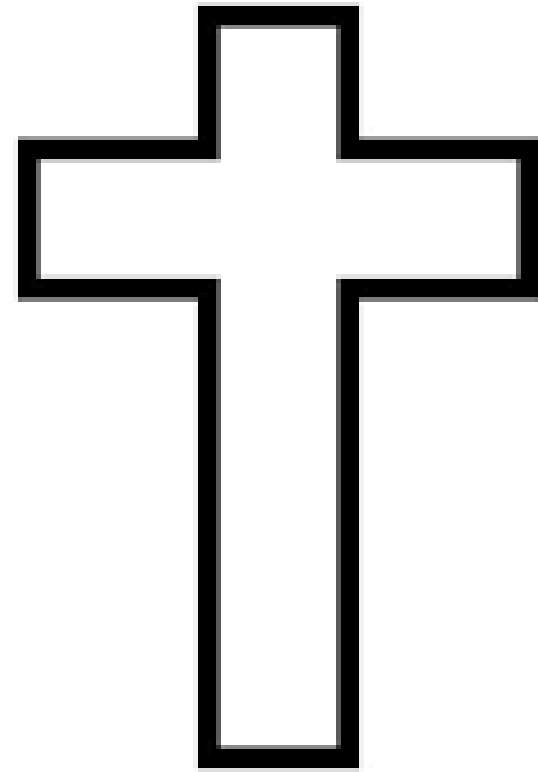


Do you believe?

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Matthew 9:27-29

27 When Jesus departed from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, “Son of David, have mercy on us!”

28 And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, “**Do you believe that I am able to do this?**”

They said to Him, “Yes, Lord.”

29 Then He touched their eyes, saying, “**According to your faith let it be to you.**” 30 And their eyes were opened.



Believe in

to consider to be true or honest, to accept the word or evidence of something, to accept something as true, genuine or real, to hold a opinion: **Think**

Faith

Allegiance to duty or a person; Loyalty, **believe and trust in**, firm belief in **something** or **someone** for which there is maybe even no proof,

Why I choose to believe in the Bible?

The Bible is a **reliable collection of historical documents**, written by **eye witnesses** during the life time of other eye witnesses. They report **supernatural events** that took place in **fulfillment of specific prophecies** and they claim that their **writings are divine** rather than human in origin.

- 2. Peter 1:16-21



Matthew 11: 28-30

28 Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

To believe in Jesus

- Knowledge
- Conviction
- Trust
- (Emotional)



To believe in Jesus

So to believe in Jesus is to have a confident conviction that:

- He is who the Bible says he is. The Son of God, the Savior and the embodiment of divine love and redemption.
- He will do what he promises
- Upon placing my trust in HIM, I enter into a personal



Ephesians 4:17

17 Now this I say
and testify in the
Lord, that you must no
longer walk as the
Gentiles do, in the futility
of their minds.



Ephesians 4:17

18 They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart.

19 They have become callous (unloving Person) and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity.

20 But that is not the way you learned Christ!--

21 assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus,

22 to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires,

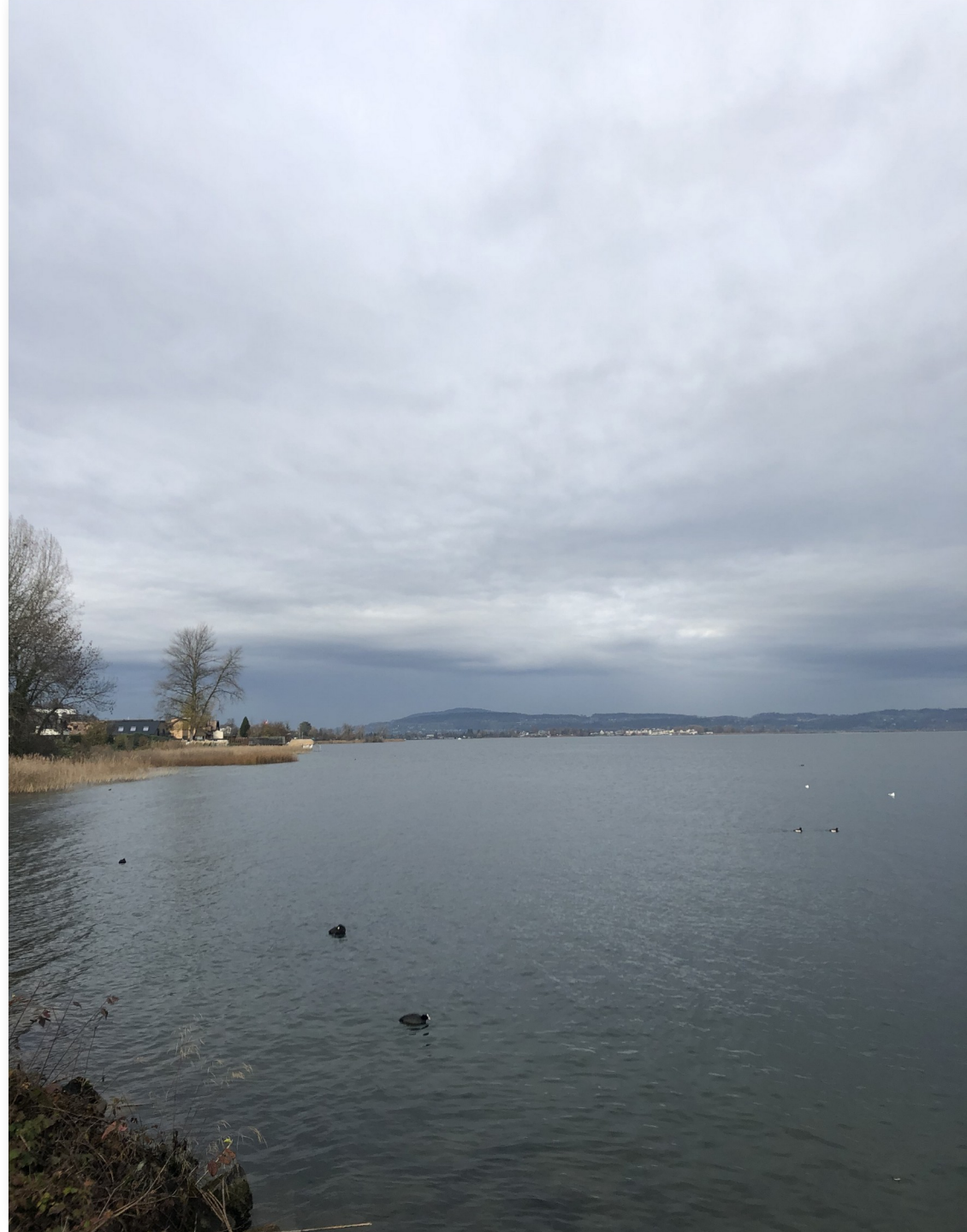
23 and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds,

24 and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.



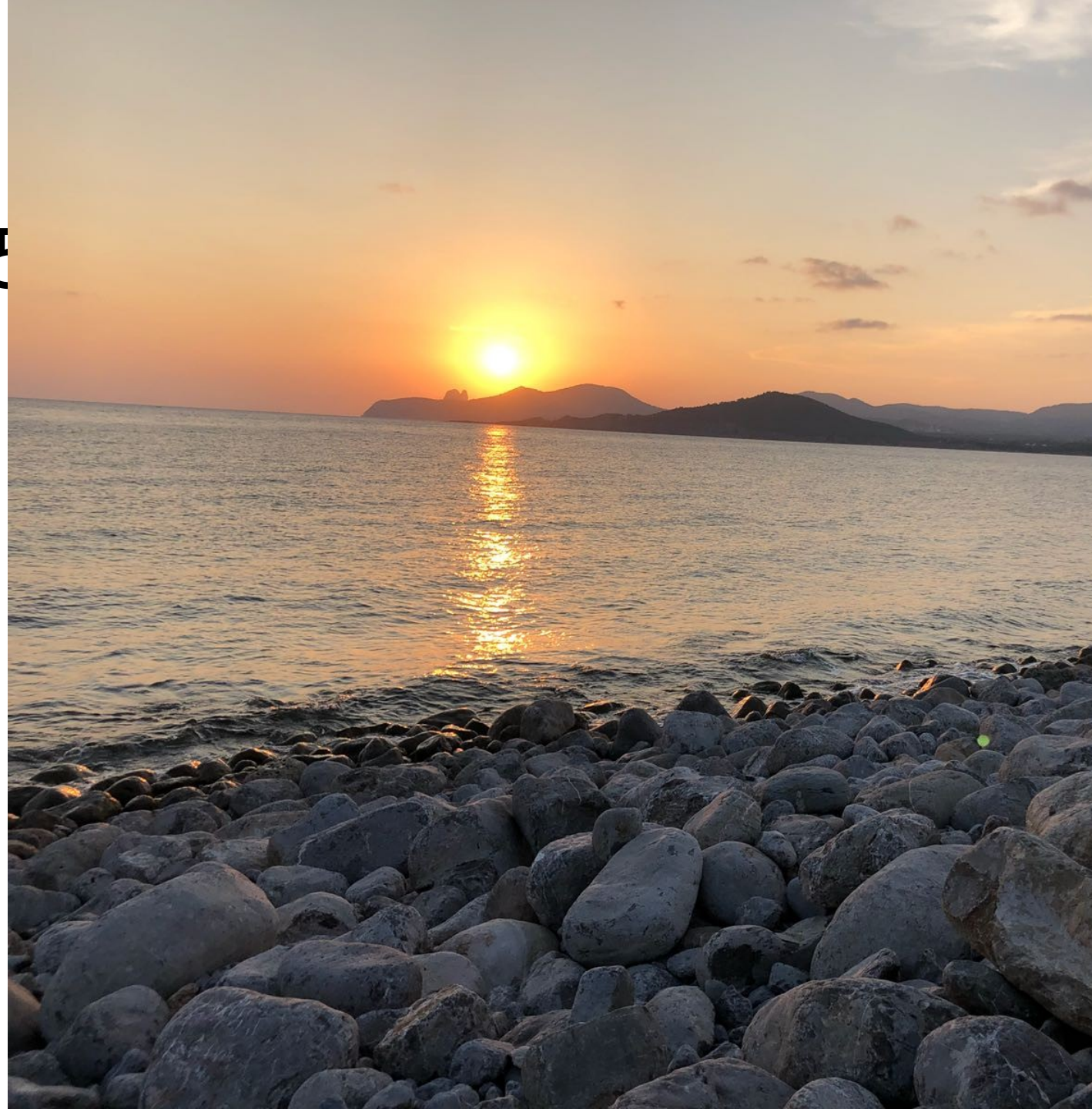
Jeremiah 17:9-10

The heart is deceitful
above all things, And
desperately wicked; Who
can know it?



2. Corinthians 10:5

We destroy arguments
and every lofty opinion raised
against the knowledge of God,
and take **every thought**
captive to obey Christ,



Take Thoughts captive

Thoughts

I am ugly not beautiful enough

I am lazy, I better just give up

Truth

Psalm 139:14

I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.

2. Timothy 1: 7

for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

Short Summary

- Do not trust yourself and your own understanding
- Trust in Christ and his Leadership
- Read your Bible daily and put on your Armour so you can fight against the thoughts from the world
- Attend Gospel-preaching sermons and communities
- Take captive your thoughts and replace them with biblical thinking
- Pray and meditate on scriptures



John 3:2b

Our identity as a child of God means that we rely fully on God and trust in His plan for our lives.

