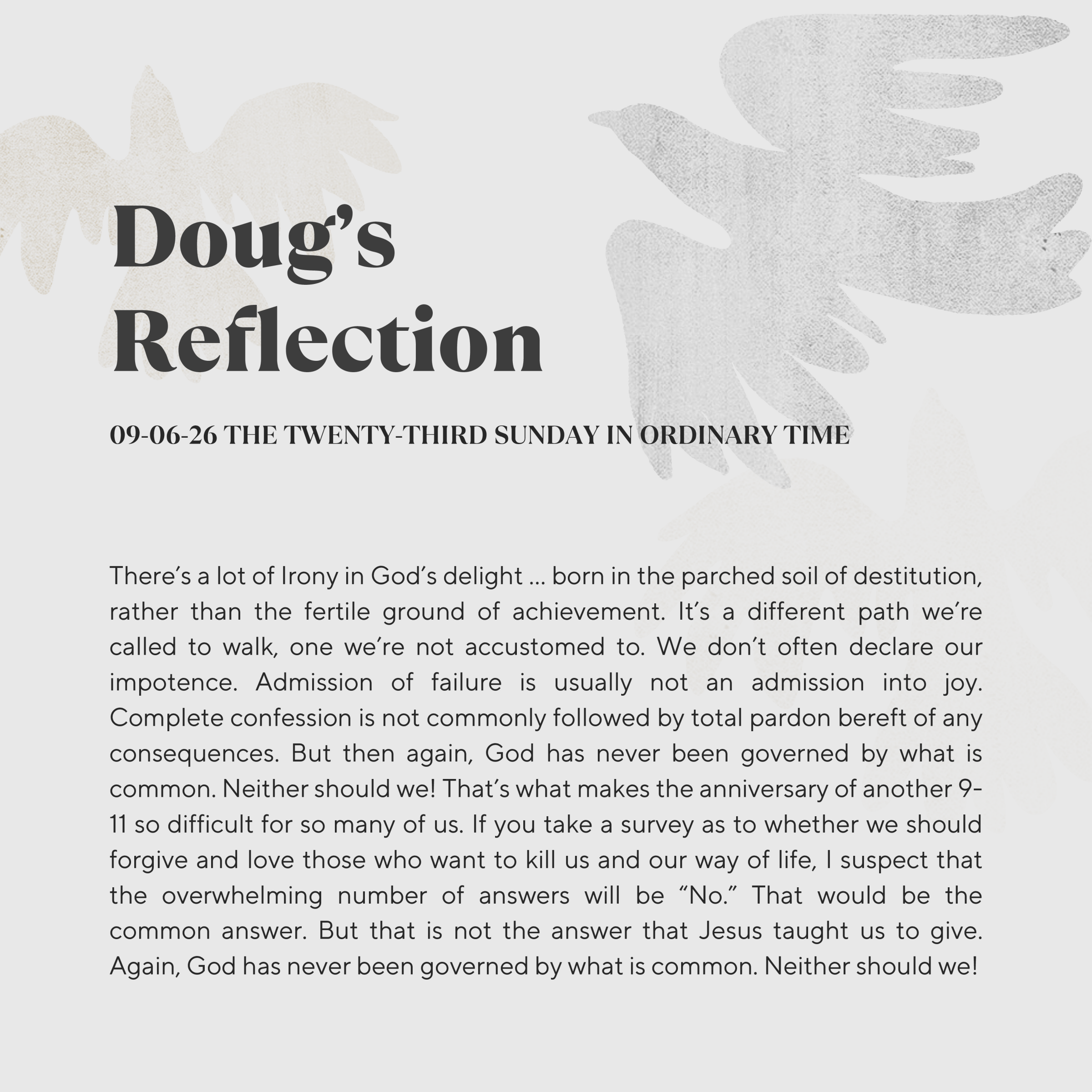




Doug's Reflection

09-06-26 THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

There's a lot of Irony in God's delight ... born in the parched soil of destitution, rather than the fertile ground of achievement. It's a different path we're called to walk, one we're not accustomed to. We don't often declare our impotence. Admission of failure is usually not an admission into joy. Complete confession is not commonly followed by total pardon bereft of any consequences. But then again, God has never been governed by what is common. Neither should we! That's what makes the anniversary of another 9-11 so difficult for so many of us. If you take a survey as to whether we should forgive and love those who want to kill us and our way of life, I suspect that the overwhelming number of answers will be "No." That would be the common answer. But that is not the answer that Jesus taught us to give. Again, God has never been governed by what is common. Neither should we!