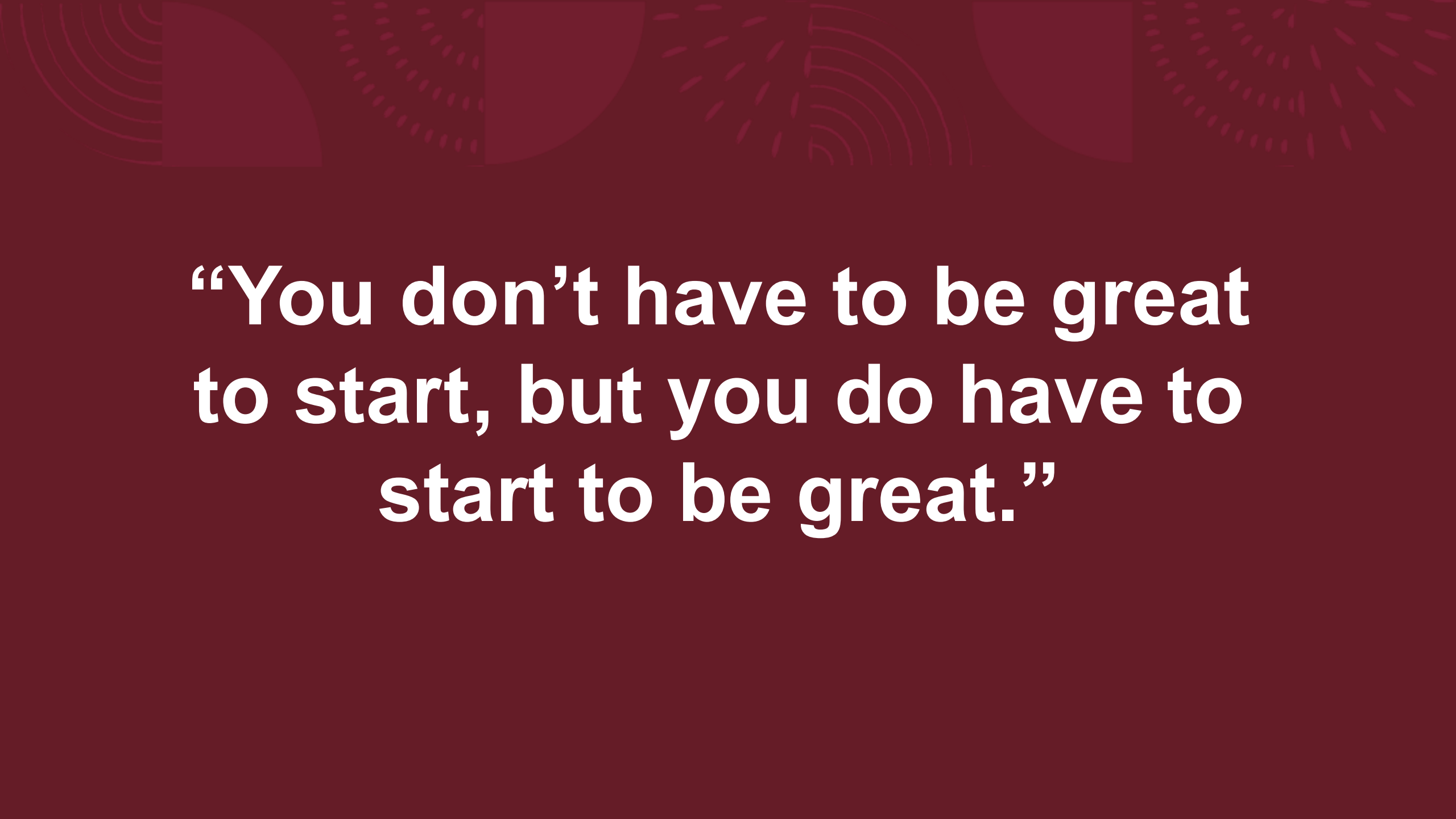




Stir Up the Gift!

May Sermon Series



**“You don’t have to be great
to start, but you do have to
start to be great.”**

Scripture Lesson:

II Timothy 1:7, For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.'



Overcoming Fear in Your Giftedness

Lesson Three

1. There's No One Like You

**Psalm 139:14, I will praise You,
for I am fearfully and wonderfully
made; Marvelous are Your
works, and that my soul knows
very well.**

2.The Innocence of Youth


Jeremiah 1:6-7, “Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth.” But the LORD said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a youth’; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak.”

3. Conforming to Others' Expectations

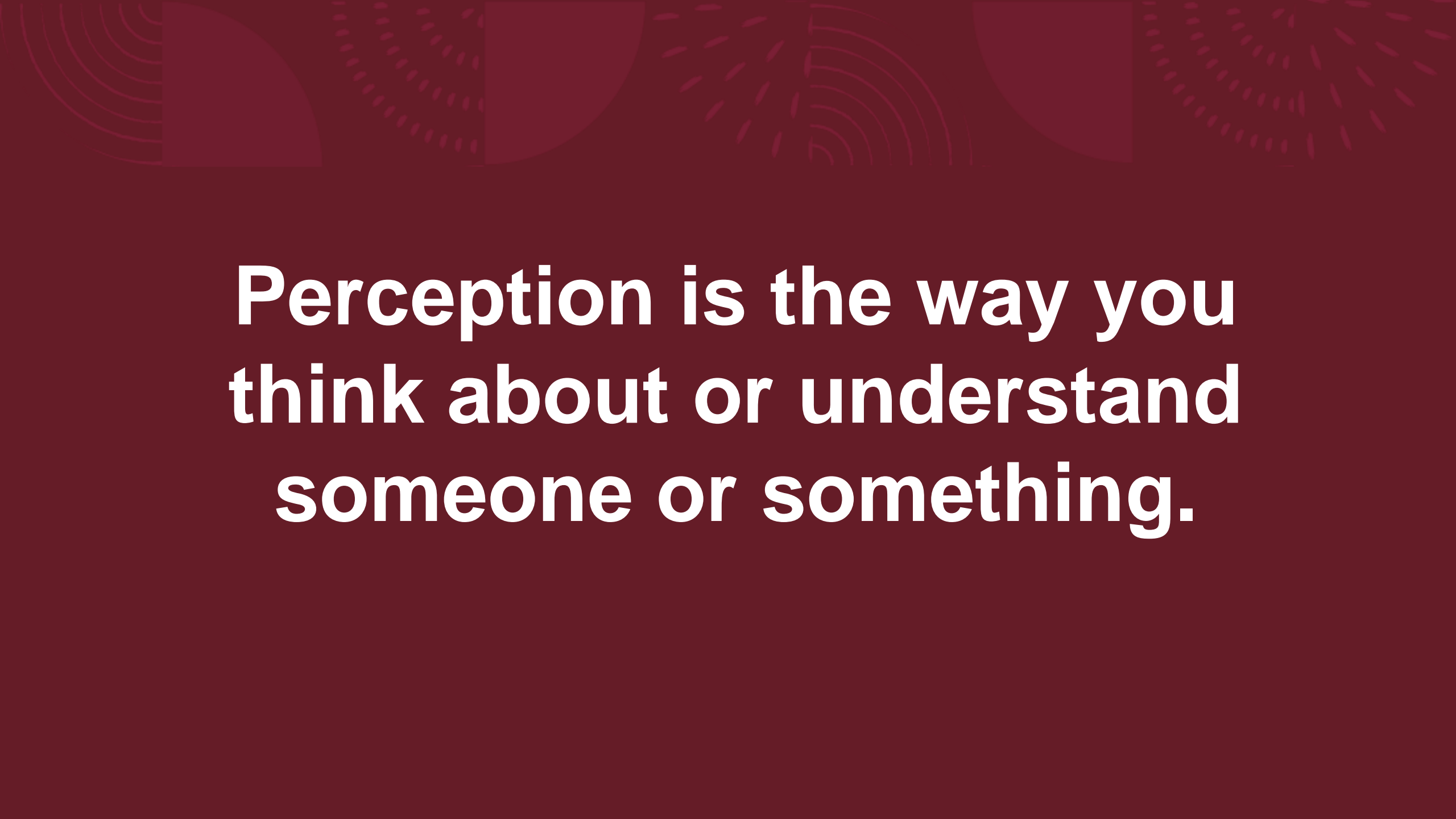
Romans 12:2, And do not be conformed to this world [any longer with its superficial values and customs] but be transformed and progressively changed [as you mature spiritually] by the renewing of your mind [focusing on godly values and ethical attitudes], so that you may prove [for yourselves] what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His plan and purpose for you].

4. Fear of Failing

**II Timothy 4:5, But watch thou
in all things, endure afflictions,
do the work of an evangelist,
make full proof of thy ministry.**

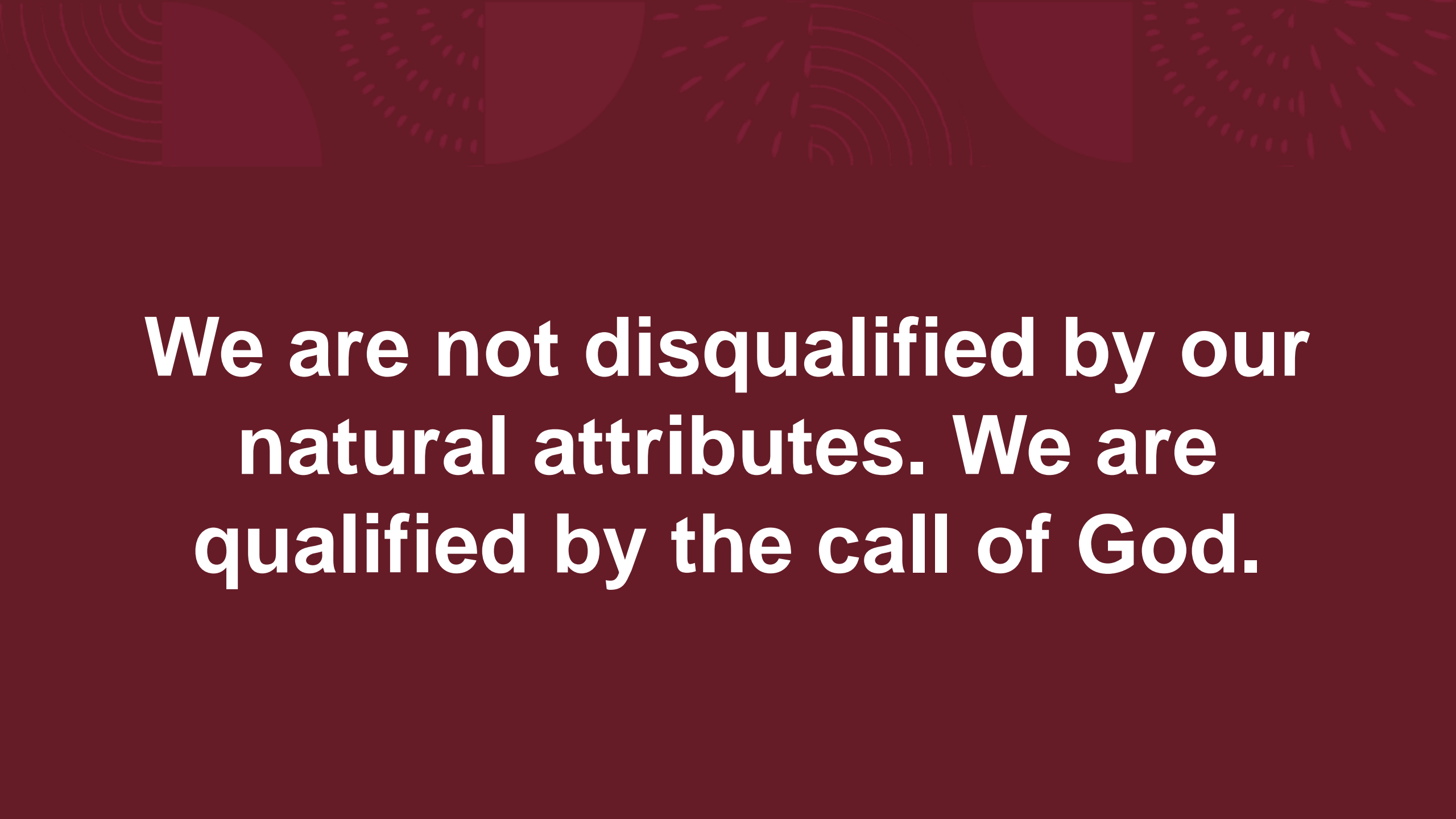


**Perception is a Key to
Removing Fear**



**Perception is the way you
think about or understand
someone or something.**

I Corinthians 16:10-11, And if Timothy comes, see that he may be with you without fear; for he does the work of the Lord, as I also do. Therefore let no one despise him. But send him on his journey in peace, that he may come to me; for I am waiting for him with the brethren.



**We are not disqualified by our
natural attributes. We are
qualified by the call of God.**

Moses had a Stutter.

Exodus 4:11-12, So the LORD said to Moses, “Who has made man’s mouth? Or who makes the mute, the deaf, the seeing, or the blind? Have not I, the LORD? Now therefore, go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall say.”

Joshua Lacked Courage and Strength.

Deuteronomy 31:7-8, Then Moses called Joshua and said to him in the sight of all Israel, “Be strong and of good courage, for you must go with this people to the land which the LORD has sworn to their fathers to give them, and you shall cause them to inherit it.

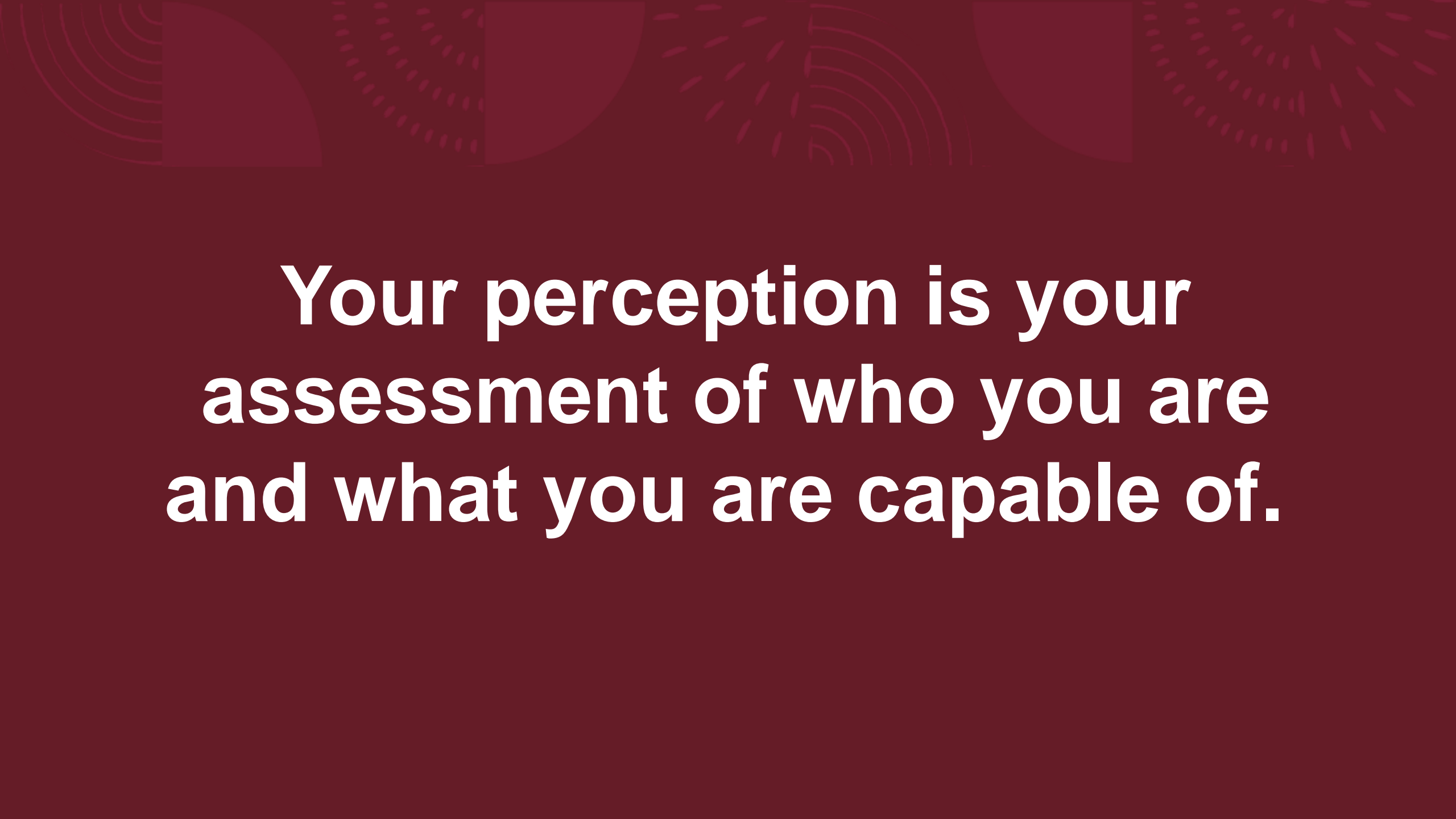
And the LORD, He *is* the One who goes before you. He will be with you; He will not leave you nor forsake you; do not fear nor be dismayed.”

Jeremiah Thought He Was Too Young.

Jeremiah 1:5-6, “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born, I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.” Jeremiah answered, “Alas, Sovereign LORD...I do not know how to speak; I am too young.”

Jeremiah 1:7-8, “Do not say, ‘I am too young.’ You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you”

**II Corinthians 10:1, By the
humility and gentleness of
Christ, I appeal to you- I, Paul,
who am "timid" when face to
face with you, but "bold" when
away!"**



**Your perception is your
assessment of who you are
and what you are capable of.**



3 Ways to Overcome Fear and Upgrade Your Perception:

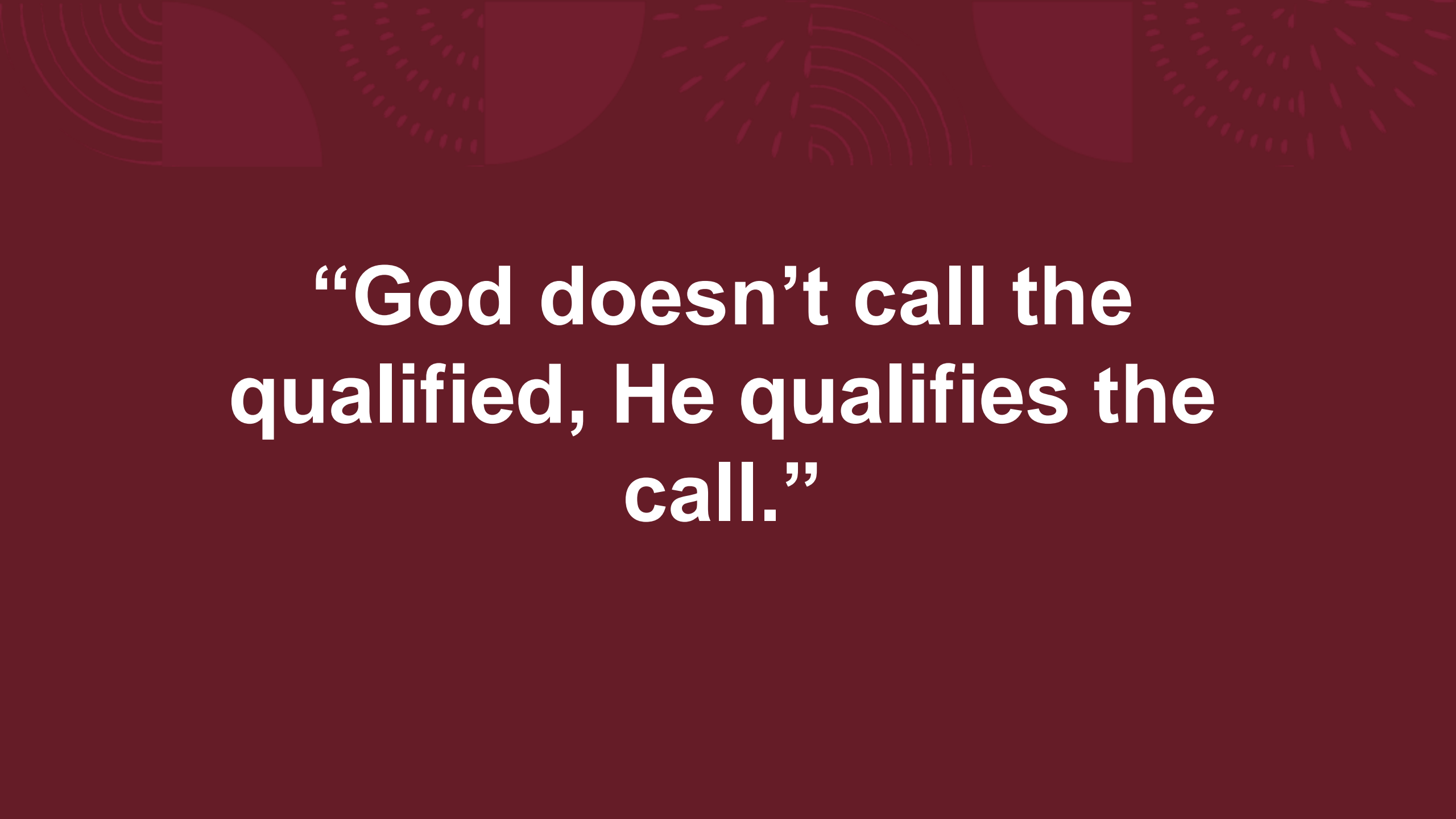


1. Identify Your Current Perception.



2. Spot the Gap Between Your Perception and God's.

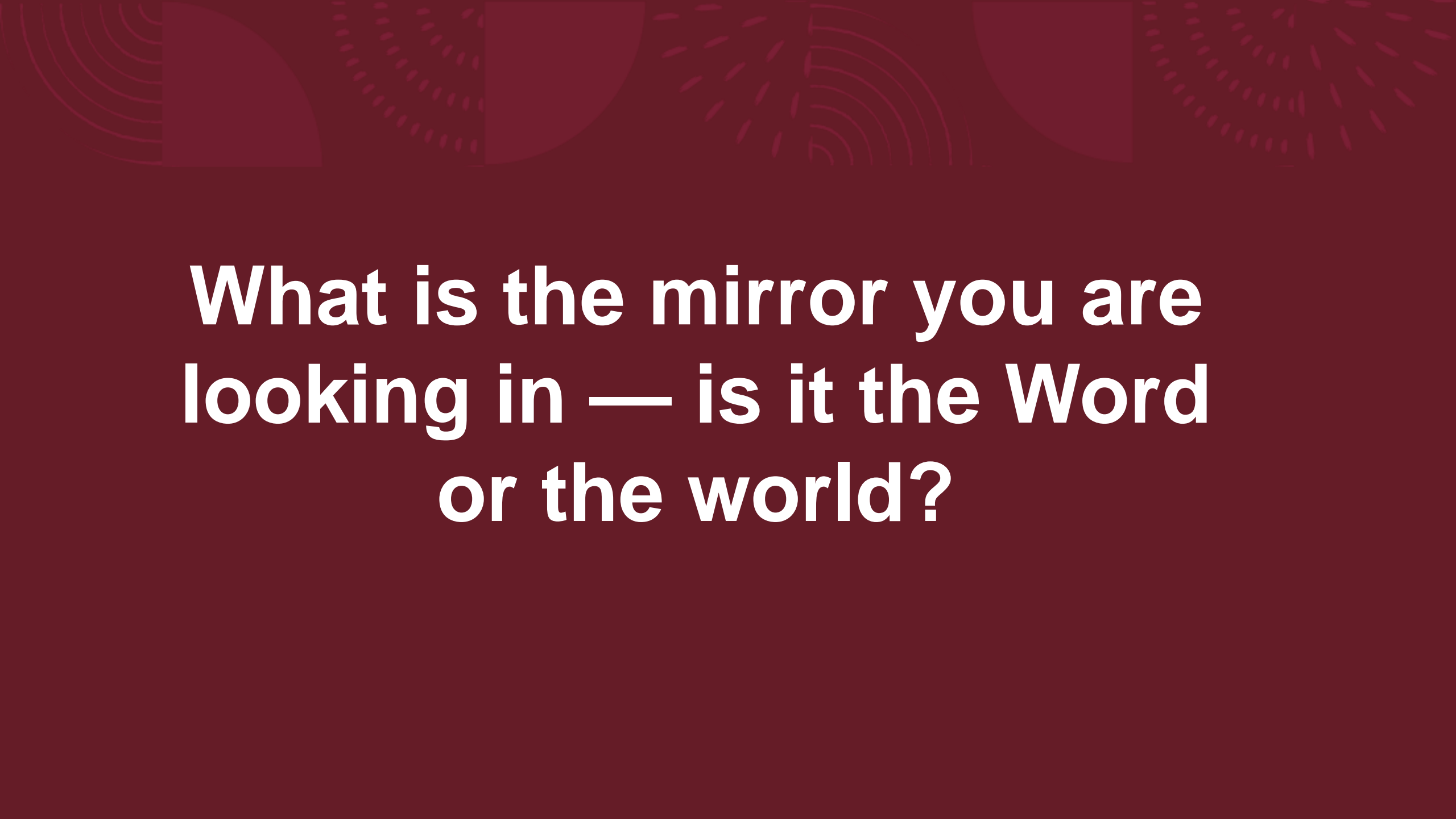
**II Corinthians 12:10, That is why,
for Christ's sake, I delight in
weaknesses, in insults, in
hardships, in persecutions, in
difficulties. For when I am weak,
then I am strong.**



**“God doesn’t call the
qualified, He qualifies the
call.”**



3. See Yourself on the Other Side.



**What is the mirror you are
looking in — is it the Word
or the world?**