

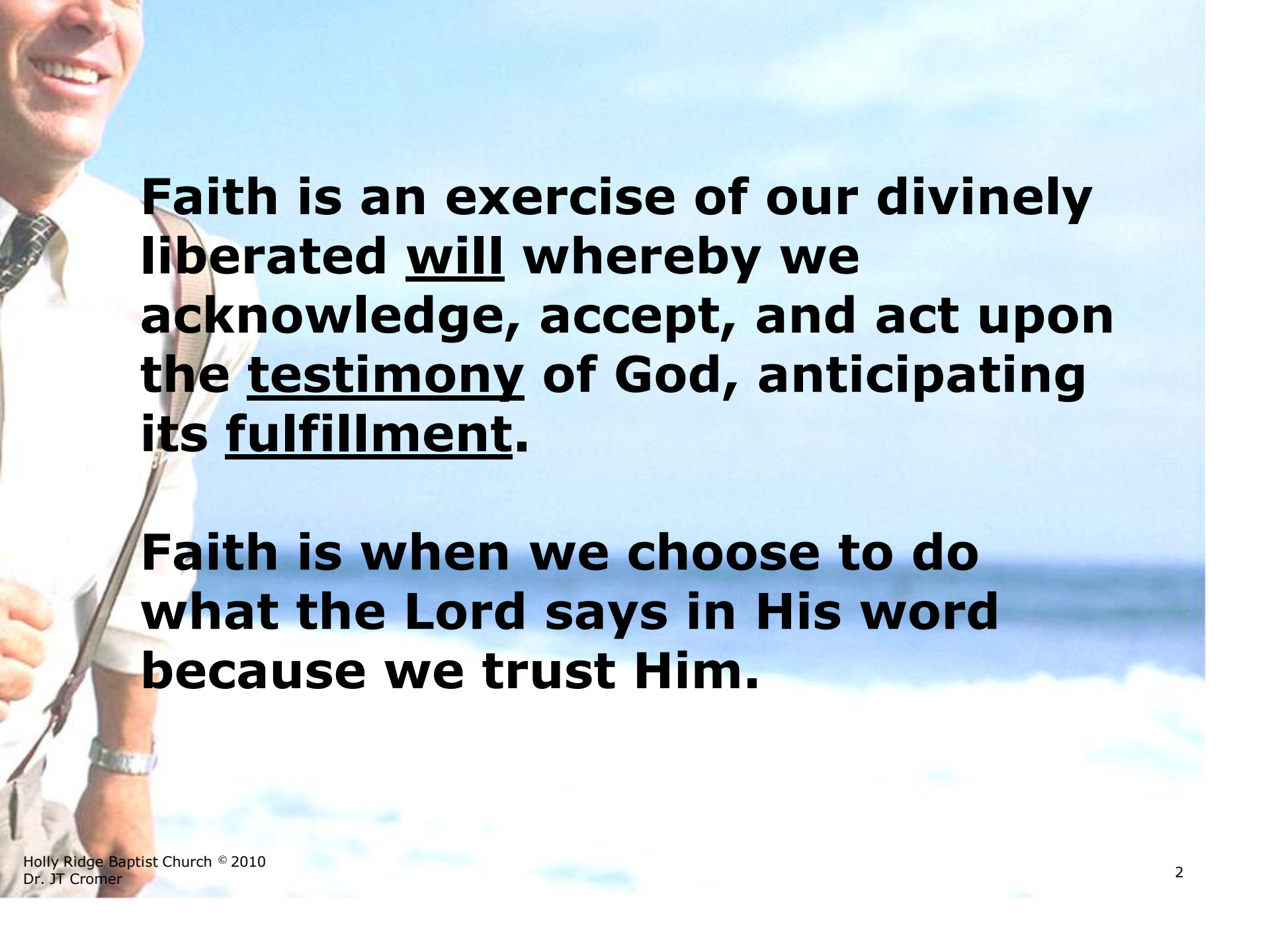


# EXERCISING YOUR FAITH

## Putting Truth in Action

**A Study Through James  
James 3.13-18**

**February 21, 2010 am  
Dr. J.T. Cromer**



**Faith is an exercise of our divinely liberated will whereby we acknowledge, accept, and act upon the testimony of God, anticipating its fulfillment.**

**Faith is when we choose to do what the Lord says in His word because we trust Him.**



## **II. The Temperament of Faith**

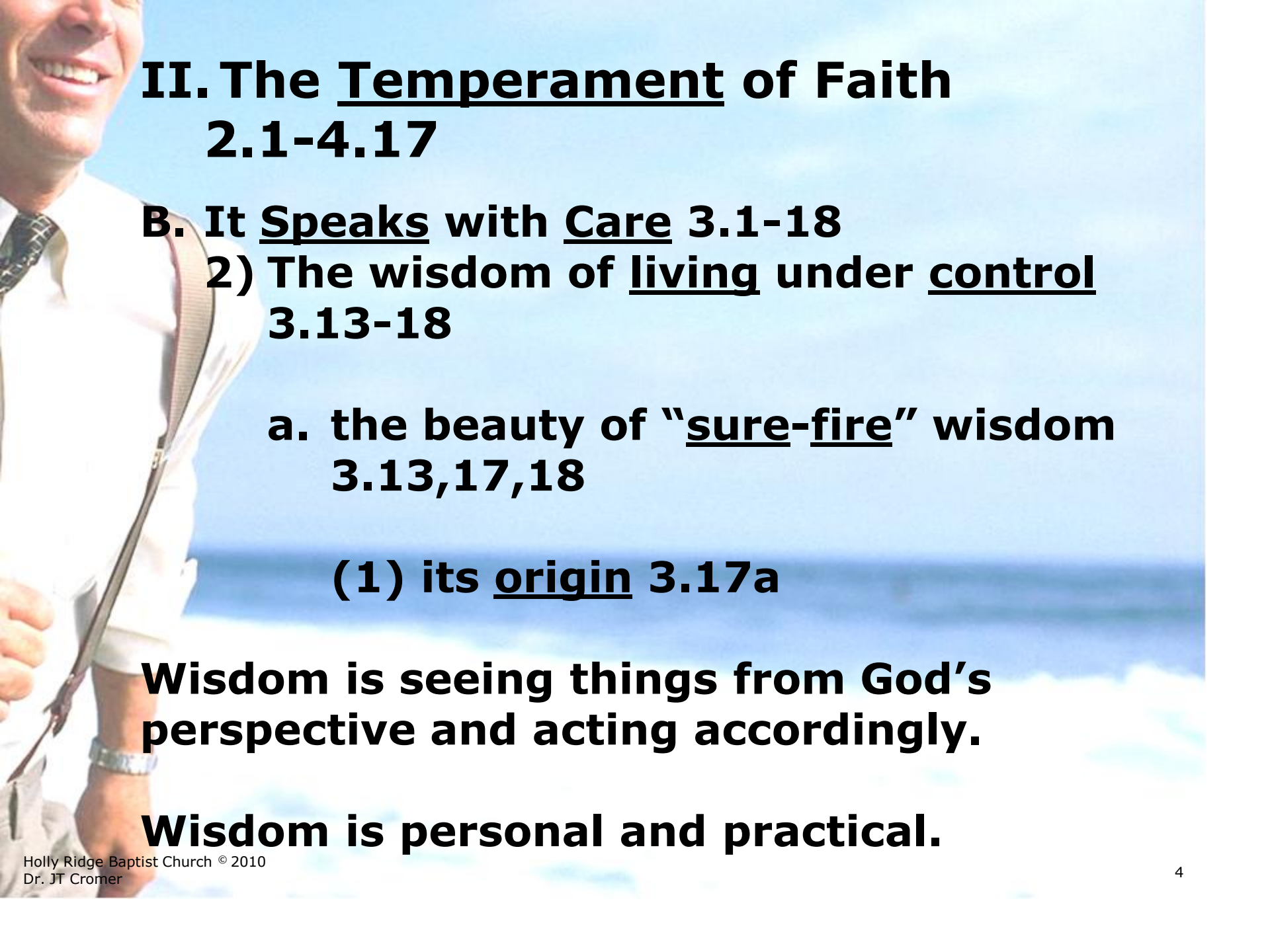
### **2.1-4.17**

**A. It Serves with Compassion 2.1-26**

**B. It Speaks with Care 3.1-18**

**1) The warning against lack of control  
3.1-12**

**2) The wisdom of living under control  
3.13-18**



## **II. The Temperament of Faith**

### **2.1-4.17**

#### **B. It Speaks with Care 3.1-18**

##### **2) The wisdom of living under control 3.13-18**

###### **a. the beauty of "sure-fire" wisdom 3.13,17,18**

###### **(1) its origin 3.17a**

**Wisdom is seeing things from God's perspective and acting accordingly.**

**Wisdom is personal and practical.**



## **II. The Temperament of Faith**

**2.1-4.17**

**B. It Speaks with Care 3.1-18**

**2) The wisdom of living under control  
3.13-18**

**a. the beauty of "sure-fire" wisdom  
3.13,17,18**

**(2) its outcome 3.13,17b,18**

**The outcome of wisdom is obvious in  
everyday life.**



## **II. The Temperament of Faith**

**2.1-4.17**

**B. It Speaks with Care 3.1-18**

**2) The wisdom of living under control  
3.13-18**

**a. the beauty of "sure-fire" wisdom  
3.13,17,18**

**(2) its outcome 3.13,17b,18**

**It governs what one does and how they do it.**



## **II. The Temperament of Faith**

**2.1-4.17**

### **B. It Speaks with Care 3.1-18**

**2) The wisdom of living under control  
3.13-18**

**a. the beauty of "sure-fire" wisdom  
3.13,17,18**

**(2) its outcome 3.13,17b,18**

**Relationships are characterized by purity  
and peace.**



## **II. The Temperament of Faith**

**2.1-4.17**

**B. It Speaks with Care 3.1-18**

**2) The wisdom of living under control  
3.13-18**

**b. the blight of "so-called" wisdom  
3.14-16**

**(1) its origin 3.15a**

**"So-called" wisdom originates in and  
appeals to the flesh.**



## **II. The Temperament of Faith**

### **2.1-4.17**

#### **B. It Speaks with Care 3.1-18**

#### **2) The wisdom of living under control 3.13-18**

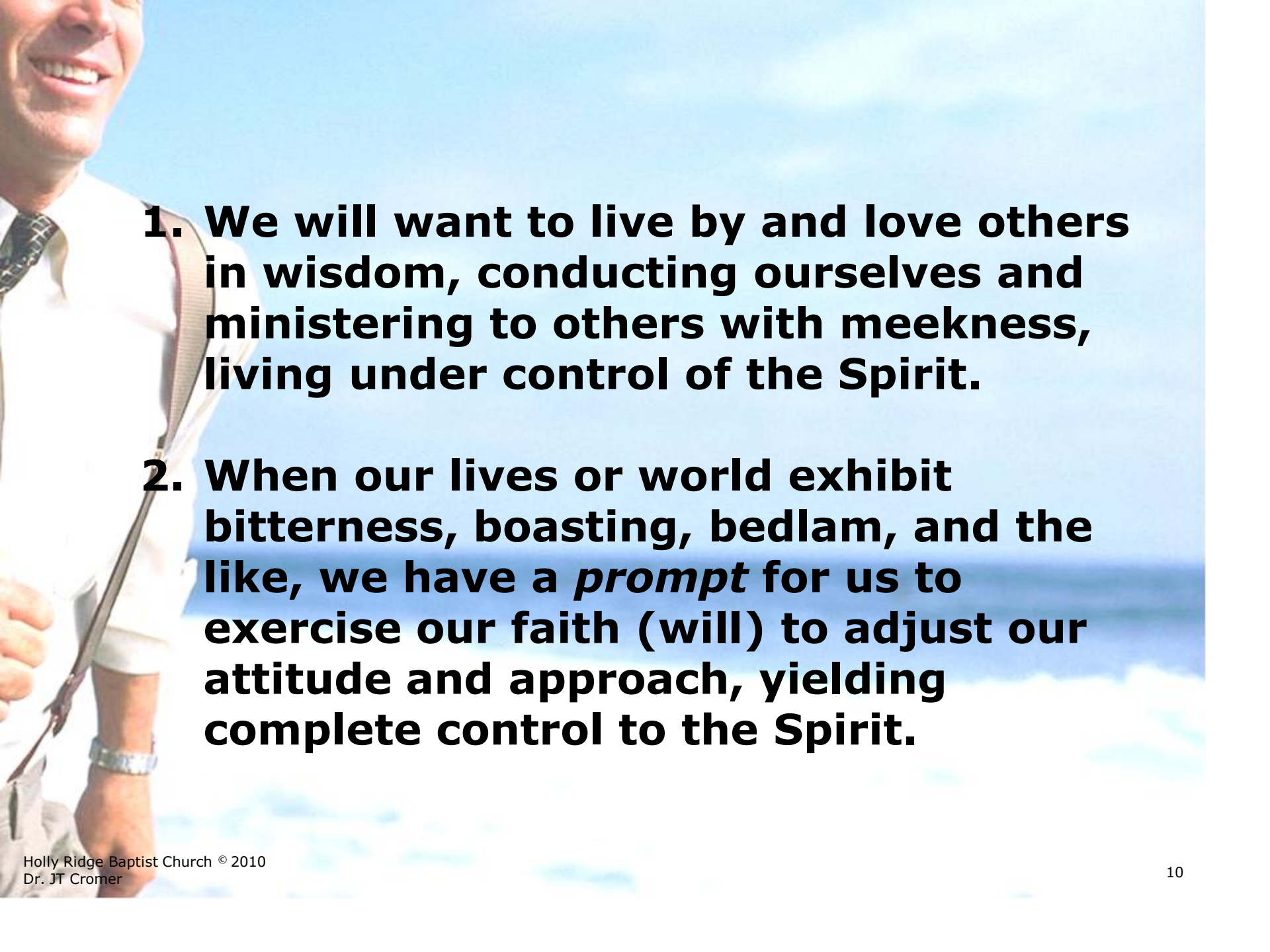
#### **b. the blight of "so-called" wisdom 3.14-16**

#### **(2) its outcome 3.14,15b,16**

**Bitterness (3.14).**

**Boasting (3.14).**

**Bedlam (3.16).**

- 
- 1. We will want to live by and love others in wisdom, conducting ourselves and ministering to others with meekness, living under control of the Spirit.**
  - 2. When our lives or world exhibit bitterness, boasting, bedlam, and the like, we have a *prompt* for us to exercise our faith (will) to adjust our attitude and approach, yielding complete control to the Spirit.**

