Stories of God at Work August Smal

How can you tell?

- What has God been teaching you lately?
- Col 2:6-7... "⁶ Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving."
- Is your faith an "add-on" to the life you are pursuing?

C. S. Lewis... "The terrible thing, the almost impossible thing, is to hand over your whole self – all your wishes and precautions – to Christ. But it is far easier than what we are all trying to do instead. For what we are trying to do is remain what we call 'ourselves', to keep personal happiness as our great aim in life, and yet at the same time be 'good'. We are all trying to let our heart and mind go their own way – centred on money or pleasure or ambition – and hoping, in spite of this, to behave honestly and chastely and humbly. And that is exactly what Christ warned us you could not do."

Do you really want to grow in your faith?

- Are you willing to let go of all the things you are pursuing to bring you happiness?
- John 10:10... "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come that you might have life and have it to the full."
- Partner with God in your spiritual growth...
 Your job is to position yourself "under the faucet"

C. S. Lewis..."Now God designed the human machine to run on Himself. He Himself is the fuel our spirits were designed to burn, or the food our spirits were designed to feed on. There is no other. That is why it is just no good asking God to make us happy in our own way without bothering about religion. God cannot give us happiness and peace apart from Himself, because it is not there. There is no such thing."

Communion

- Communion reminds us of the primary work of God in our lives
- It is a time when we reflect on our lives and are minded that God is our very food and drink – it is he who sustains us and gives us life.
- This why communion matters...