

ANYONE IS WELCOME

There are many events that can be life changing whether for good or ill, and we've each experienced our share. We want to remind you of God's love as we have found that knowing God and his love has had the greatest – and best - impact on our lives.

You may respond "I'm glad it works for you", but we reply: It's more than that - it's true. We know what God's love is like through Jesus who said:

"Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father."

God has been so gracious to all of us, in loving us at enormous cost:

"For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."

We just need to believe Him.

God's compassion has brought healing to our lives that goes way beyond anything else we've known:

"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full"

And today, we are convinced both from the evidence and from our experience that Jesus rose from the dead and is alive. We also see God's power in changing our attitudes (for the better!) to ourselves and to others and to Jesus. We believe He wants to do the same for you.

So we remind you of God's love to give you hope of a good, and lasting, change. We invite you to see for yourself.

CHAT

We'd love to listen and discuss more. Please feel free to contact us at pod@pathofdisciples.org

LEARN THROUGH



We enjoy doing a four session course called POD (Path of Disciples). This is for anyone and everyone, but especially for:

- Those who are unsure about Jesus but are open to learn more about Him.
- Those who have said "Yes" to God, and want to understand the good news of Jesus better.

We can do POD at any time and place that suits, as well as online. You can find out more at www.pathofdisciples.org

MEET WITH OTHERS

You are welcome to join us at 10:30am on Sundays at King's Church Edinburgh, 104 Gilmore Place, EH3 9PL. or online at kingschurchedinburgh.org

Thank you for reading our story. We'd love to hear what you believe and discuss what Jesus offers.

Guy and Jocelyn



Our Story
Guy and Jocelyn Pembroke

THE JOURNEY OF A LIFETIME

JOCELYN'S STORY

THE TEST

I thought I could go solo in life, do whatever I wanted. During my years at school I began to test everything. My education taught me to ask questions and to look for evidence. I became a scientist. It was natural for me to question the faith my parents had instructed me in. They taught me that the Bible was true and trustworthy and they also taught me to appreciate the natural beauty of birds and flowers, butterflies and trees. I could see my parents were right about the natural world but I questioned whether they were right about faith. I doubted whether God was real. I needed evidence. A second-hand faith was of no use to me. Could Jesus really be the Saviour of the world?

THE DISCOVERY

With a scientific interest and an open mind I began to read the Bible for myself. One of the quotes I remembered was: "Taste and see that the Lord is good." I asked God to show me if He was good and to provide evidence that He could be trusted. I needed personal proof to believe that God was a loving Father, that He was interested in me. I needed to see facts that showed Jesus to be a historical figure who lived and died on a cross and came back to life. As I read I understood more about God's love, as I studied I discovered that Jesus is who He claims to be, the Son of God. I also discovered evidence outside of the Bible to prove that Jesus really existed about 2000 years ago. The Bible began to feel living and active. I could expect to hear from God through his book. In short, I discovered I could enjoy a

personal relationship with God. I turned away from my independent, me-first lifestyle and I turned to Jesus Christ.

THE DECISION

My life started to change. I asked Jesus Christ to take control. I decided to let him choose the direction for my life. Now he steers my life and he sets the pace. I can honestly say I have no regrets about starting this new and purposeful life. You can throw this away but before you do... Permit me to ask you a couple of questions. What happens when we die? Physically we decay but what about the part that is more than biochemistry? Why not decide today to start the journey of a lifetime?

A DIFFERENT KIND OF LAUGHTER GUY'S STORY

FROM MOCKERY

I wonder what makes you laugh. I laughed when I heard my cousin and her partner had become Christians. They had been taking cocaine and now I thought they had become weirdly religious. I laughed but I wasn't laughing with joyful relief for them. Instead I mocked them, especially when I told friends at work.

My cousin wrote to invite me to spend Christmas together. She mentioned in the letter: "God loves you". More laughter at my work. However, I didn't laugh when I arrived at their home. Was I too "polite" to laugh in their face? I don't know but my attitude soon changed. I was surprised by the tender care they now had for each other. It wasn't just them – I was impressed by the love of their new Christian friends. I had never experienced

Christian friendship. I still thought it was a bit odd when they spoke of Jesus as if he was alive, but I couldn't deny the difference Christian faith had made to them all.

THROUGH QUESTIONS

I asked my cousin question after question that week. Some questions were serious, others still half-mocking. Towards the end of the visit she asked if she could pray with me. I was a bit scared. God was so real for them, I believed something would happen as they prayed. I accepted the offer. While they were praying I knew God was in the room and felt that I needed to ask for forgiveness.

TO A NEW LAUGH

After New Year I returned to my work. When my friends asked how I had got on at Christmas, I had some explaining to do and I instantly became the butt of the jokes. But they could not deny the changes in me and I could not deny what God was doing in my life. I started to be honest both in my speech and in my work. There was one change they could not help but hear - I had a new laugh, an unusual laugh that I still have today - some say my laughter lightens up the room.

My faith grew as I made friends in a church and started to learn to love others as Jesus did. I continue to enjoy the love of Christian friends. Despite some pain over the years, I laugh.

Do you want a new laugh?

We live in north Edinburgh where we lead a group as part of our involvement with King's Church Edinburgh.