



Doug's Reflection

08-30-26 THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today, I want to continue thoughts from last week. The jewel of God's joy is given to impoverished spirits, not affluent ones. God's delight is received upon surrender, not awarded upon conquest. The first step to joy is an admission that we NEED God, that we can't do it on our own. It's a plea for help. Those who taste God's presence have declared spiritual bankruptcy and are aware of their spiritual crisis. They don't demand justice, they plead for mercy. They don't brag, they beg. They ask God to do for them what they cannot do for themselves. We don't need to be self-sufficient. We don't need to hoard our riches. We need to be good stewards of what God has given us: our time, talents, and possessions. There's a hymn that has a chorus that says: "Freely, freely, you have received. Freely, freely give." Sounds like a good way to follow God!