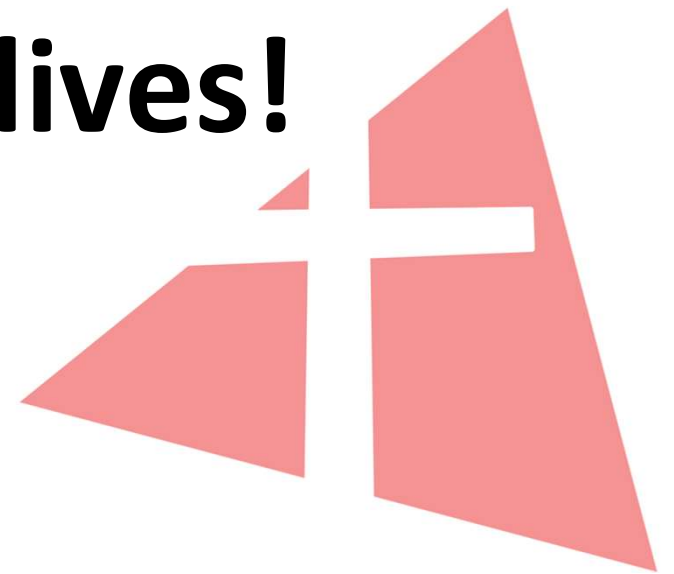


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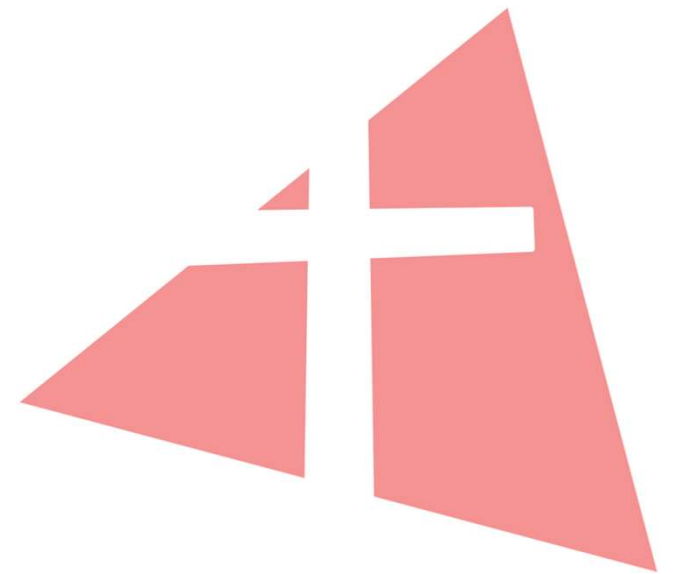
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# Last couple of weeks

## ○ The woman at the well

- Jesus offers to heal our brokenness
- Doing God's will sustains us



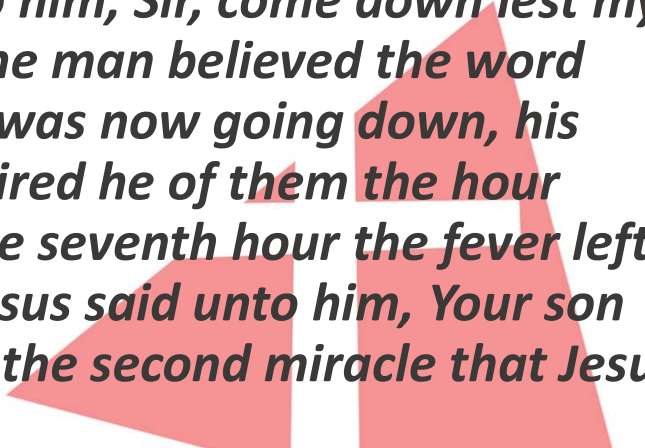
# Today's Focus

- **Go your way, your son lives!**



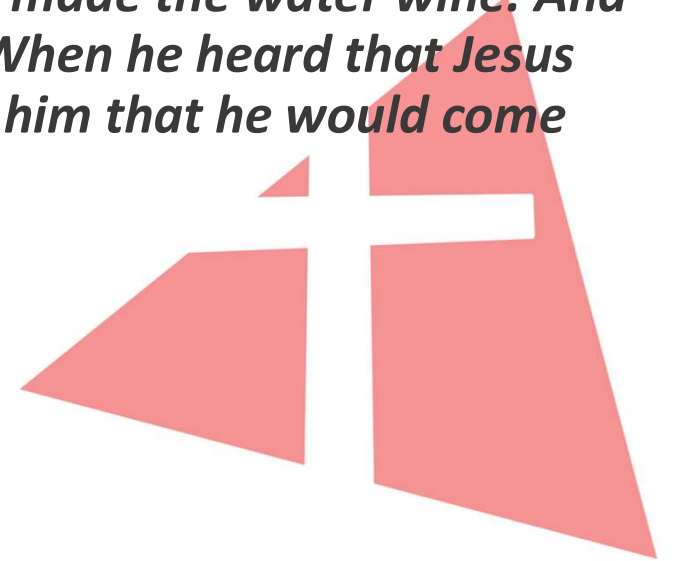
# Today's Passage

*John 4:46-54 So Jesus came again into Cana of Galilee, where he made the water wine. And there was a certain official, whose son was sick at Capernaum. When he heard that Jesus came out of Judea into Galilee, he went unto him, and besought him that he would come down, and heal his son: for he was at the point of death. Then said Jesus unto him, Except you see signs and wonders, you will not believe. The official said unto him, Sir, come down lest my child die. Jesus said unto him, Go your way; your son lives. And the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way. And as he was now going down, his servants met him, and told him, saying, Your son lives. Then inquired he of them the hour when he began to mend. And they said unto him, Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him. So the father knew that it was at the same hour, in which Jesus said unto him, Your son lives: and he himself believed, and his whole house. This is again the second miracle that Jesus did, when he came out of Judea into Galilee.*



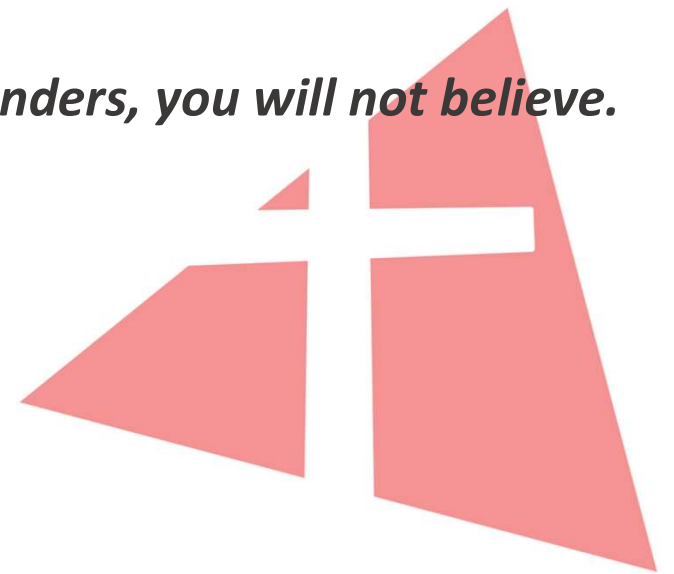
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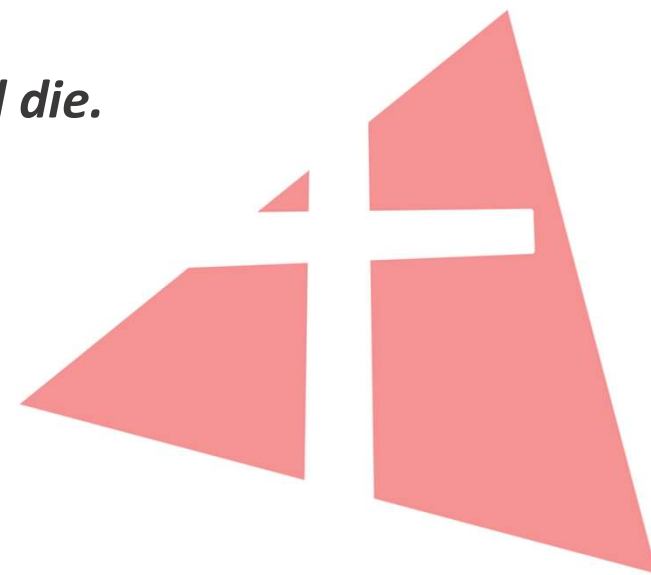
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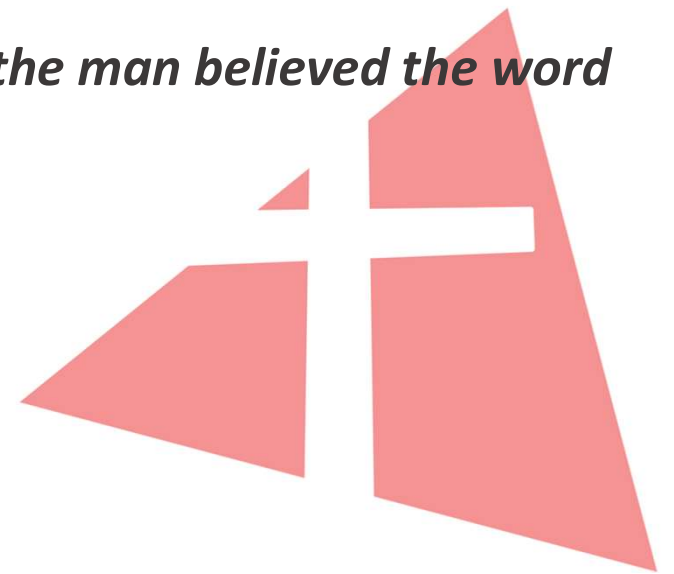
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# Jesus' Way

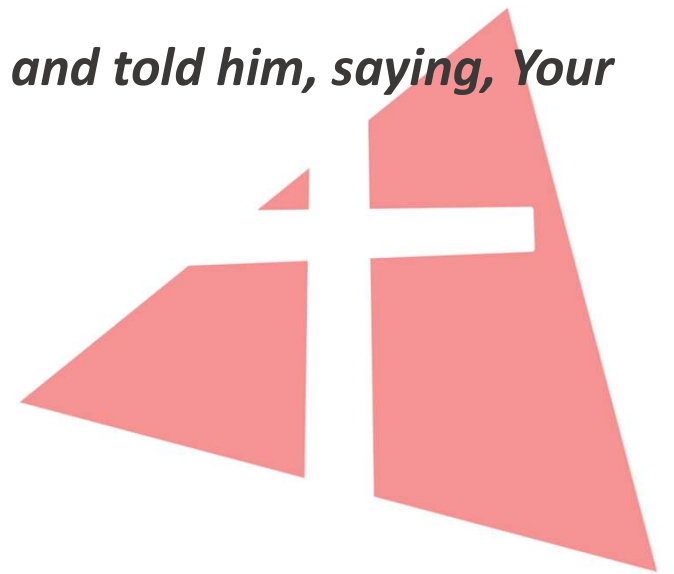
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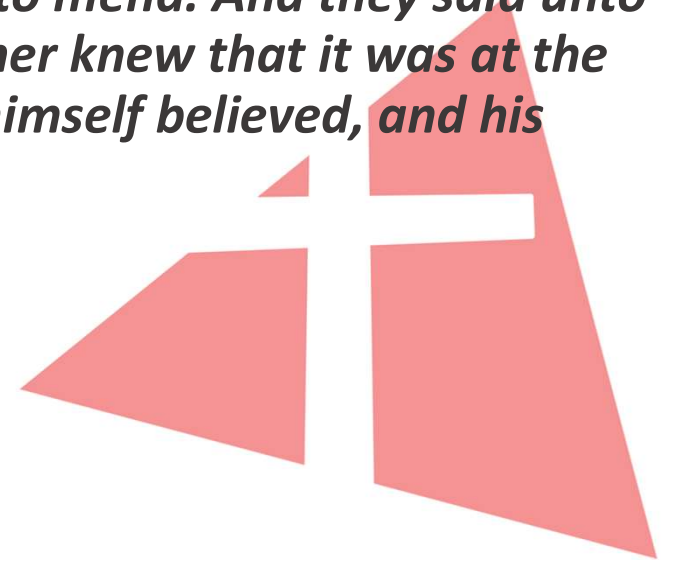
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# What if ...

- ... the man had insisted on his own way?



# God's Way

- Obedience first, Miracle later
- That's how our Faith grows

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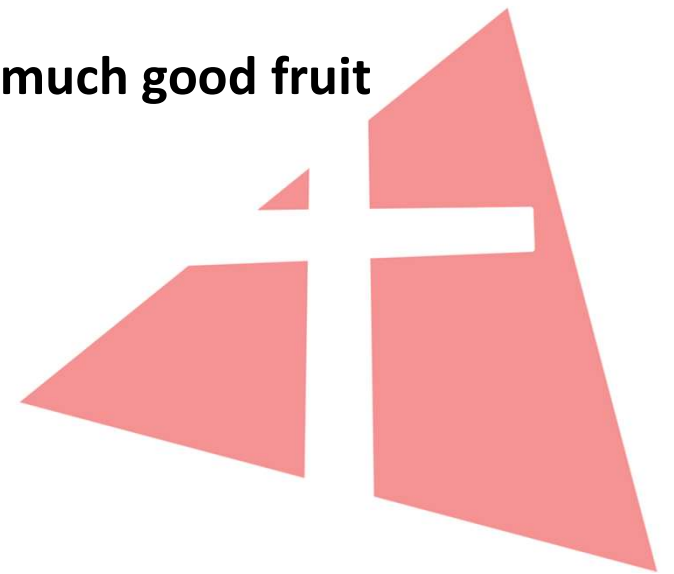
# Throughout the Bible

- God is regularly asking people to “just go first”, and promises to perform the miracle as they go
  - Abraham
  - Noah
  - Moses
  - Joshua
  - David
  - ...



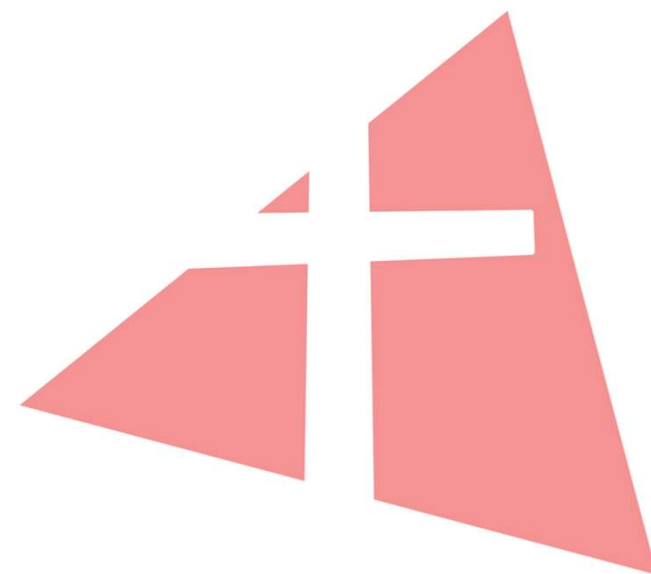
# Just to be clear

- We are not talking about “Saving Faith”
- We are talking about the kind of Faith that enables us to bear much good fruit
  - For the Glory of God
  - For our fulfillment and satisfaction



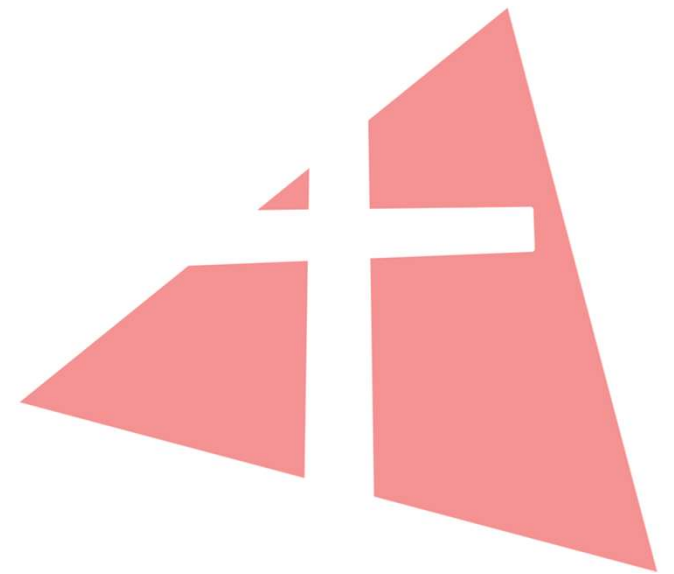
# Just to be clear

- **Jesus does allow us to make mistakes**



# Closing Question

- In what area of my life is God asking me to “go first”?







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