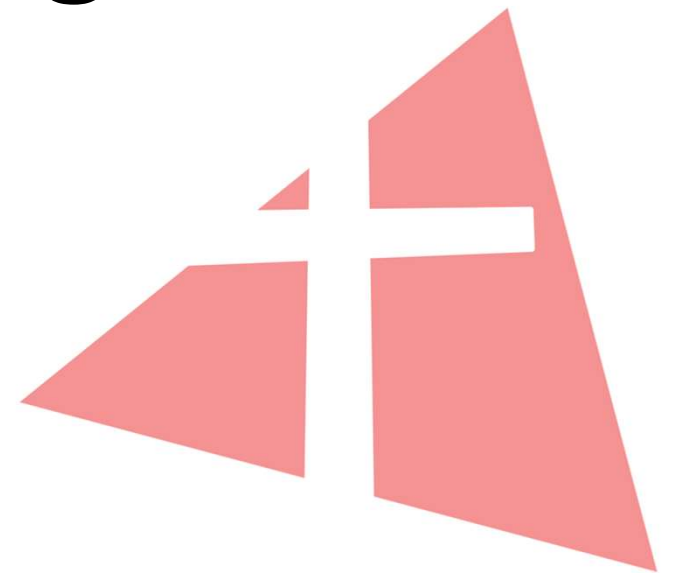


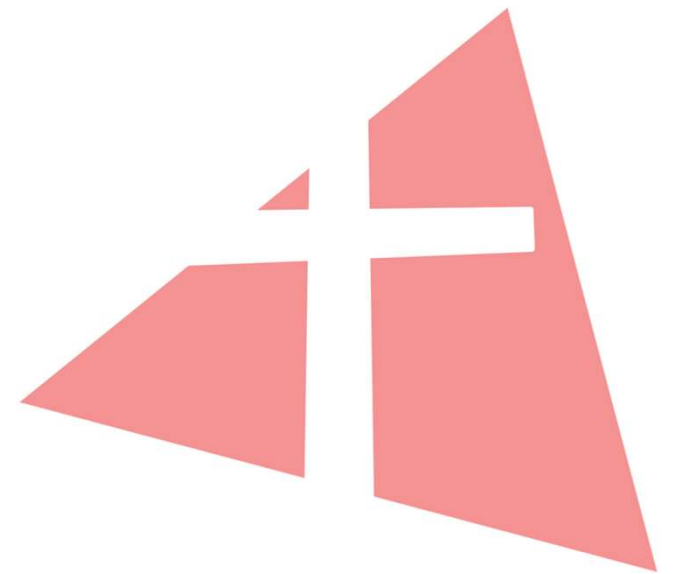
# **Who is God? Who am I? Resisting Lies, Embracing the Truth (Part 1)**

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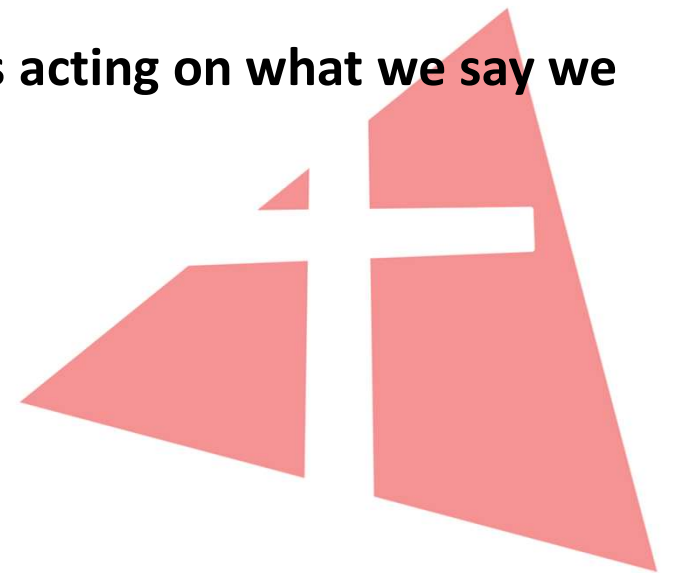
# Our Series

- **Who is God?**
- **Who am I?**



# Question for Today

- If we know all this to be true, why do we have such difficulties acting on what we say we believe?



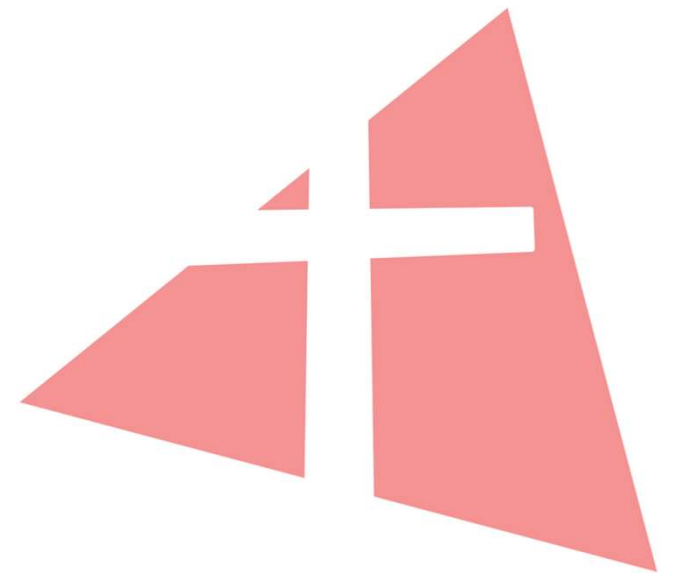
# The Israelites

*Numbers 13:32-33 And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had searched unto the children of Israel, saying, The land, through which we have gone to search it, is a land that eats up its inhabitants; and all the people that we saw in it are men of great stature. And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, who come of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.*



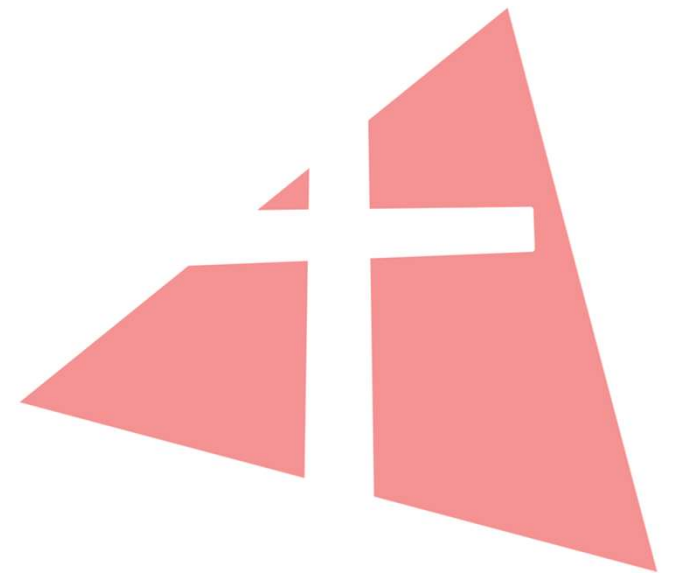
# Why did they not enter the Land?

- **I'm sure they believe that God COULD help them again**
  - God is strong
  - God is able
- **However, I believe they didn't believe in God's character**
  - God is Faithful
  - God never changes
  - God is for us, He fights for us
  - God never leaves us alone



# Let's Make it Personal

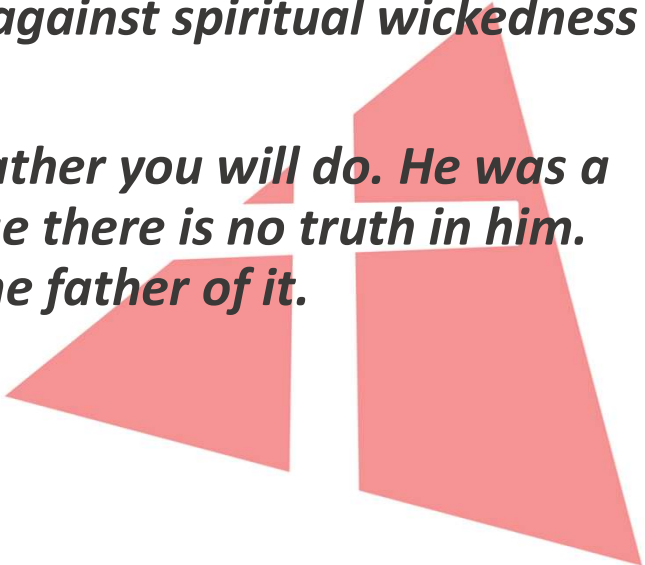
- For most of us, the struggle is not: Can God do it?
- For most of us, the struggle is: Will He do it again, for me?



# Satan Lies to us

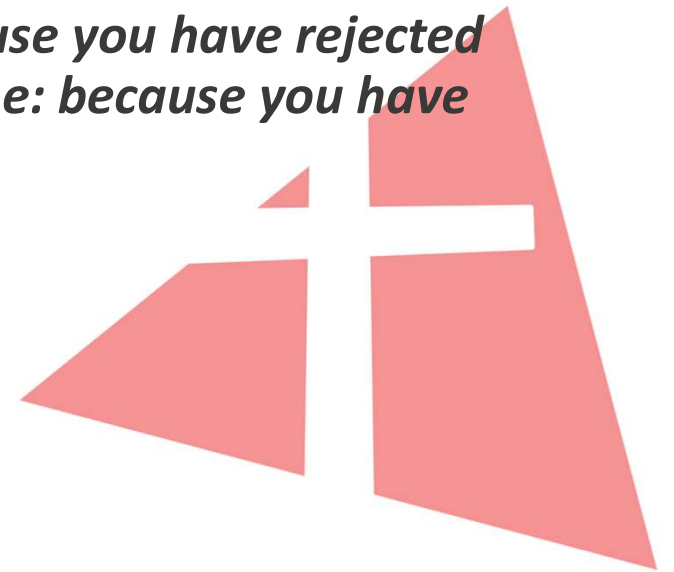
*Ephesians 6:11-12 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in heavenly places.*

*John 8:44 You are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father you will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.*



# Lack of (Biblical) Knowledge

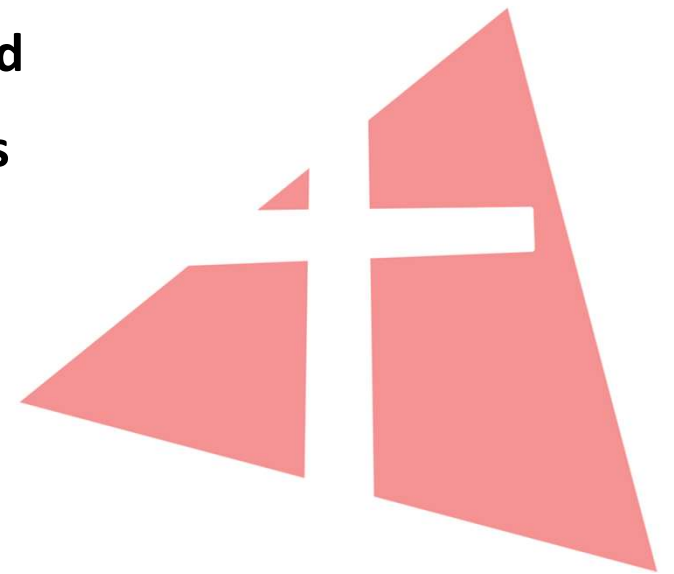
*Hosea 4:6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because you have rejected knowledge, I will also reject you, that you shall be no priest to me: because you have forgotten the law of your God, I will also forget your children.*





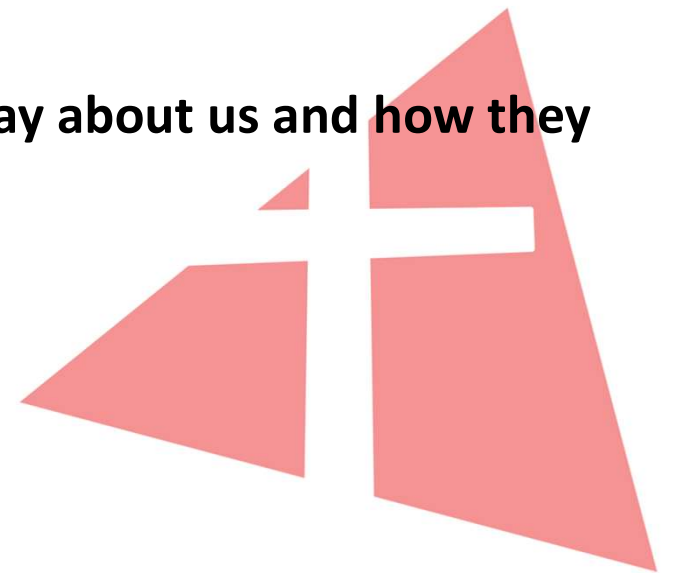
# Parents

- **We tend to project the failures of our earthly parents unto God**
- **We tend to see ourselves the way we think our parents saw us**



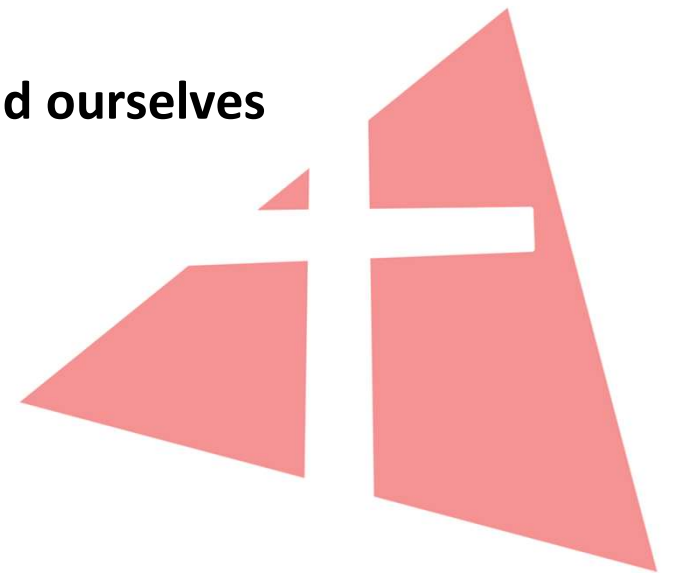
# Culture/Society

- **We tend to believe what most people believe**
- **We tend to build our self-image based on what close people say about us and how they treat us**



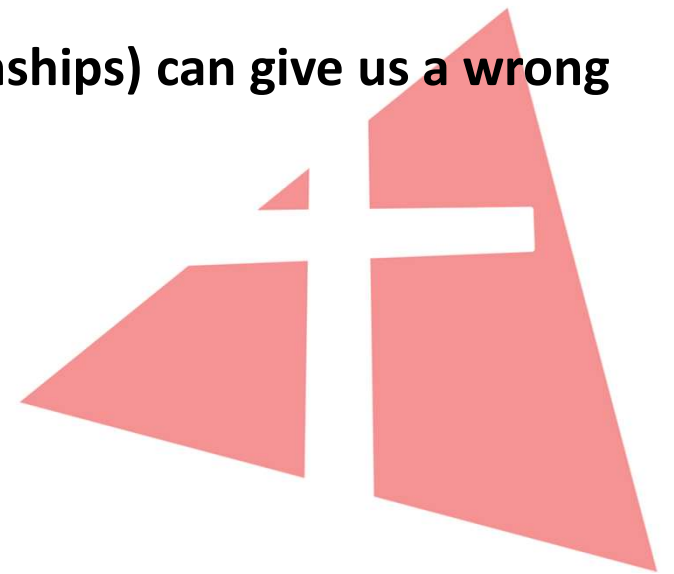
# Life Experiences

- **We tend to allow life experiences to shape our view of God and ourselves**



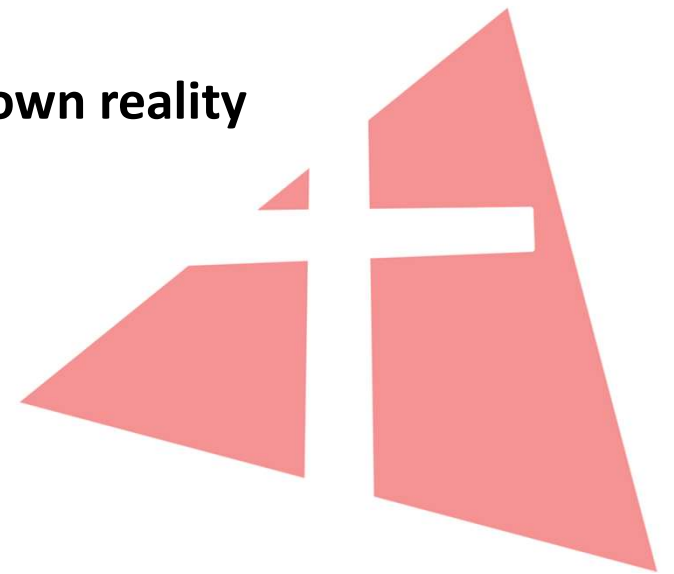
# Life Experiences

- **Bad experiences with the other gender (esp. romantic relationships) can give us a wrong self image**



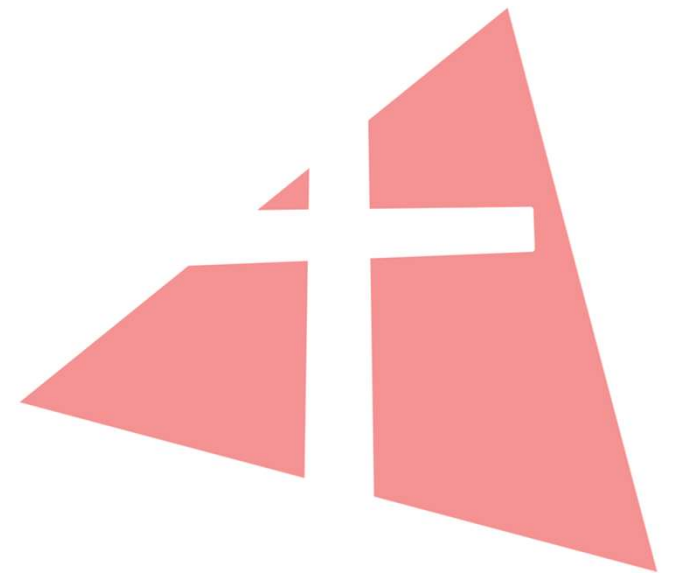
# Unforgiveness

- **Worries, Bitterness and Unforgiveness cause us to create our own reality**



# Next Week

- **How we can overcome satan's lies**
- **How we can counter these lies**
- **How we can increase our Faith**
- ...



# In Conclusion

- **Satan is constantly lying to us**
- **We need to be aware of satan's lies and deal with them**

