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WELCOME FROM THE EDITOR



Hello everyone, and welcome to the Summer 2024 edition of the Voice Magazine. Unlike for the Spring edition, the sun is not shining here, but not to worry! We have plenty of articles to deliver sunshine into your homes and churches regardless of the weather outside. I'm sure our three missionaries are glad to have some rest from the heat of Sierra Leone, so let's bear it for them, at least. You'll find more about their trip within, and more to come in the next edition.

In the pages to come you'll find news of the Connexion, both here and in Sierra Leone, words from the trustees and our president, and plenty of studies and lessons from the Bible to keep you learning and entertained. We also have an advertisement for the new ministerial vacancy at Rosedale, as well as – I say with a comforting smile – the vacancy for my own position as Editor of the Voice. So, without further ado, let's get into what's new and exciting, and don't be afraid to send over any articles or news you want to share. Find my email at the back of the magazine, and keep these deadlines in mind!

FUTURE DEADLINES:

AUTUMN 2024: 15TH AUGUST '24

WINTER 2024: 15TH NOVEMBER '24

SPRING 2025: 15TH FEBRUARY '25

SUMMER 2025: 15TH MAY '25

AUTUMN 2024:

**THE DEADLINE FOR
THE NEXT EDITION
WILL BE THE 15TH
AUGUST**

BIBLE STUDY:

The Prayer of Jabez

By Terry Gillard, Ebley Chapel



1 Chro 4:9-10: ⁹ Now Jabez was more honourable than his brothers, and his mother called his name Jabez, saying, "Because I bore him in pain." ¹⁰ And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying, "Oh, that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that Your hand would be with me, and that You would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain!" So God granted him what he requested." (NKJV)

In the midst of the genealogies of Israel, these two verses pop out of nowhere, with details about someone we know very little

about – but it's fascinating! To my mind, the scribe that slowly listed the genealogies was just as bored as we are reading them. Yet, when he came across Jabez, a spark of excitement flashed through his mind and he wrote added something extra – as if to say, "I know something about this man! He stood out as special!"

My research didn't reveal where Jabez lived, and we're not sure when he lived. However, when look at his prayer (v10) it suggests he may have been born during the wilderness trek, and was leader of his family when Israel entered the Promised Land. It may even have been that his father had died prior to his birth – one of that whole generation that died because they would not trust God, or move in obedience to Him.

Jabez – The Man:

Jabez means “Causes pain”. In other words, it seems his mum named her son, “Pain-in-the-neck”. Can you imagine living your life with that name? What possessed a mother that she would call her own son such a name? If he were born today, we’d enter him into a programme for counselling by experts – or at least we’d suggest he change his name by deed poll!

Jabez attitude was very different. He decided to live above the name that he carried.

The Bible says, “He was more honourable than his brothers” (v9). In spite of the handicap of such a name, Jabez set out to live right; to act fairly and generously among his peers, to speak words that encouraged rather than destroyed people he met. When others would jibe, or emphasise his name, reminding him constantly of his limits, every day, he set his heart to live right – to act right, to speak right. That’s how he gained the reputation as “Honourable”.

He was so successful, others around recognised that he who was called a “pain in the neck” was better than most – including his brothers. That’s real character. Some individuals in the church have it; many in the world have it. He was the sort of guy people would move house just to live near him. You could trust him with anything.

Yet, it is not the main reason why Jabez was singled out.

Jabez – His Prayer:

Jabez had a burning desire in his heart; he wanted to be blessed of God.

Note, he didn’t just want others to see him as blessed. Also note that he didn’t go to the High Priest to try and gain a blessing by piety, or by generous gifts. The only blessing that mattered to him was that which God alone could give.

His desire was that his family might know the blessing of God on their lives. So he turned to the only one who could give him the answer – God Himself!

Rosedale Community Garden

By Lynn Sobczak

A message from the Rosedale Community Church Garden:

Plant 3 rows of peas



1. Peace of mind
2. Peace of heart
3. Peace of soul.

Plant 4 rows of squash



1. Squash gossip
2. Squash indifference
3. Squash grumbling
4. Squash selfishness

Plant 4 rows of lettuce



1. Lettuce be faithful
2. Lettuce be kind
3. Lettuce be patient
4. Lettuce love one another

Plant 3 rows of turnips



1. Turnips for meetings
2. Turnips for service
3. Turnips to help one another

Plant 4 rows of thyme



1. Thyme for God
 2. Thyme for family
 3. Thyme for friends
 4. Thyme for each other
- Water freely with Patience and

Cultivate with Love



Voice Editor Resignation and Vacancy



When I began this position over four years ago, the first Covid lockdown was just coming to an end and I was about to turn 16 years old. My life has seen many changes since then, including completing two years of A-Levels, moving to university and settling into a new city on my own, and completing the first two years of a degree in History. Among it all, I was emailing all of you and asking for articles, or sitting in my local café putting together a magazine on Microsoft Word (I refuse to use anything else). There's not a thing that I would change about having done this job –

apart from maybe all the typo's, I do apologise, auto-correct sometimes betrays me. From the appreciation I get from all of you, to hearing about all the exciting things that go on in the world-wide Connexion, it's all been a blessing.

Yet, all things must come to an end. By next spring, I will have produced 19 editions of the Voice, and then my editorship will come to an end. As I toil through my dissertation and face the impending excitement of moving to the North and starting a professional career, I will no longer be able to continue as your dedicated Editor.

But one of you could be! Have you ever had the urge to design a magazine viewed by hundreds all across the country? To write and compile exhilarating stories of church Christmases and open days, baptisms and community gardens? To publish the moving testimonies of pastors, teachers and children

from Sierra Leone and present pictures of all the projects supported by the Sierra Leone Mission? Now is your chance!

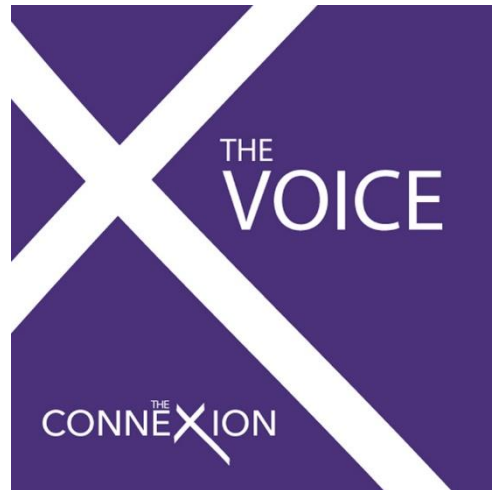
Once a quarter, four times a year: get those articles, save as a PDF and send to the printers and your job is done. Whether you already have experience and want to keep up your editing skills, or you've never touched a magazine before and want to start now, you can apply for this volunteering position by just dropping me an email. To make sure that the handover is as smooth as possible, the deadline to apply will be the 1st November 2024 and we'll work on the Winter edition together; so, by Spring you'll have it confidently in hand.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or you want more information.

A Response From the Trustees:

On behalf of the members, ministers and trustees of The Connexion I would like to express our gratitude to Esther who, four years ago, took on the editorship of The Voice with such devotion, enthusiasm and creativity. Under Esther's editorship the 'personality' of The Voice has refreshed and matured as she invited and encouraged different voices to be heard, sometimes with challenging points of view.

For The Connexion and its wider readership, The Voice is a trusted source of information, encouragement, and spiritual nourishment, qualities which have deepened during Esther's tenure. We have enjoyed such a wide range of contributions from Sierra Leone as well as from our UK churches, curated and edited lovingly by Esther with characteristic modesty and grace.



As Esther embarks on a new chapter in her life, I would like to thank her for such an invaluable service to The Connexion and The Voice readership. We pray that her future endeavours are filled with joy, accomplishment and continued blessings. May God's abundant grace accompany her every step of the way ahead.

By David Lockett

How to be a Strong Christian Part 2

By Paul Woodbridge

Can I be a strong Christian?

In the previous article, we looked at what stops us growing in our Christian lives and how we need to go to Jesus for rest and reassurance, often in the face of struggles and difficulties. Let's continue to ask how we might grow in our faith and become stronger, more effective Christians.

We concluded the previous article by asking why many Christians do not know the 'rest' (Matt.11:28) Jesus promises his followers.

There are probably many reasons why this is so, but behind this sad reality is the work of 'the enemy of our souls' the devil, Satan (**Eph.6:11,12**). He desires to hinder God's work in any way he can. Jesus' rising from the dead means Satan is a defeated enemy, but he's still fighting! He will try to frustrate God's



work and keep his people from enjoying the good gifts God wants us to enjoy.

And one of Satan's greatest desires is to prevent believers from really experiencing God's rest. And he uses many different tactics to do this. To some, he uses whispers about the consequences of yielding their lives totally to God's care and protection and guidance. To others, he raises the question as to the fairness of God's ways in their lives, whilst in others, he ensures that some sin is never really repented of. You see, any of these things, or other things, will prevent us knowing the rest Jesus wants us to experience.

But perhaps one of Satan's favourite tactics is to keep people in uncertainty as to whether they have really been accepted by God, uncertain as to whether they really are Christians or not. Satan knows that if a person is not really sure about this, or has some doubts about whether God really accepts them, then they will never enjoy the rest Jesus promises. If I'm unsure about whether I have really been adopted into God's family, I won't reach out and receive the privileges and joys of that position. Neither will I be very positive or confident about telling others about Jesus.

If this is a key tactic in the way Satan opposes God's work on earth, then it will be helpful for us to consider the matter of **'Can I be sure I am a Christian, and if so, how? How can I be sure I've been accepted by God?'** This is vital for our own enjoyment and experience of all Jesus has to give us, and for our effectiveness as witnesses for him. And the devil wants to disrupt, even destroy, the peace and rest of God's people in this matter.

So can we know **FOR A CERTAINTY** that we are going to heaven, and that nothing will prevent us getting there?

I remember going to a student conference in Holland some years ago, where people said, 'You can never say "I KNOW I'm a Xian" – that's arrogance, it's presumptuous; you can only say, I believe I'm a Xian' or 'I hope very much I will never fall from grace – but I can't be sure I won't'. These Xians said you can

never talk about a CERTAIN faith, rather you must talk in terms of exploration, searching together for God in the hope that one day you might find him.

Other Christians would say, no, it IS possible to know you are a Christian, to be certain that God wants us to KNOW that we have eternal life, and that we are eternally secure. After all, they say, is this not a key reason why John wrote **1 John 5:13 – ‘I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.’**

So, says John, assurance in this matter IS possible, to KNOW that we are truly born again and can be certain we are part of God’s kingdom and will go to heaven to be with him when we die.



I believe that God does want the believer to know for sure they are going to heaven, and that we can look at the Bible and discern strong grounds for assurance of our salvation, ample reasons for a believer to say, **‘I know for a fact that I am a Christian’**. John Calvin once said, ‘You can be a Christian without having this assurance, but you can’t be a STRONG Christian without having it’.

In the next article, we’ll start investigate this further, and start to look at how the three persons of the Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) act as guarantors of the salvation of weak, sinful human beings like ourselves.

Rosedale New Pastor Vacancy



After almost 16 years, Rosedale Community Church will be saying goodbye to Pastor Bethany Burrage who will be moving to the North and leaving the Connexion next summer.

Rosedale Community Church is a small but growing evangelical church in Cheshunt, Hertfordshire. We are looking for a passionate, spirit-filled individual or couple with a heart to care for our congregation, guide us in fulfilling our vision of being a Christ Centred Community and inspire us to reach out to our neighbours.

We are seeking a pastor who is:

- Warm, relational and who loves well
- An enabler who can train, develop and encourage leaders from within the congregation.
- Appreciative and supportive of the children's and youth work and able to help encourage the teenagers to grow in their faith and serve the Lord
- A leader who can bring vision and inspire the church body to run with it
- An excellent communicator who can lead, preach and teach

The position is full-time and includes a five bedroomed Manse. The application deadline is 31 August 2024, with a proposed start date of July 2025.

For an informal chat prior to application please phone Simon on 07952 860811. Or find the details at. www.rosedalechurch.org

The Long View: Word from the Trustees

By David Lockett



The Long View" is a captivating historical documentary series produced by the BBC for Radio 4. It provides listeners with a unique perspective on contemporary issues by drawing parallels with historical events, highlighting the continuities and changes over

time. Each episode of the series delves into a specific current situation or event and explores its historical roots, often revealing surprising connections and insights. The Long View takes a deep dive into the past to shed light on the present and provide lessons to help us make a better future.

As members, ministers and trustees of The Connexion we each have unique roles, not just in our local church in 2024, but as part of a more than 250-year mission to proclaim the message of salvation through Jesus Christ. Of course, this is in turn just a small component of the far greater mission initiated by Christ Himself.

In recent months, the trustees and ministers have begun to consider the future of our mission, what will it be like in 10 years time, or in 30, 40 or 50 years? We decided we should start by taking the Long View, to be inspired and informed by the unique and illustrious history of our movement, as we consider and plan together the legacy we would seek to pass on to our successors. In October this year you will be invited to join in this exciting conversation at our Annual Conference, which will be focused on the Future Connexion

So, I invite you to embark on a journey through the annals of time, tracing the illustrious history of the Countess of Huntingdon's Connexion, a tapestry woven with threads of faith, zeal, and resilience. Consider the glorious history we share but hold in mind the Long View. It's not over. It's not nearly over.

Born in 1707, amidst the opulent halls of aristocratic England, Selina Hastings, Countess of Huntingdon, became enraptured by the fervent winds of evangelicalism sweeping across the land. Inspired by luminaries such as John Wesley and George Whitefield, she emerged as a trailblazer for the gospel. With fervent conviction, she forged a fellowship of chapels, each a sanctuary of divine grace and Christian unity.

As the 19th century unfurled its pages, the Connexion blossomed into a radiant constellation of faith, its chapels dotting the countryside like stars in the night sky. Guided by the steadfast hands, it became a bastion of spiritual nourishment and communal solidarity. Amidst the tumult of societal upheaval, it stood as a beacon of hope, its charitable kindness casting light into the darkest corners of poverty and ignorance.

The 20th century ushered forth its own trials and triumphs. Amidst the ebb and flow of changing tides, the Connexion faced the challenge of encroaching secularization. But from the crucible of adversity emerged a renewed sense of purpose, as the Holy Spirit breathed fresh life into its congregations. Rooted in ancient truths yet unafraid to embrace the winds of change, it stood as a testament to resilience and adaptation.

Today, well into the second decade of the 21st century, the Countess of Huntingdon's Connexion endures as a sacred tapestry, its threads interwoven with those of past generations. In a world of fleeting fashions and transient trends, it stands as a timeless testament to the enduring power of faith and community. The Connexion continues to inscribe its indelible mark upon the annals

of history, a living testament to the enduring legacy of Selina Hastings and the unwavering spirit of evangelism.

Come to Conference this year and help us begin to write the next chapter.

Keep an eye on cofhconnexion.org.uk for Conference details

NOTICE

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See the next page for a Timeline of the Countess of Huntingdon's Connexion.

The Countess of Huntingdon's Connexion was born in the evangelical fervour of 18th-century Britain. **Selina Hastings** was a woman of aristocratic lineage and deep religious conviction. Influenced by the evangelical movement spearheaded by figures like **John Wesley** and **George Whitefield**, she became committed to spreading the message of **Christ's love**

Throughout the 19th century, the Connexion experienced significant growth and expansion. Under the leadership of various ministers and evangelists, the Connexion established more chapels across England and Wales. These served as **centres for worship, education, and community outreach**, playing a vital role in the religious landscape of the time

The 20th century brought both challenges and opportunities for the Connexion. Like many denominations, it faced declining membership and the pressures of secularization. However, it also experienced **periods of renewal** and revival, as new leaders emerged to reinvigorate its mission and adapt to **changing cultural realities**.

In the present day, the Countess of Huntingdon's Connexion continues to exist as a **small but resilient** denomination within the broader landscape of British Christianity. While its membership may not be as extensive as it once was, it remains a vibrant community of believers **dedicated to worship, service, and outreach**

The Connexion has adapted to the challenges of the 21st century by **embracing new technologies**, allowing it to connect with a wider audience and **engage with contemporary culture**. It holds at its heart the central pillars of **bible, family and mission**, while remaining open to innovation and change.

1700

In 1783, Selina Hastings founded the Connexion as a network of chapels, distinct from the Wesleyan Methodists due to theological differences. The Connexion was a **pioneering movement** in its time, allowing for greater autonomy among its member congregations while maintaining a strong sense of mission purpose

1800

The Connexion also became known for its commitment to **social justice and philanthropy**, engaging in various charitable endeavours aimed at alleviating poverty and promoting education. Its influence extended beyond the confines of its own congregations, **shaping societal attitudes** towards issues of faith and morality

1900

During this time, the Connexion continued to emphasize its Calvinistic theological heritage while also **embracing ecumenical dialogue** and cooperation with other Christian denominations. It remained committed to its core principles of **mission** and the centrality of the **Bible** while seeking to engage with contemporary issues and trends.

2000

Today, the Countess of Huntingdon's Connexion stands as a testament to the enduring legacy of Selina Hastings and the evangelical movement of which she was a part. It continues to **proclaim the message of salvation through Jesus Christ** and to embody the spirit of faith, compassion, and mission that has characterized it throughout its history

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Turning of the Sod

By Bethany Burrage



None of us had ever been to a “Turning of the Sod” service and we were fascinated to learn what it would entail.

The full title was, “Connexional Women’s Fellowship Annual

Outreach/Harvest Thanksgiving Service and Turning of the Sod at Grooves Memorial Church, Magbafti”. The main aim was to include the launch of a new initiative by the Women’s Fellowship to which many of the women from the surrounding churches had been invited. Janet and I asked Magnus if we could squeeze the two girls from Bethesda (both called Adima) into the car with us for the short journey so they could join us for the special service.

We arrived on time to discover that the marque providers had only just turned up to erect the gazebos. Thus the 11am service did not begin until 12.30pm. But when it did, it started with a wonderful selection of old hymns and gospel choruses all sung a cappella. Sierra Leone worship is a wonderful experience to which everyone participates with great passion and joy and we loved it.

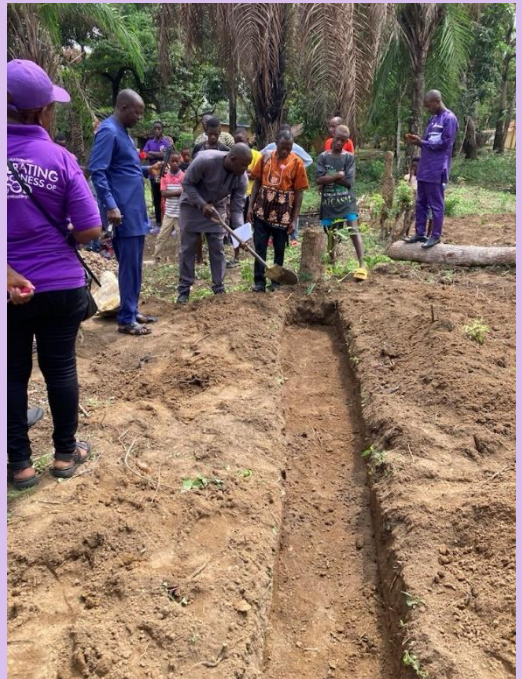
The new project is ambitious. The Women’s Fellowship have formed the Countess Ladies Agriculture Development Organization (CLADO) to establish a poultry farming operation, including chickens, goats, sheep and cows. The farm will raise live animals for their products that they will then sell, providing jobs and an income for the women who are involved in the collective. They had

recently purchased the first acre of land at Magbafti, hence this service of celebration and dedication.

I was asked to speak on the beautiful verse found in Matthew 6:33, “Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness. And all these things will be added unto you.” I admit to being very nervous. Being English I do not know what it is to be in need like the majority of Sierra Leonians do on a daily basis and I felt somewhat of an imposter speaking upon the subject, but after much prayer, I felt the Lord give me a message and a story that was right for the occasion. And as I spoke, I sensed the Spirit of God present and bring understanding to congregation. By the end there were nods of acknowledgement that each one of us faces choices each day to live according to God’s righteousness and if we do, He will provide for us.

The service continued with three offerings, and the receiving of pledges of funds for the next stage of the project. Adima and Adima were invited to help with giving ribbon pins to those who donated, and Simon and Janet were asked to reveal the name of the project.

Then we all walked 400m to the area of land that will be used for first poultry building. With worship and many prayers, everyone was invited to lay a shovel of concrete into one of the ditches which would become the foundations for the building. This was the “Turning of the Sod”, and it was a real privilege to be part of an initiative that will bring hope and jobs to so many families.



**The 20th annual
S.L.M.
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20th September 2024**

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This is Your President Speaking

By Joe Gregory



Making Excuses

Greetings to everybody who may be reading this through the Voice magazine or on the wonderful Countess of Huntingdon Website, www.cofhconnexion.org.uk. Once again, as I write this, it is raining! Whatever happened to sunshine and the fact that it is always sunny in Leysdown.

At the moment more and more articles are appearing about the upcoming Olympic games due to be held in Paris. This will mark the 100th Anniversary of the 1924 Paris Olympics, which featured the

Scottish athlete, Eric Liddle. I used to share his story with children in school assemblies and during holiday clubs. His life was depicted in the film *Chariots of Fire*.

Eric famously refused to run on a Sunday, giving up his chance to win a gold medal in the 100 metres. He duly ran in the 400 metres and won the gold medal in a world record time.

Surprisingly, despite the fame and adulation which followed, Eric gave up his athletic career. Instead, he felt called by God to go to China as a missionary. Jackie Pullinger is another missionary who springs to mind, a woman who went to work in the most terrible of environments in Hong Kong, to teach the people there of the love of Jesus.

I sometimes wonder what sort of process these people went through before deciding to take such a huge step. Did they decide instantaneously, or did they think about it for a long time? For many I imagine the decision may have been very difficult. For most of us there are all sorts of stumbling blocks that we have to face when God calls. What's more, God's call isn't always completely clear. Sometimes it's as clear as a bell, sometimes it's a gentle whisper.

When God speaks, asking us to do something for Him, we can be hesitant in our response. If you're like me you, will come up with all sorts of excuses to explain away a lack of action when called to do something for the Lord. Of course, it doesn't have to be something major like going to a distant land to share the Good News of Jesus. We've just celebrated Pentecost, and because of that we have the Holy Spirit living within us as believers, who may prompt us to phone a neighbour who is sick or share a gentle word of testimony to a family member or work colleague.

One of the great moments of the Old Testament which I relate to is the story of the call of Moses in Exodus 3 and 4.

I'm a nobody

Moses has spent the last 40 years or so working as a shepherd, and shepherds weren't particularly high on the social ladder in the Middle East at the time. He knew what life was like in the Pharaoh's palace and he knew very well that his chosen trade wouldn't go down well when he had to approach the King.

So he asks, "Who am I? I'm a nobody!" And what's God's answer? "I will be with you." In other words, you may be a nobody, but you'll have the Creator of the world with you.

What if they don't listen to me?

One of Moses problems, and often one of ours is that he's afraid. And what's he afraid of? Well, he's afraid of rejection. He's afraid of failure. What if they don't believe me or won't listen to me? This is the recurring fear of most Christians, whether they are addressing a congregation, a crowd or a friend or family member. What if they don't accept what I say? What if they won't believe that what I say is true? How am I going to prove it?

To this God answers with a demonstration of his power. He gives Moses the ability to perform real magic with a staff which turns into a snake and then back again into a staff. It's very hard isn't it, to speak to people about Jesus? He sometimes seems so irrelevant to their daily lives. The gospel seems so foolish at times. Fancy talking to someone about a person who lived 2000 years ago and was executed on a Roman cross! Wouldn't it be good if we could do some miracles, like Moses did?

However, the real power of the gospel is that it changes people's lives. It enables them to be able to relate freely to God without guilt or shame, and it brings reconciliation with other men and women.

Paul says in Rom 1: 16, I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes.

The power of God is present in the gospel whenever it's shared. There is power at the name of Jesus. We don't need to fear failure or rejection. If the message is rejected, it's not us who are being rejected, but God, who calls people everywhere to turn back to Him in faith and obedience.

I am not eloquent

I relate to the way Moses tries to tell God that he is no good at public speaking. God promises him that He will help Moses to speak. In Luke 12 Jesus reassures the disciples that when they need to speak on God's behalf the Holy Spirit will give them the right words to say. That applies to all of us too, whether we're called to stand up and preach or simply to tell our next-door neighbour how God has been good to us. We don't need to feel that sense of inadequacy.

And look at what else God did for Moses. He sees that Moses' fear is real. He isn't just giving excuses. So, God says "How about I send your brother Aaron with you. He speaks well. In fact, I'm bringing him here right now. Just be ready to go when he arrives. He can be your mouthpiece. You tell him what to say and he'll say it."

Again, this is something that God does for us. He gives us the help and encouragement of fellow believers who can share the load, who can support us when we need a word of encouragement or when we don't know what to do or say, and who understand how hard it is sometimes to be faithful followers of Christ.

God is good to us, in that He never asks us to do something we're unable to cope with. But as we learn to do one thing, He may push us to do another that's slightly harder, and so on, until we become stronger more effective followers of Christ- and isn't that something worth aiming for!

HOW TO GIVE TO THE SLM

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