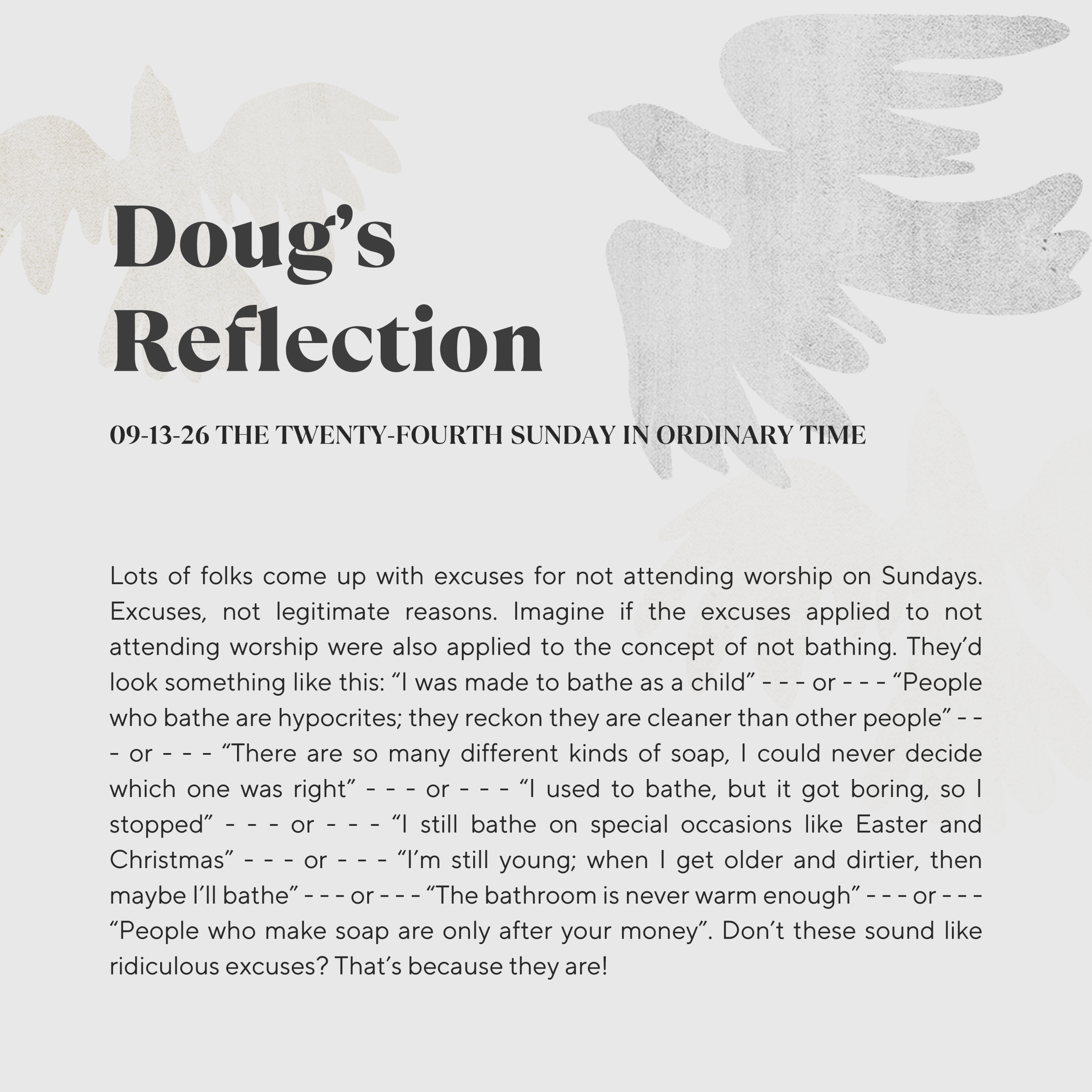




Doug's Reflection

09-13-26 THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Lots of folks come up with excuses for not attending worship on Sundays. Excuses, not legitimate reasons. Imagine if the excuses applied to not attending worship were also applied to the concept of not bathing. They'd look something like this: "I was made to bathe as a child" - - - or - - - "People who bathe are hypocrites; they reckon they are cleaner than other people" - - - or - - - "There are so many different kinds of soap, I could never decide which one was right" - - - or - - - "I used to bathe, but it got boring, so I stopped" - - - or - - - "I still bathe on special occasions like Easter and Christmas" - - - or - - - "I'm still young; when I get older and dirtier, then maybe I'll bathe" - - - or - - - "The bathroom is never warm enough" - - - or - - - "People who make soap are only after your money". Don't these sound like ridiculous excuses? That's because they are!