PASTOR'S PATCH



The reporters crowd around the person in the street. With microphones and sound recording equipment, camaras and phones recording, they shout out "What's your story?"

I really don't like being put on the spot like that, not just by reporters (not that this ever happens!) but by anyone. I need time to gather my thoughts, choose my words, marshal the facts.

So to give a great example, this is the story of God's people and what the LORD had done for them :

The LORD spread a cloud above them as a covering and gave them a great fire to light the darkness. They asked for meat, and He sent them quail;

He satisfied their hunger with manna - bread from heaven.

He split open a rock, and water gushed out to form a river through the dry wasteland.

For He remembered His sacred promise to His servant Abraham.

So He brought His people out of Egypt with joy, His chosen ones with rejoicing. Psalm 105 v39-43 (NLT)

Their story is neither monochrome nor centred on one thing. It is colourful, dramatic, and unfolded over a significant period of time.

Our story is just the same. When we have opportunity to explain what Jesus means to us, or why we believe in an unseen God, it pays to have thought it through in advance and know that it wasn't just one event but many, should not be answered only from dim-distant events but continues to be an unfolding story as recent as the last answered prayer or awareness of God's prompting or presence. So do the preparation now, do it in prayer as you thank God for all the ways He has worked in your life up to now, and then when the questions come, you'll be ready.

CHALLENGE

Have you got a story of your personal faith? What makes you a follower of Jesus? Take 5 minutes to jot it down on paper (on no more than one side).

Find a room on your own and say aloud why Jesus is important to you (in no more than 3 minutes).

Now you're more ready to give a reason for the hope that you have.

Darrell Holmes

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK ACTIVITIES 12th - 18th May 2024

Saturday 11th May

8.00am-12 noon

Methodist Community Hall Big Brekkie and Coffee Morning

Sunday 12th May

6.00pm

Baptist Church United Christian Aid Week Service

Thursday 16th May

10.30am-12.30pm

Methodist Church Sponsored Silence

Saturday 18th May

10.00am-2.00pm

Methodist Community Hall Coffee and Lunch

Wednesday 22nd May

Judy Lee's home : 3 Cumber Close 01803 858483 or 07929 642976

9.30am 11.00am

Tuesday 2nd July

Hunter's Moon, Horsepool Street

Big Brekkie (booking essential)

Coffee

Lindsay's Afternoon Tea / Bring and Buy / Raffle

