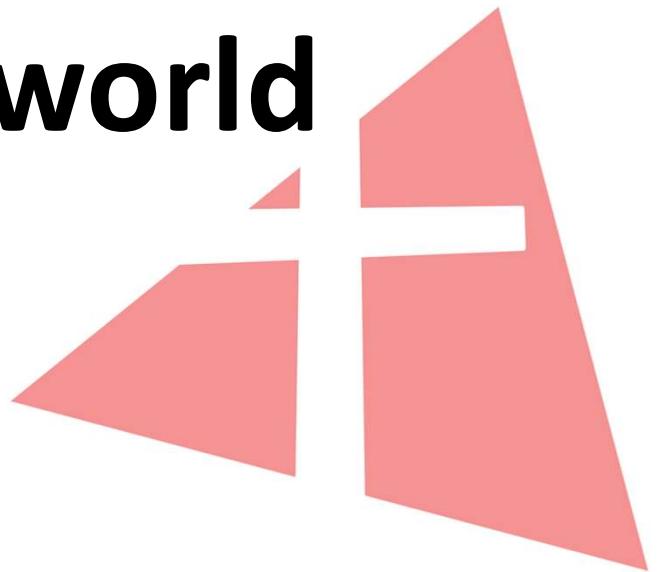


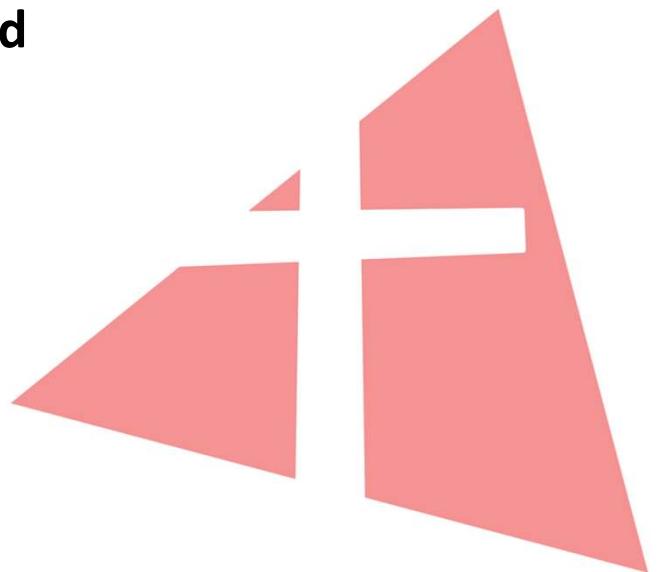
# **The foolishness of this world**

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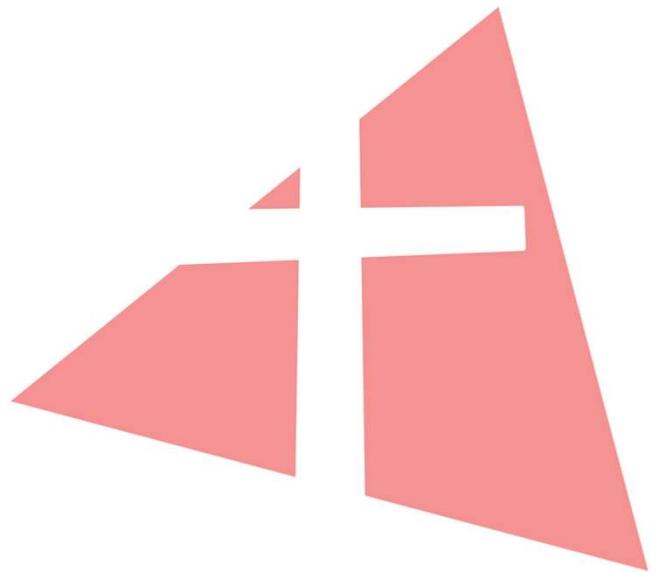
# Satan's tactic

- First satan wants us to sin
- Then satan wants to prevent us from being healed and restored
- Satan has two types of lies
  - Lies that cause us to sin
  - Lies that prevent us from being healed



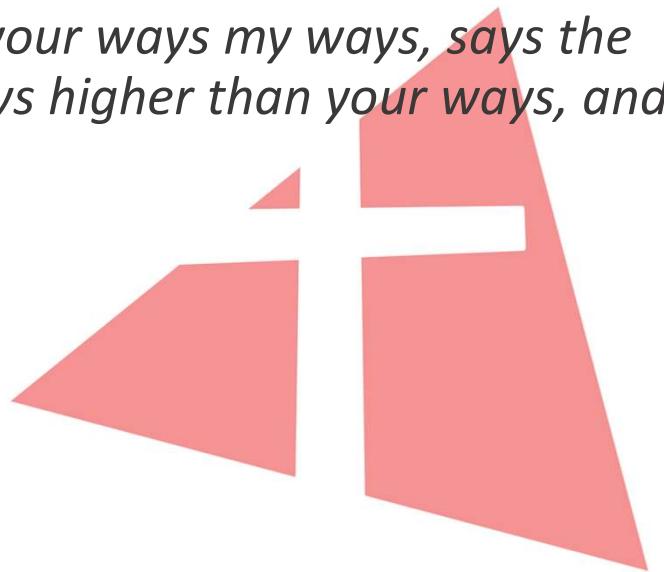
# Today's Focus

- The foolishness of this world



# God's Ways

*Isaiah 55:8-9 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.*



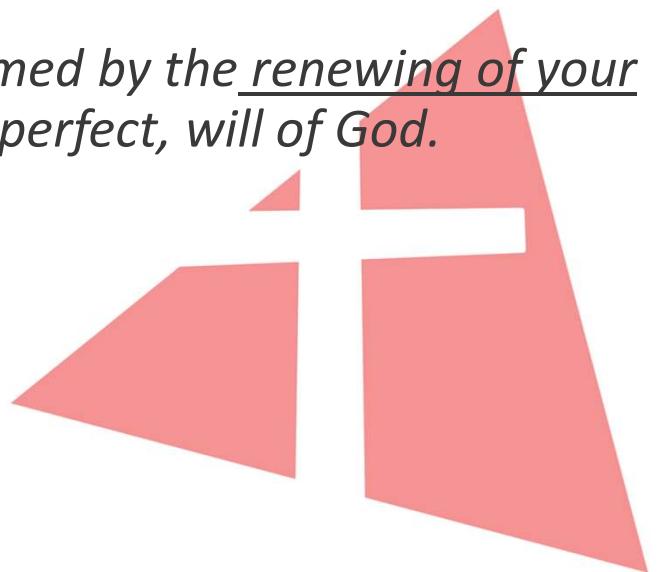
# Being a fool

**1 Corinthians 3:18-21** Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seems to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He takes the wise in their own craftiness. And again, The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain. Therefore let no man glory in men. For all things are yours;



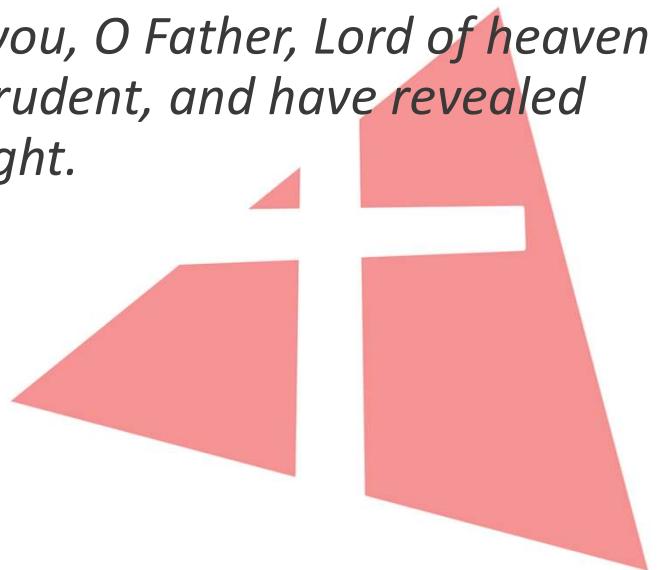
# Renewing our minds

**Romans 12:2** And be not conformed to this world: but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.



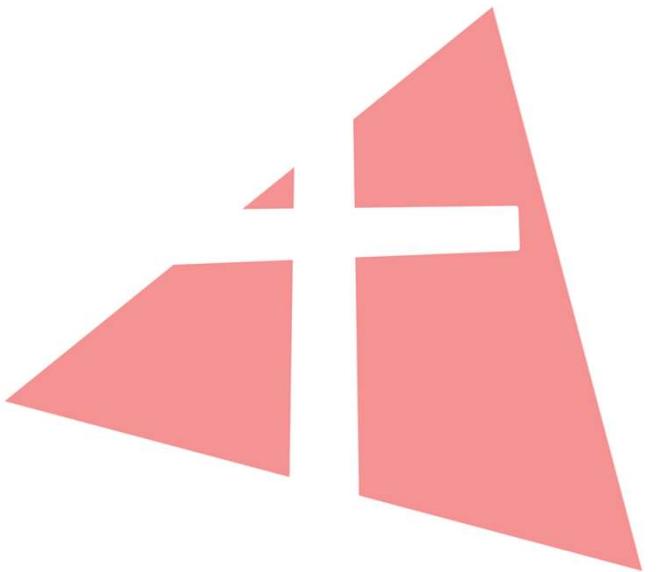
# Being like babes

**Matthew 11:25-26** At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank you, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hid these things from the wise and prudent, and have revealed them unto babes. Even so, Father: for so it seemed good in your sight.



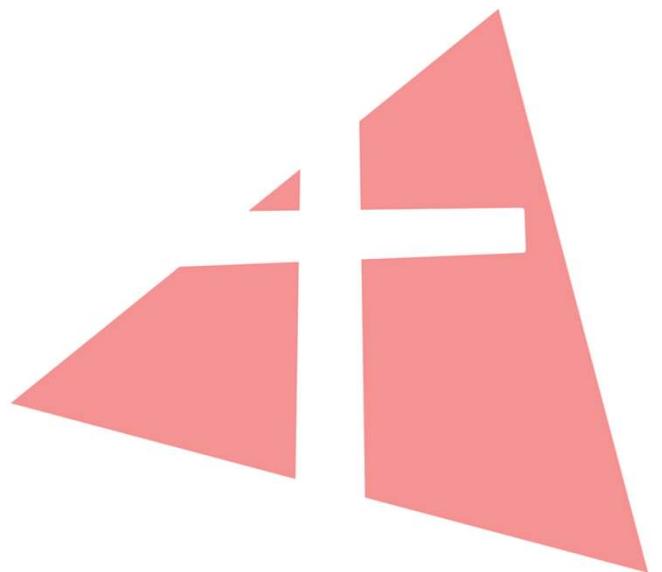
# Satan's lie

- We can't pursue God with worldly wisdom
- We can pursue God by being like little children



# The world's values

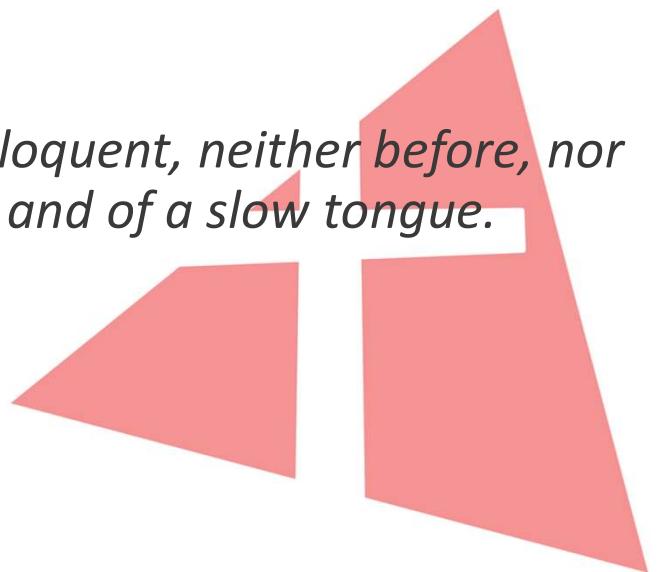
- Always show strength, hide your weaknesses



# The OT heroes

- Moses had trouble speaking

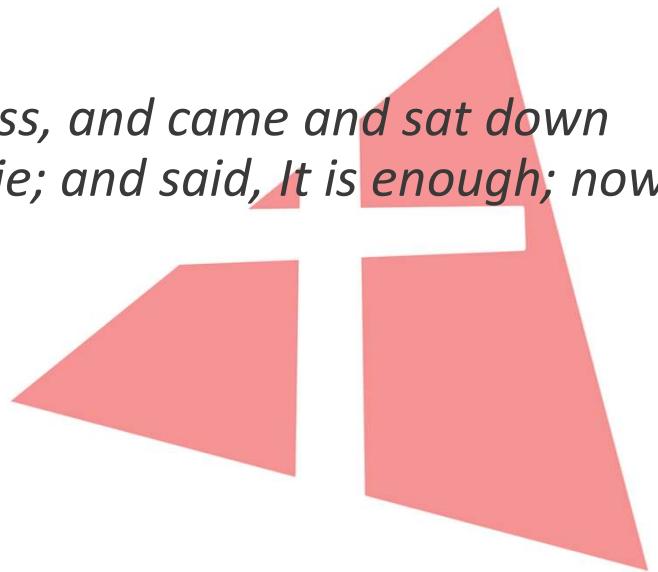
*Exodus 4:10 And Moses said unto the LORD, O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither before, nor since you have spoken unto your servant: but I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue.*



# The OT heroes

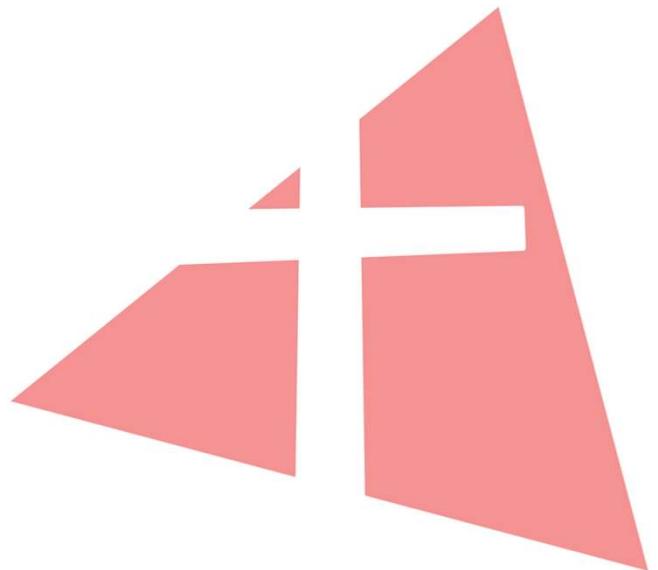
- Elijah was depressed

*1 Kings 19:4 But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and he requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life; for I am not better than my fathers.*



# The OT heroes

- King David couldn't manage his family
  - Adultery with Bathsheba
  - Absalom tried to kill him
  - His sons were fighting over the kingship after his death
  - ...



# So what is God looking for?

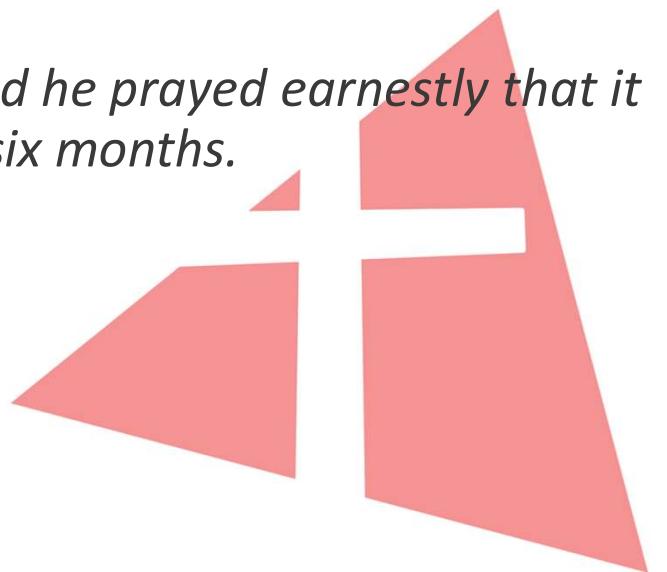
*Psalm 51:16-17 For you desire not sacrifice; else would I give it: you delight not in burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.*



# How does God choose?

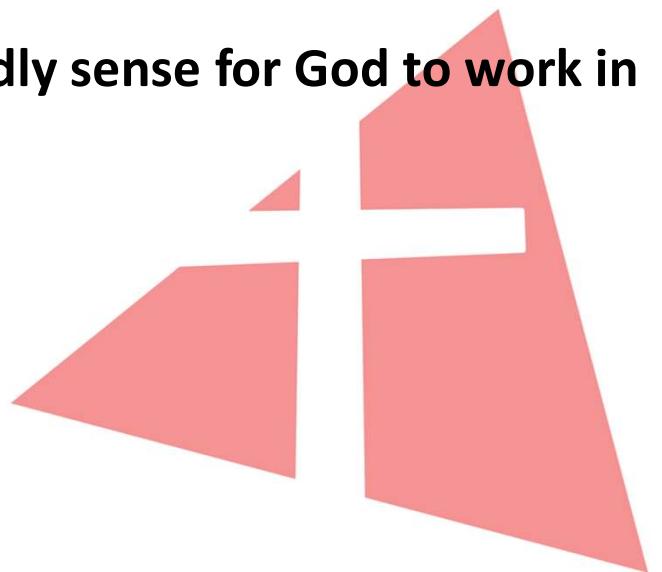
- God uses imperfect people

*James 5:17 Elijah was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth for three years and six months.*



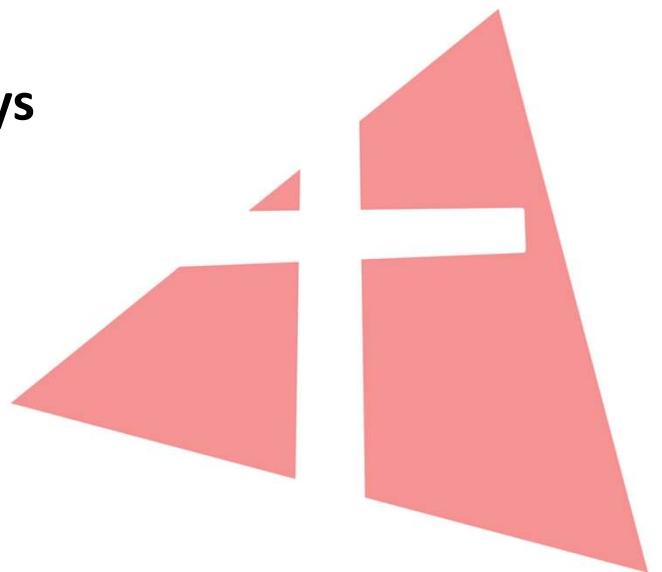
# Satan's lie

- Satan is trying to tell us that we have to be “perfect” in a worldly sense for God to work in us and through us



# Inner Healing

- We will never get Inner Healing from God by using worldly ways



# In Conclusion

- “The world’s ways” are in direct enmity with God’s ways

