

First Week of Advent

Saturday 5 December 2020

Reflection 7 – Day 7

Faithful God

God is faithful. I wonder how many times we have heard that? But does the number of times you hear something make what is said less valid? If a wife says 'I love you' to her spouse, does it mean less after 40 years of marriage than it did the first time, or more?

God's faithfulness is enduring. God's faithfulness is true. And it is by God's faithfulness that, *"you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord"* (1 Corinthians 1.9 NRSV).

What an incredible truth and promise that is. That even when we waver and doubt, God is faithful. More than that, God will, *"strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ"* (1 Corinthians 1.8 NRSV).

Sometimes we feel that our hearts are full and walk throughout our daily lives with the rich fullness of the knowledge of God's faithfulness and His constant strengthening presence.

But there are also other times when we do doubt, when we do question and when we walk without feeling His presence. That is human and, perhaps if that is you, meditate on these words. Meditate on God's faithfulness and remember these words:

"[...] be content with what you have, because God has said,

'Never will I leave you;

Never will I forsake you.'

So we say with confidence,

'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid'" (Hebrews 13.5-6)

Heavenly Father,

Thank you that even when I feel alone, you have never left me.

Thank you that when I'm struggling, you strengthen me and always will.

I'm sorry for when I doubt, Lord, help my unbelief.

You are my helper, I will not be afraid.

Amen.

