



Cumbria Bible Challenge

Testimony One

Finding Jesus

When I was young I only went to church a few times with my mum. I felt a bit strange because I didn't really know anyone although the stories from the bible were fascinating. They got me thinking about how amazing God is and how God cares for me.

It was only when I was a teenager that I got involved in church. There were a group of us who went along to youth group that was run by people who were Christians. We were awkward, scruffy teenagers who were always messing around. The Christian leaders loved us and when they talked to us about God loving us and welcoming us, I guess I knew it must be true, because I had felt that love from them. And they talked about Jesus, about how Jesus had lived and died for me, and is still alive—and how I can know him as my friend. I decided I wanted to say 'yes' to Jesus and asked him to help me with the things that were wrong in my life, and be with me always.

Although I am a bishop, it doesn't mean I am some sort of perfect Christian. I am still learning what it means to be a friend and follower of Jesus. I hope I never stop discovering more about God and sharing the love and truth of God with others.

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