

- **Moses** - wasn't good with words and got tongue tied
- **Gideon** - How can I? I'm the least in my entire family
- **Sarah** - laughed
- **Jonah** - ran a mile the other way

# Ways God speaks

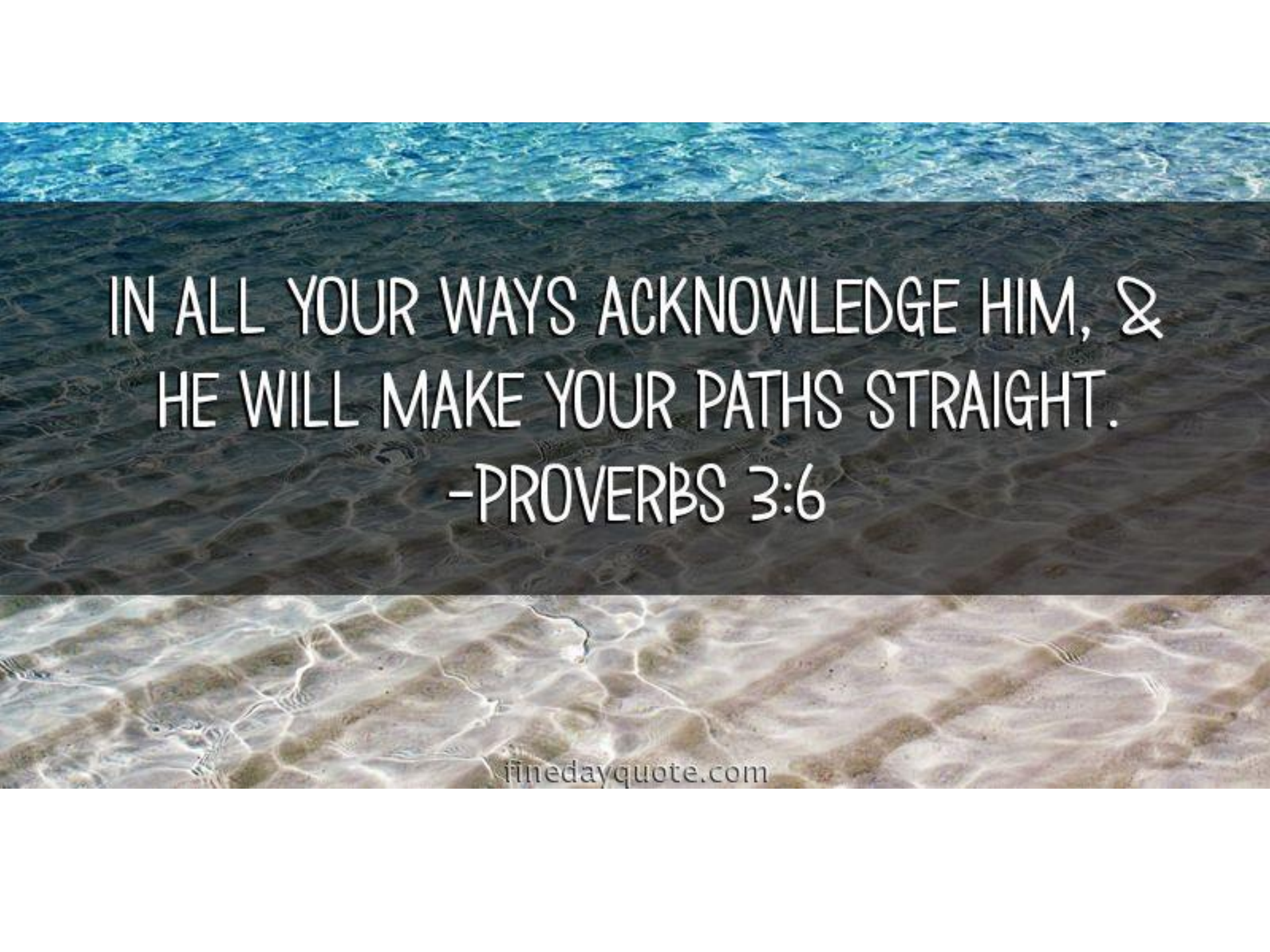
- a 'sense' we should do something
- hearing a sermon
- a thought
- the inner voice
- the bible

# Stepping out

- small things - visit someone, take flowers etc
- share a word with someone
- bigger issues - new job/ministry/house move/relocation
- giving something up

# Checks and balances

- is this likely to be good, pleasing and perfect?
- will it result in goodness, peace and joy?
- does it go against what we're told in the bible?
- check your emotional state



IN ALL YOUR WAYS ACKNOWLEDGE HIM, &  
HE WILL MAKE YOUR PATHS STRAIGHT.  
-PROVERBS 3:6



# Step out

- fix your eyes on Jesus
- the first step is only the beginning
- don't try to help God along
- be careful who you tell
- ask for specific confirmation (a fleece?)
- practice recognising the inner voice

# David and Goliath- 1 Samuel 17

- remind yourself of God's mighty acts in the past (v37)
- don't use someone else's armour (v38)
- persist (v34)
- ignore the critic (v33)
- walk in faith (v45-46)



# Why?

- to make us more like Jesus
- to bring glory to the Father