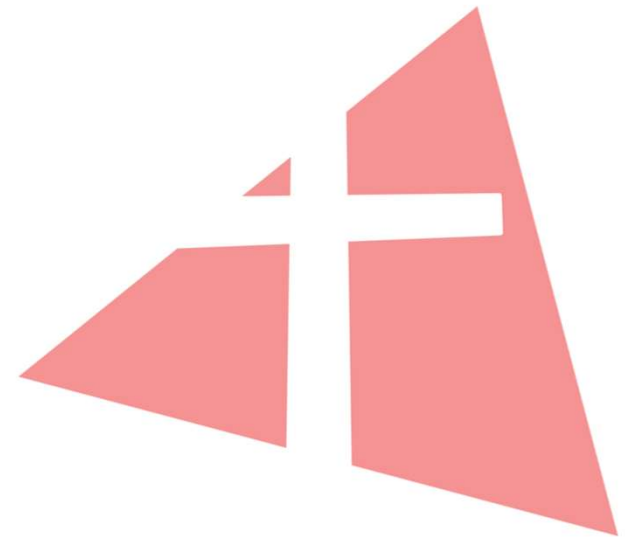


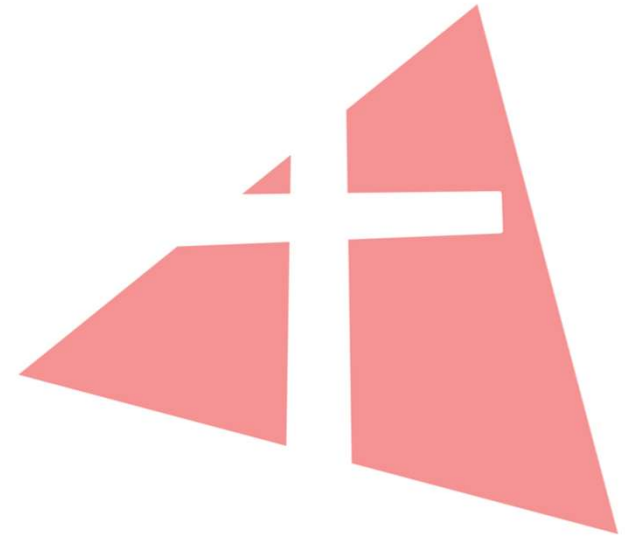
LIVING IN A FALLEN WORLD

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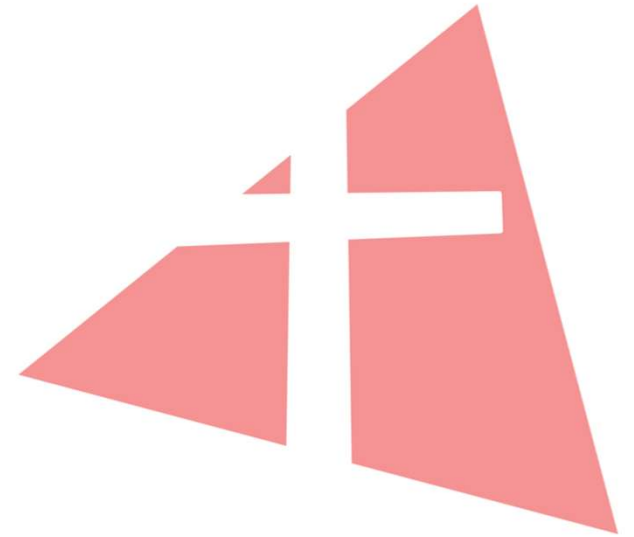
THE WORLD IS ON EDGE

○ The Corona Virus



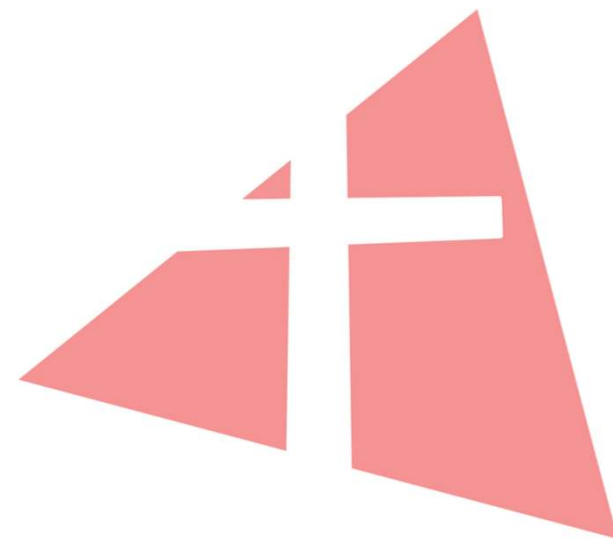
THE TENSION

- **Being wise/responsible**
- **Bringing Glory to God as a church**



THE BOOK OF ACTS

- **The Day of Pentecost**

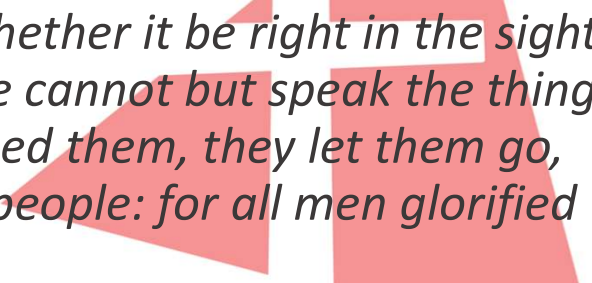


THE BOOK OF ACTS

○ Peter and John (Acts 4)

Acts 4:16-18 Saying, What shall we do to these men? for that indeed a notable miracle has been done by them is manifest to all them that dwell in Jerusalem; and we cannot deny it. But that it spread no further among the people, let us sternly threaten them, that they speak no longer to any man in this name. And they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus.

Acts 4:19-21 But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge you. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard. So when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding nothing for which they might punish them, because of the people: for all men glorified God for that which was done.



THE BOOK OF ACTS

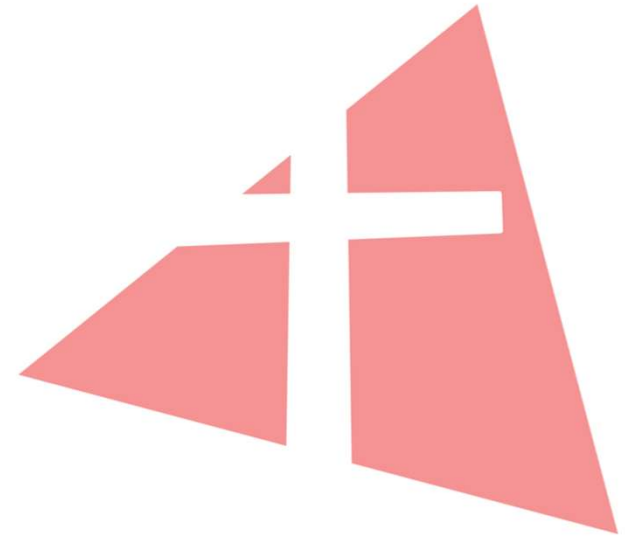
○ Paul and Silas

Acts 16:19-24 And when her masters saw that the hope of their gains was gone, they caught Paul and Silas, and dragged them into the marketplace unto the rulers, And brought them to the magistrates, saying, These men, being Jews, do exceedingly trouble our city, And teach customs, which are not lawful for us to receive, neither to observe, being Romans. And the multitude rose up together against them: and the magistrates tore off their clothes, and commanded to beat them. And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely: Who, having received such a charge, thrust them into the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks.

Acts 16:25 And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.

PAUL'S LETTERS

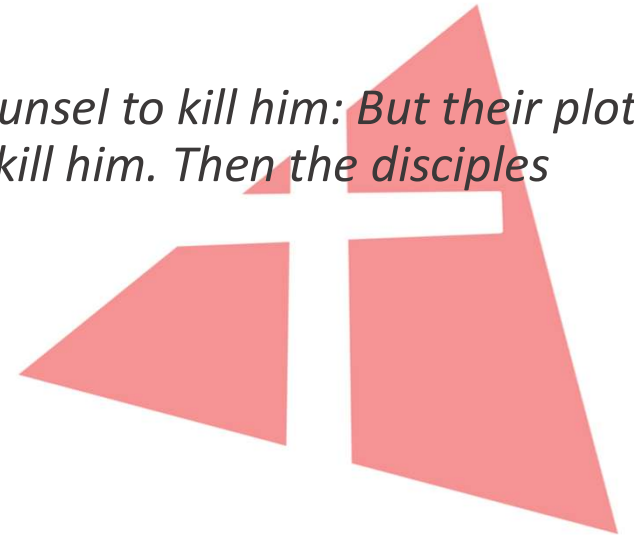
- Paul's chose a life full of worldly troubles



THE BOOK OF ACTS

- **Paul fled**

Acts 9:23-25 And after many days were fulfilled, the Jews took counsel to kill him: But their plot was known of Saul. And they watched the gates day and night to kill him. Then the disciples took him by night, and let him down through the wall in a basket.



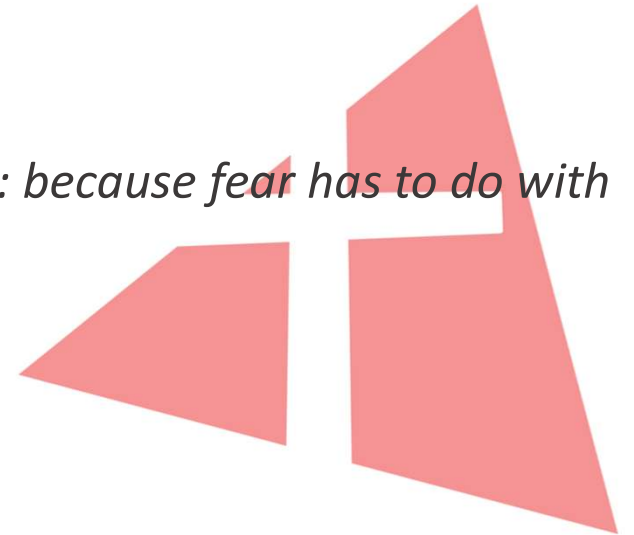
LEPROSY

Leviticus 13:1-8 And the LORD spoke unto Moses and Aaron, saying, When a man shall have in the skin of his flesh a swelling, a scab, or bright spot, and it be in the skin of his flesh like the disease of leprosy; then he shall be brought unto Aaron the priest, or unto one of his sons the priests: And the priest shall look on the disease in the skin of the flesh: and when the hair in the disease is turned white, and the disease in sight is deeper than the skin of his flesh, it is a disease of leprosy: and the priest shall look on him, and pronounce him unclean. If the bright spot is white in the skin of his flesh, and in sight is not deeper than the skin, and the hair thereof is not turned white; then the priest shall shut him up that has the disease seven days: And the priest shall look on him the seventh day: and, behold, if the disease in his sight is unchanged, and the disease spreads not in the skin; then the priest shall shut him up seven days more: And the priest shall look on him again the seventh day: and, behold, if the disease is somewhat dark, and the disease spreads not in the skin, the priest shall pronounce him clean: it is but a scab: and he shall wash his clothes, and be clean. But if the scab spreads much abroad in the skin, after that he has been seen of the priest for his cleansing, he shall be seen of the priest again: And if the priest sees that, behold, the scab spreads in the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it is a leprosy.

FEAR VS. GODLY CONVICTIONS

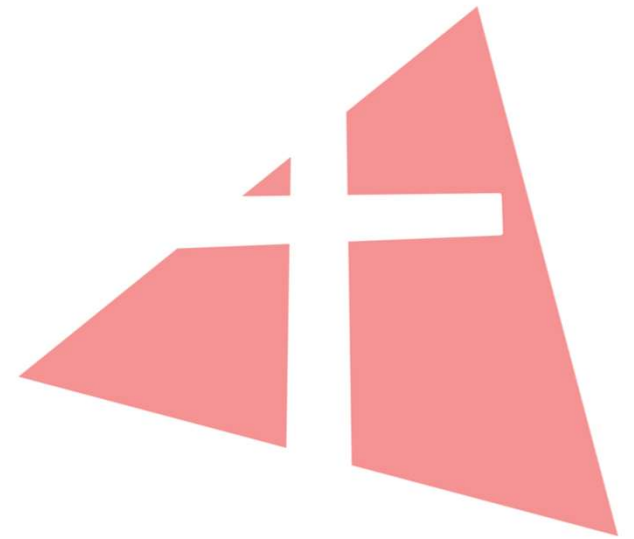
- God never operates with fear
- God can operate through convictions instead

1 John 4:18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear: because fear has to do with punishment. He that fears is not made perfect in love.



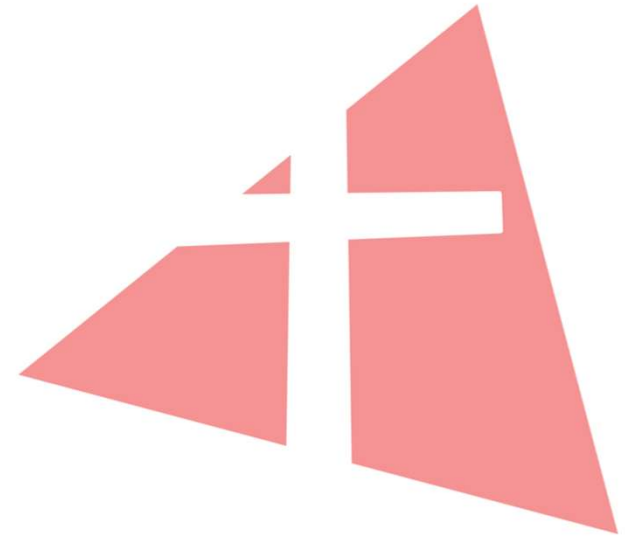
FEAR

- Any decision based on fear is not a Godly decision



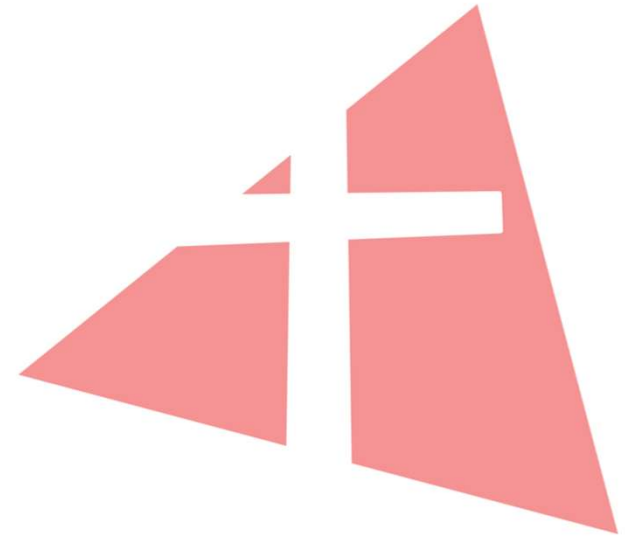
ALETHEIA'S IDENTITY

- **Building Christ Centered Community**



GOD IS SOVEREIGN

- God loves when we worship Him



BEING THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

- **This is a season to be different**

Matthew 5:14 You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid.



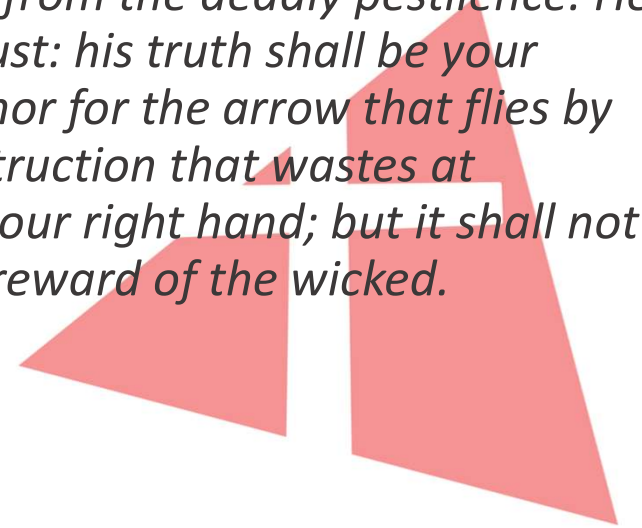
OUR DECISION

- **We won't allow this virus to affect our worship of God**
 - We won't stop meeting
 - We won't live in fear
 - We won't tell people to „stay at home“
- **The only factors that could change our position**
 - Godly conviction
 - A concrete threat (One or more of us being infected) instead of „just fear“



PSALM 91

Psalms 91:1-16 He that dwells in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. Surely he shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler, and from the deadly pestilence. He shall cover you with his feathers, and under his wings shall you trust: his truth shall be your shield and buckler. You shall not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flies by day; Nor for the pestilence that walks in darkness; nor for the destruction that wastes at noonday. A thousand shall fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand; but it shall not come near you. Only with your eyes shall you behold and see the reward of the wicked.



PSALM 91

Because you have made the LORD, who is my refuge, even the most High, your habitation; There shall no evil befall you, neither shall any plague come near your dwelling. For he shall give his angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways. They shall bear you up in their hands, lest you dash your foot against a stone. You shall tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the serpent shall you trample under feet. Because he has set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he has known my name. He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honor him. With long life will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation.

