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AGEISM

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Ecclesiastes 1:9-11

⁹ What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun. ¹⁰ Is there anything of which one can say, “Look! This is something new”?

Ecclesiastes 1:9-11

It was here already, long ago; it was here before our time. ¹¹ No one remembers the former generations, and even those yet to come will not be remembered by those who follow them.

2 Kings 2:23-24

²³ From there Elisha went up to Bethel. As he was walking along the road, some boys came out of the town and jeered at him. “Get out of here, baldy!” they said. “Get out of here, baldy!”

2 Kings 2:23-24

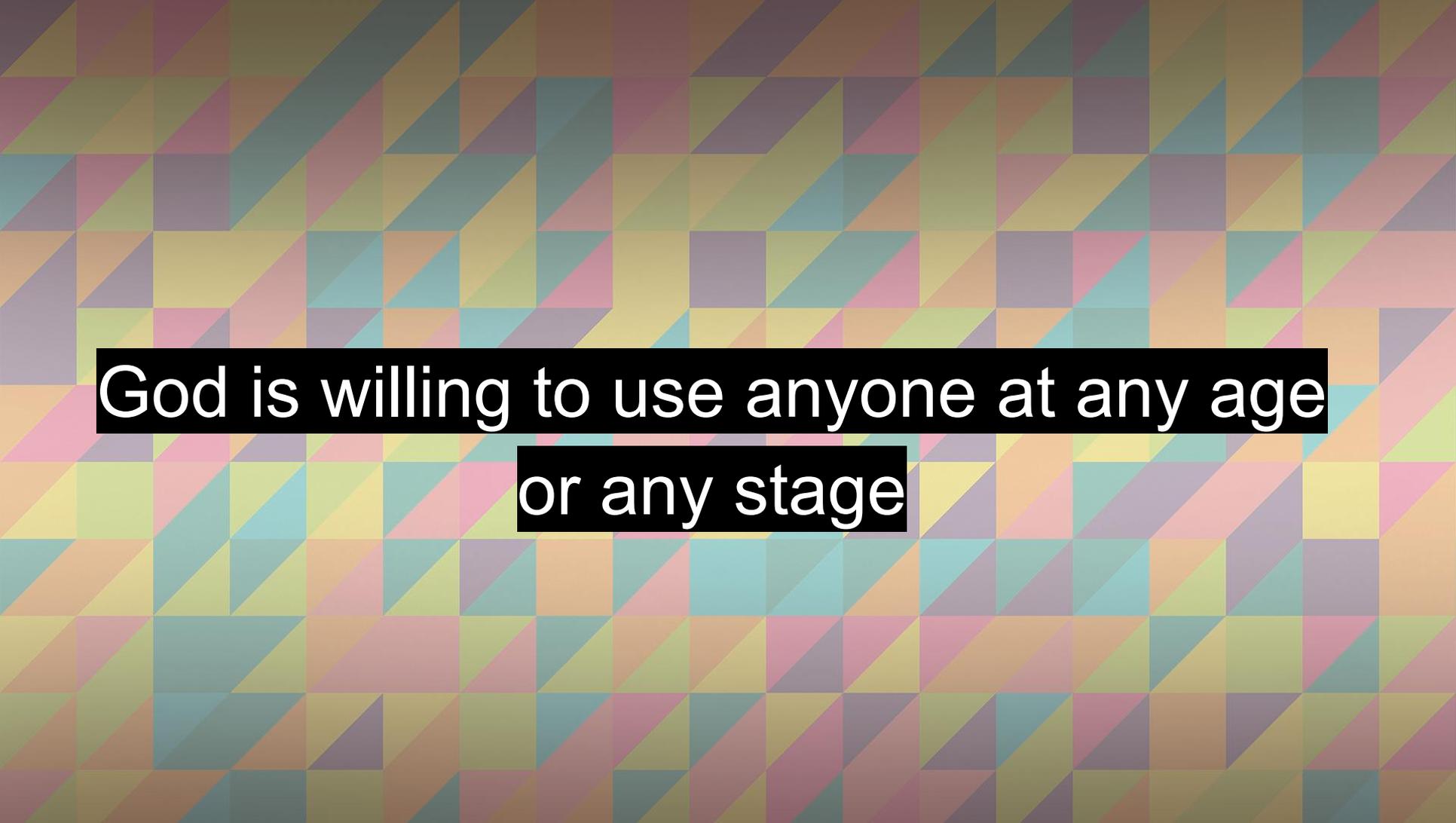
²⁴ He turned around, looked at them and called down a curse on them in the name of the LORD. Then two bears came out of the woods and mauled forty-two of the boys.

1 Timothy 4:12-14

¹² Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.

1 Timothy 4:12-14

¹³ Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching. ¹⁴ Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through prophecy when the body of elders laid their hands on you.



God is willing to use anyone at any age
or any stage



**1) BE WHO GOD
WANTS YOU TO BE**

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Ephesians 1:4

⁴ For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.

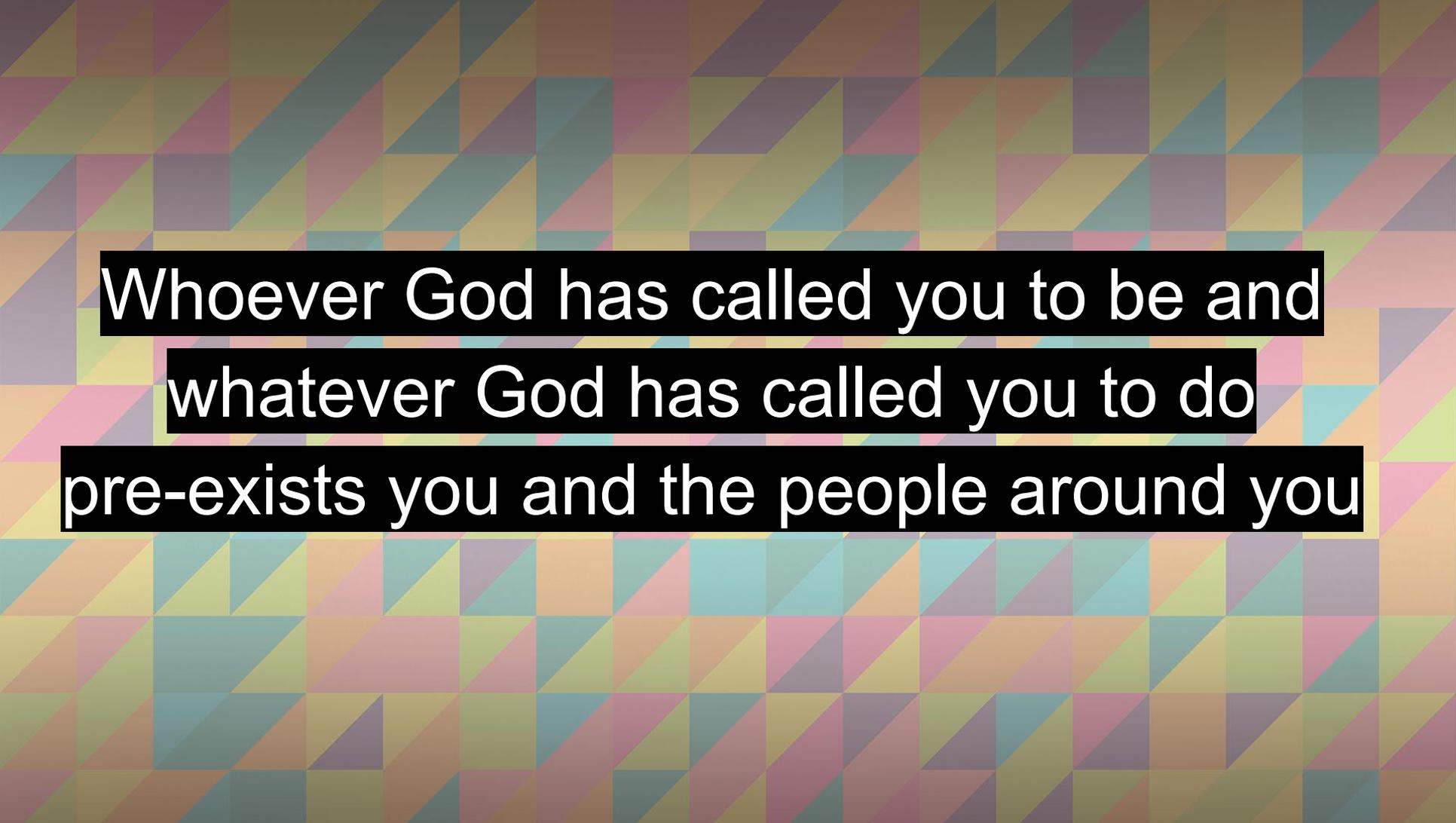
Ephesians 2:10

¹⁰ For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

The Doctrine of Predestination

What God has willed will come to pass no
matter what

Only those whom He predestined or
elected will be saved



Whoever God has called you to be and
whatever God has called you to do
pre-exists you and the people around you



**2) SAY WHAT GOD
WANTS YOU TO SAY**

Jeremiah 1:6-10

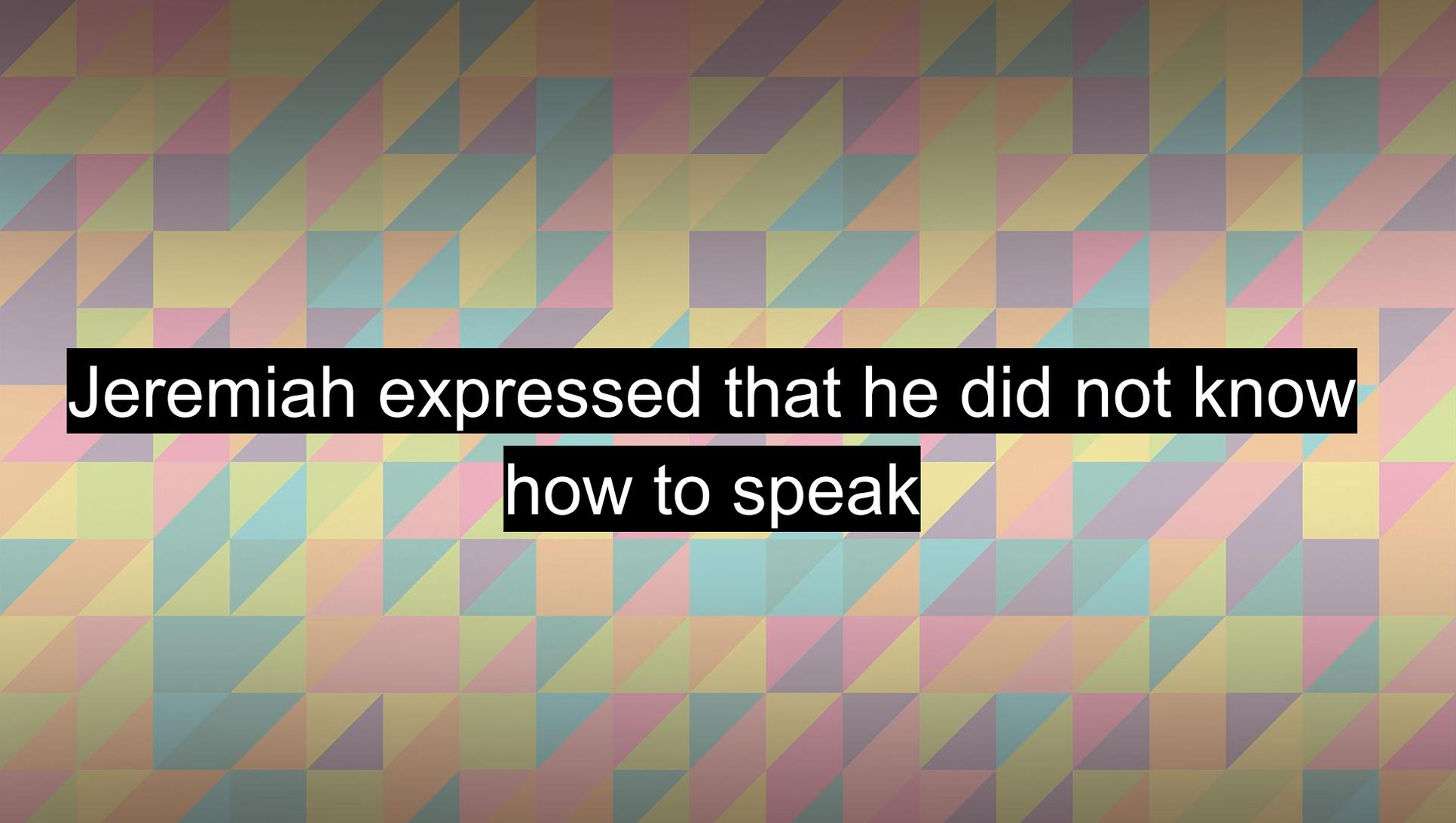
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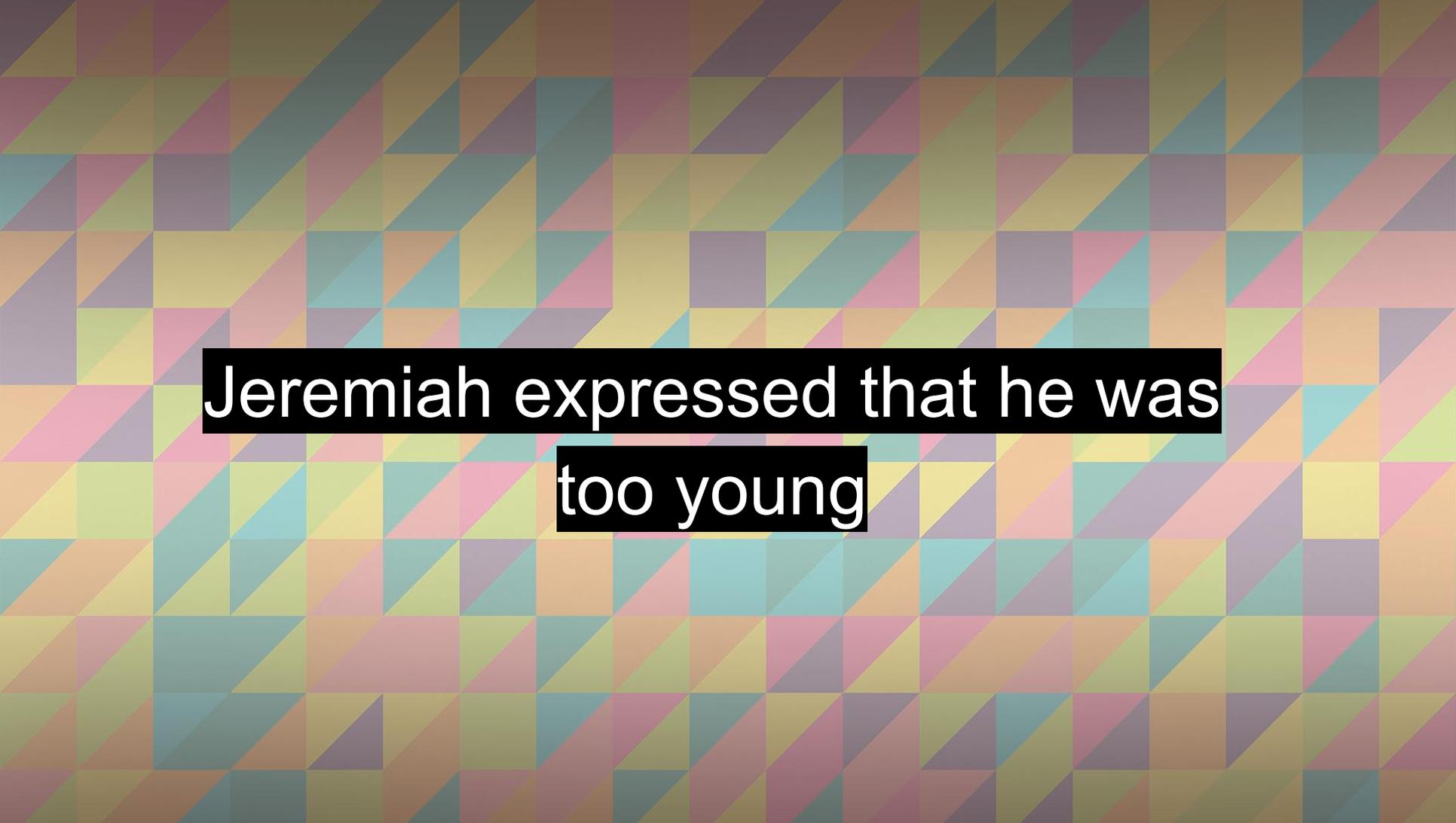
Exodus 4:10-12

¹⁰ Moses said to the LORD, “Pardon your servant, Lord. I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue.”

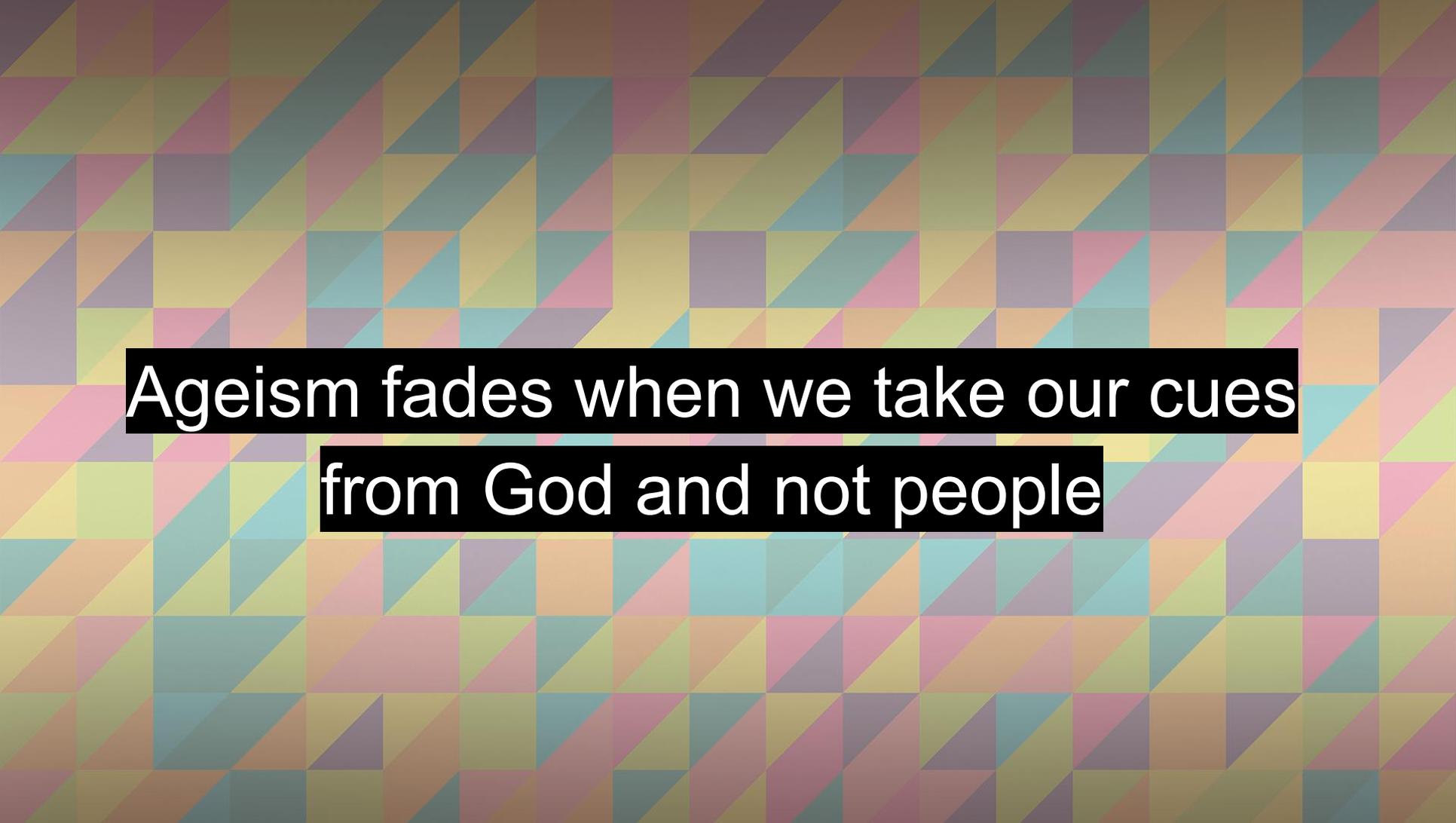
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¹¹ The LORD said to him, “Who gave human beings their mouths? Who makes them deaf or mute? Who gives them sight or makes them blind? Is it not I, the LORD?”

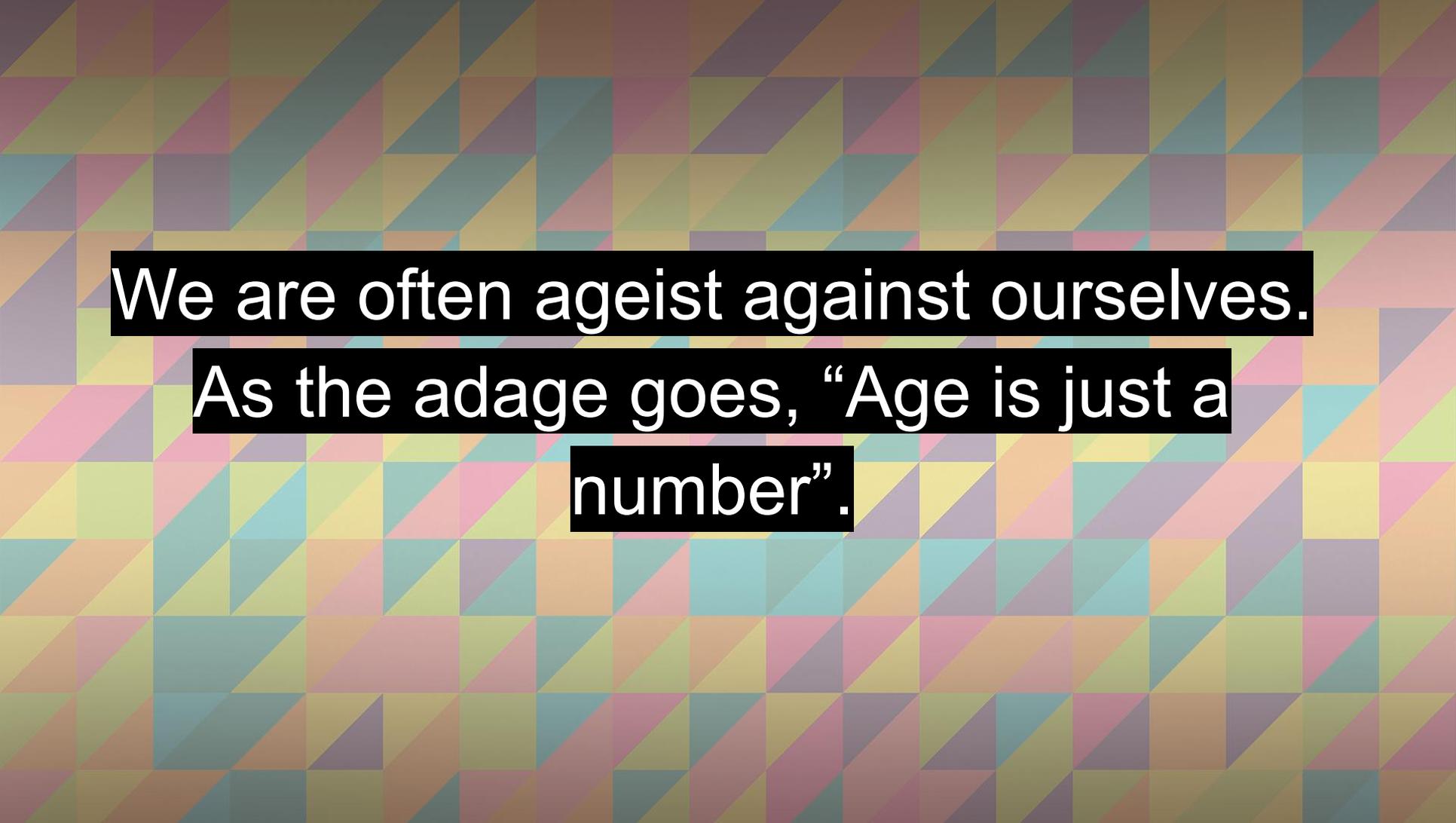
¹² Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say.”



Jeremiah expressed that he was
too young

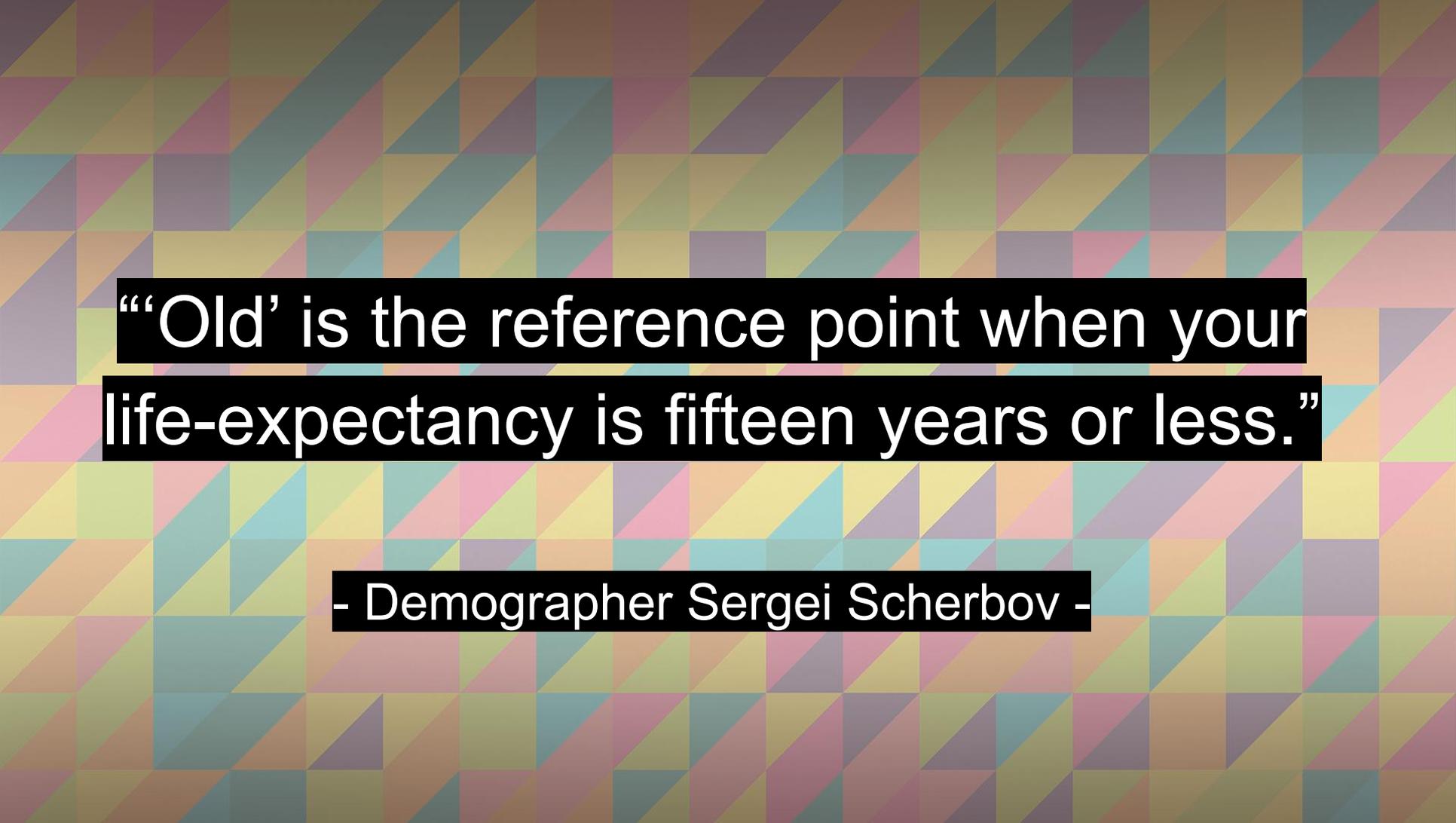


Ageism fades when we take our cues
from God and not people



We are often ageist against ourselves.

As the adage goes, “Age is just a
number”.



“‘Old’ is the reference point when your life-expectancy is fifteen years or less.”

- Demographer Sergei Scherbov -



**3) SEE WHAT GOD
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Jeremiah 1:18

¹⁸ Today I have made you a fortified city,
an iron pillar and a bronze wall to stand
against the whole land—against the kings
of Judah, its officials, its priests and the
people of the land.

Jeremiah 1:19

¹⁹ They will fight against you but will not overcome you, for I am with you and will rescue you,” declares the LORD.

Joel 2:17-18

¹⁷ “In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, **your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.**

Joel 2:17-18

¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.”



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