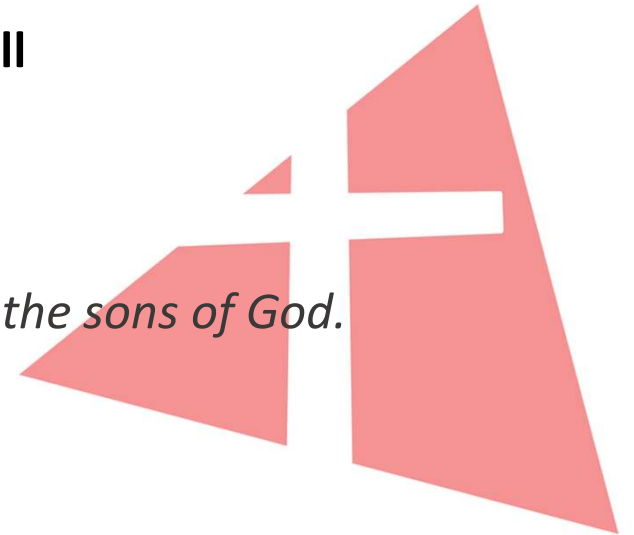
Hebrews 3:15-19 While it is said, Today if you will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the rebellion. For who, when they had heard, did rebel? did not all that came out of Egypt by Moses? But with whom was he grieved forty years? was it not with them that had sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? And to whom swore he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not? So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.



IN SUMMARY

- **“Being guided by God” is not about having a “better life”**
- **Being guided by God is evidence of Faith**
- **Prayer without the willingness to follow God is not prayer at all**
 - Praying without Faith
 - Missing the purpose of prayer

Romans 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.



CLOSING QUESTION

- **Is there an area in my life where I choose to not be led by God?**
 - Let's allow God to examine us

Psalms 139:23-24 Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

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