

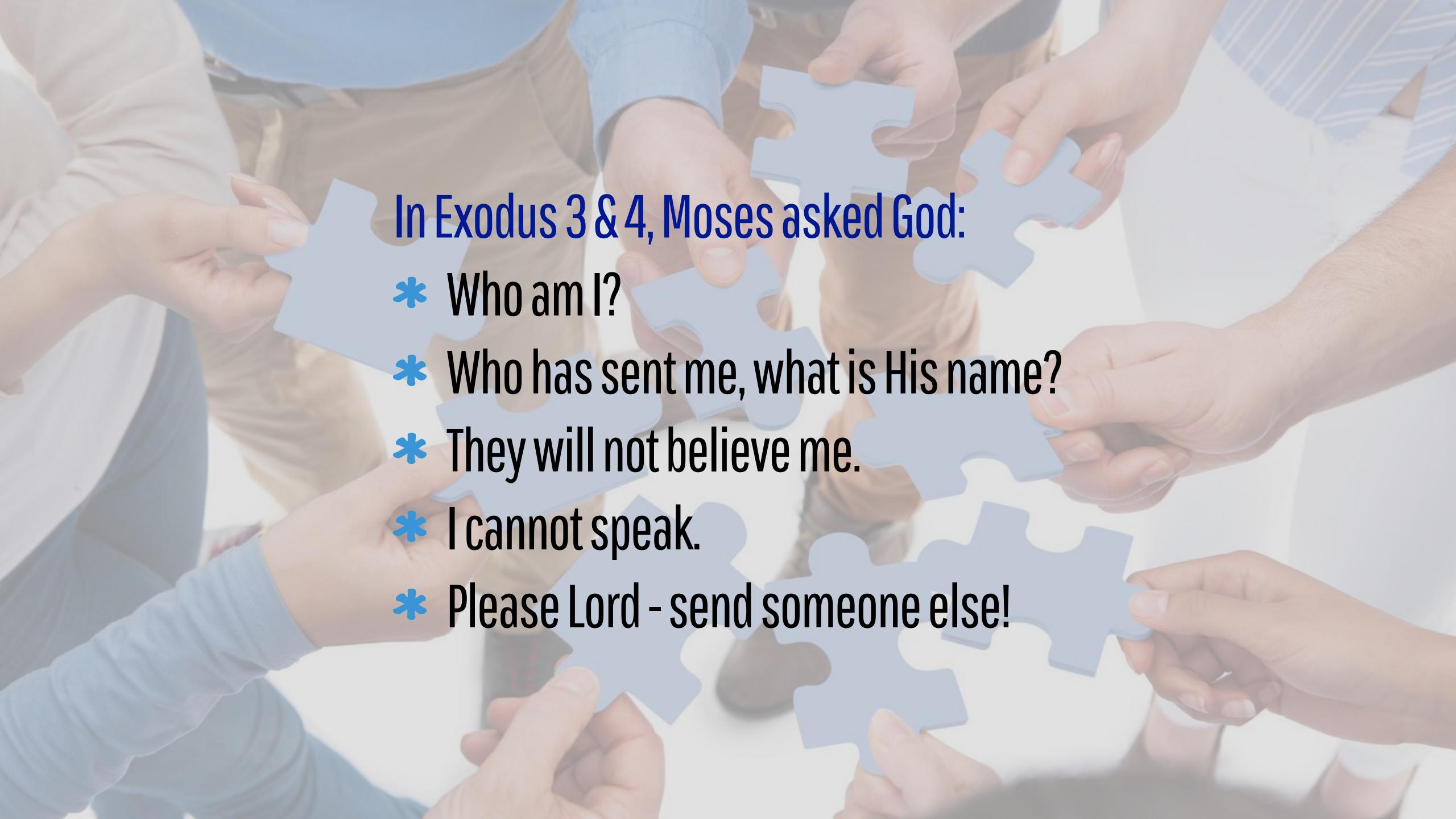
God Wants to Speak to Us

- * from His Word
- * through the LIVING Word, Jesus
- * through an inner impression
- through other people
- * through an audible voice

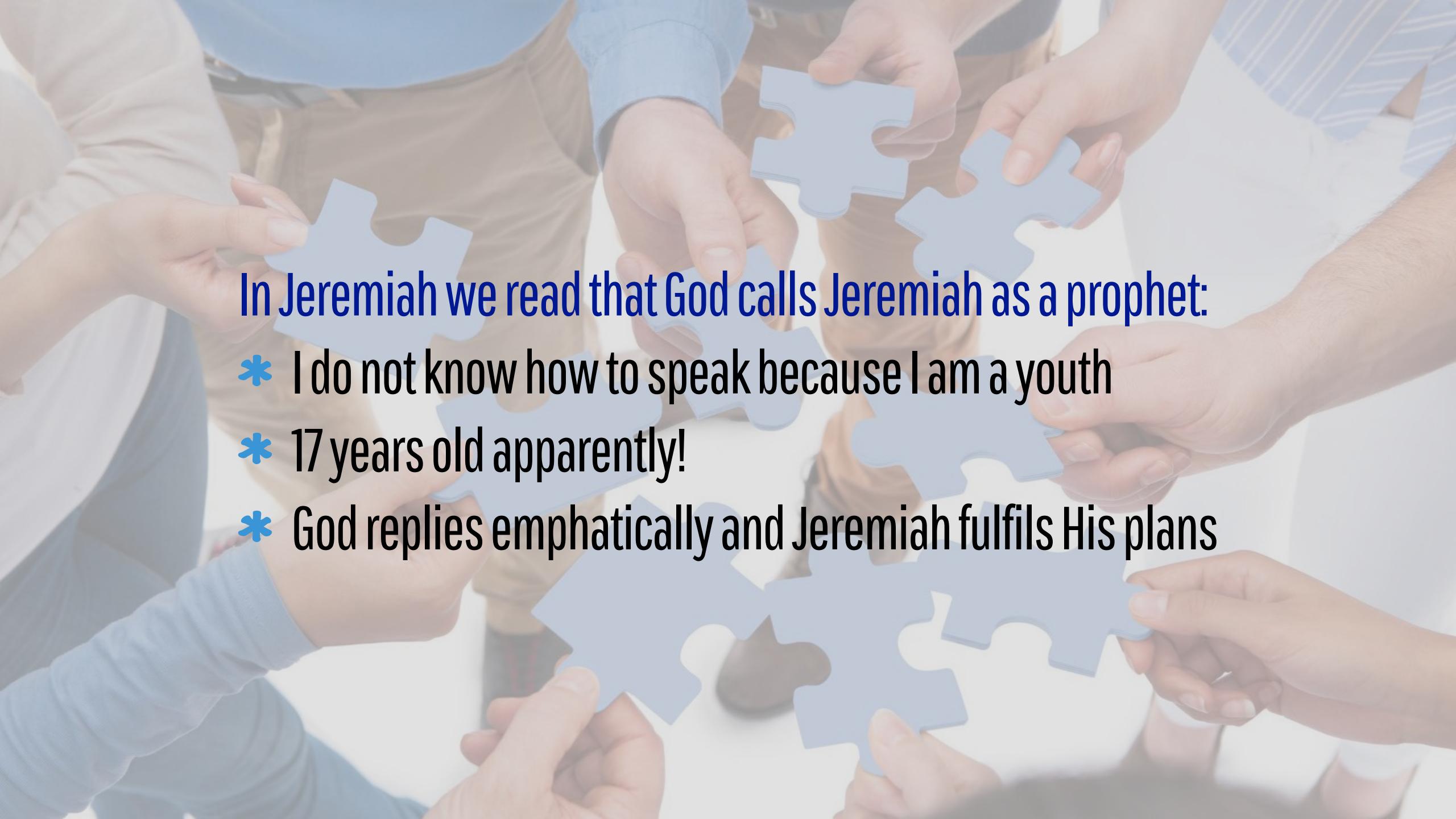
- * through dreams and visions
- * through angelic visitation
- * through signs and co-incidences
- * through our conscience in His still small voice

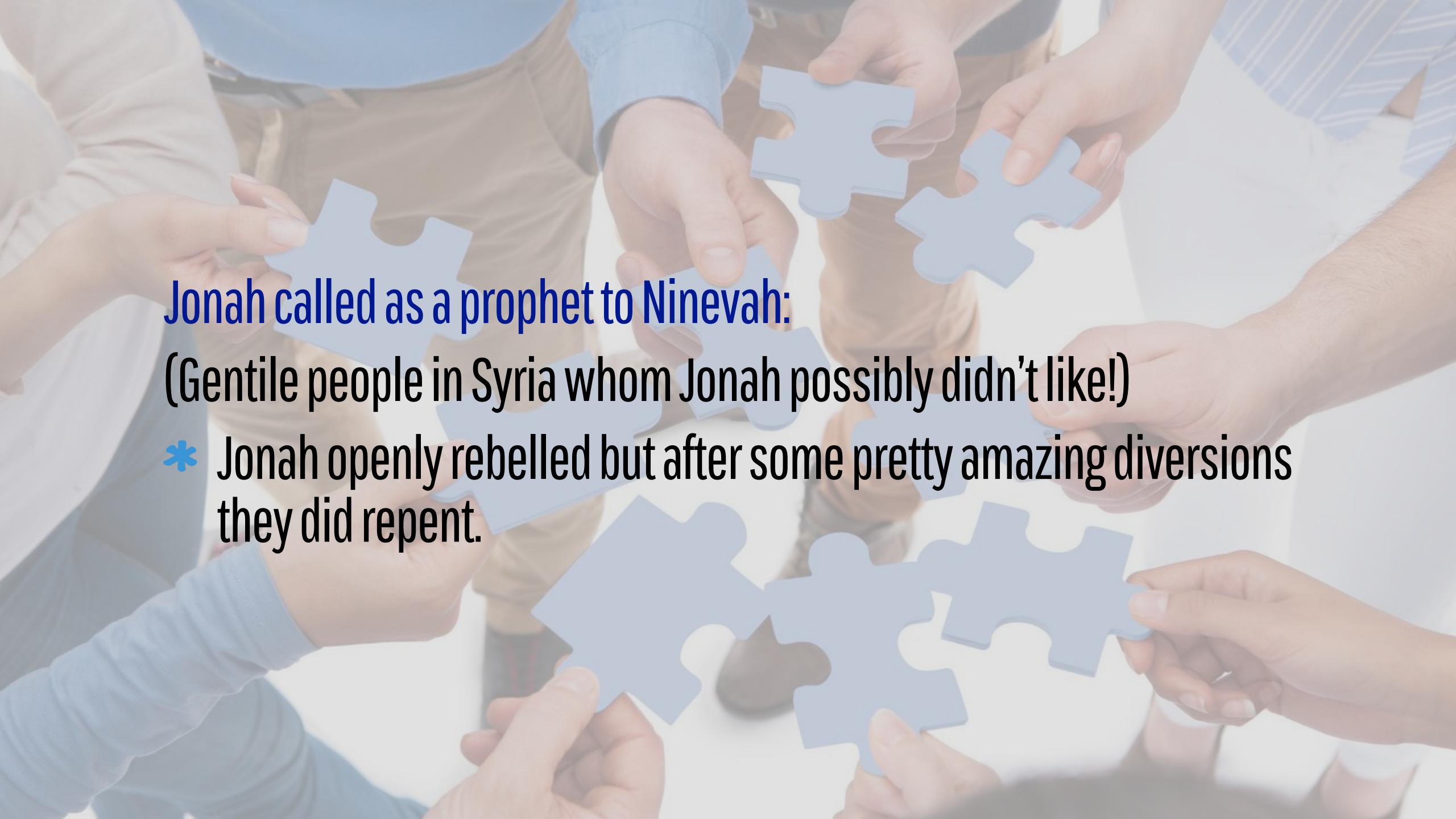










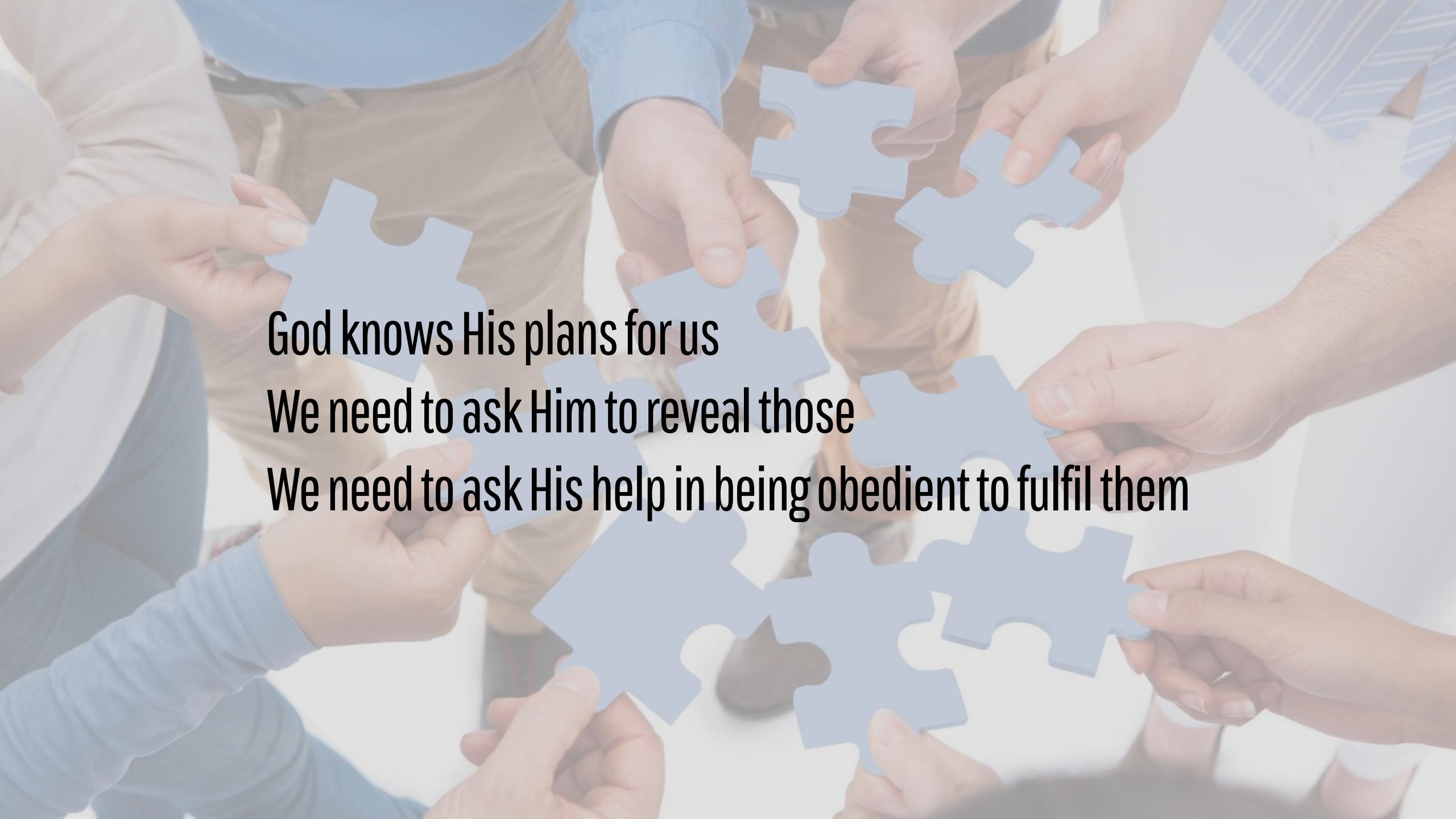


New Testament Excuses:

I can't do what You require Lord because...

- * I need to bury my dead
- * I have married a wife
- * I have bought some land
- * I can't possibly sell all I have & follow You
- * I'm busy with domestic chores

Luke 9:62



Age No Barrier or Excuse!

- Joseph youngest sibling thought to be in his teens
- * Miriam a young girl, watched over her baby brother Moses hidden in the river
- **Daniel in his teens in the lion's den**
- Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego also teens
- Ruth widowed in her 20's, changed from her gods to Yahweh
- * Esther in her teens, used to save her entire nation in a foreign land
- Josiah became King at 8 and reigned well for 31 years

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- Samuel dedicated as a baby, taken to the temple to serve the Lord from a very young age
- David youngest of 8 siblings not considered worthy to meet Samuel the prophet
- * Mary a young teen pledged to be married, bears the Saviour.
- * 11 faithful disciples widely accepted that they were between 13 & 30 years of age!
- Timothy told by Paul don't let others look down on you because of your age, work with me!
- John the Revelator was in his 90's and had just been boiled in oil!

The Welsh Revival 1904 - Evan Roberts

- * coal miner at 12, saved at 13, impacted by these words: "What if the Holy Spirit should come in one of our services and you were not present?"
- * never missed a church service or mid-week meeting
- prayed and implored the Lord to send His Spirit to Wales
- 25 when he awoke one night and found himself in the presence of the Lord
- * saw Wales powerfully transformed for God effects still felt today!

Azusa Street, Los Angeles 1906

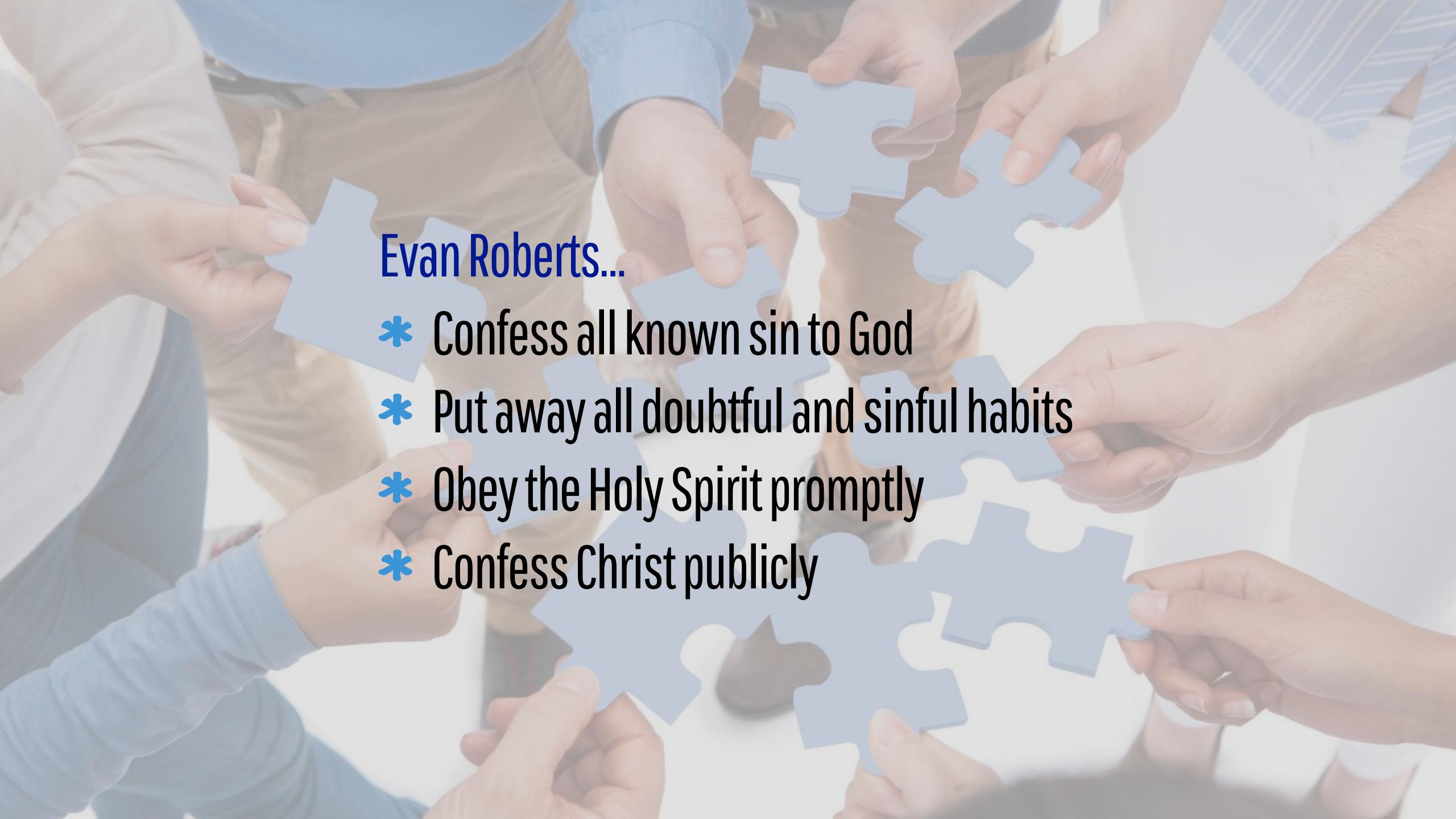
- led by William Seymour, age 34, son of African slaves, blind in one eye
- preached on baptism in the Holy Spirit locked out of church
- met in a home, prayed, fasted, preached the Gospel
- tarried/waited expectantly for the LORD to pour out His Spirit
- revival continued to 1915

Leonard Ravenhill - Holiness Movement, England

- * born 1907, saved at 13 or 14
- * came under the conviction of the Holy Spirit at 15
- * 1930s-40s with other passionate young friends pushed a cart (carrying a tent) the length and breadth of England, several times
- * fasted, prayed, slept rough, ate little but preached the gospel and saw souls saved
- moved to USA 1958, mentored many, friend of A.W. Tozer, wrote and preached until he died in 1992.

Revival in the Hebrides 1949-1952

- Peggy & Christine Smith, 84 & 82 years of age
- * Peggy blind & Christine crippled with arthritis, unable to attend church, so they prayed!
- God gave Peggy a vision of revival coming, they pleaded with God to pour His Spirit out
- One night the Spirit fell and literally shook the house where church folk were meeting
- 2nd night a 15 year old boy was converted who became an outstanding helper in this revival.



2 Chronicles 7:13-15

- 13. When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command the locust to devour the land, or send pestilence among My people,
- 14. if My people who are called by My name humble themselves, and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.
- 15. Now My eyes will be open and My ears attentive to the prayer that is made in this place.

Hebrews 12:1-2

- 1. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,
- 2. looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.