

Confidence in the Living God

About thirty years ago the Lord said to us, burn your boats, dispossess yourselves of everything you possess (and he did mean everything!) and follow me. At the time we were working in the Methodist Church and this was not the way that respectable Methodists were meant to act so we encountered a certain amount of opposition. The Holy Spirit also warned us that we were to make our needs known only to the heavenly Father in prayer not even a hint to anyone else!

Our confidence in God was not very great, we started to count the lettuce leaves and drink watered down soup, in fact so watered down that it was more water than anything else. It is better not to ask what the anything else was! It was tough. Not least we had nowhere to live and no money to buy a house. Furthermore, we had been specifically told by the Holy Spirit that we must not go looking for a house but to pray.

It was a tough school where we learned confidence in the living God. Now after almost three decades we can look back with joyful thanksgiving. We have never had a bill that we could not pay, we have never gone into debt and the heavenly Father has clothed us, fed us and provided us with a home that we share with God's people. We no longer count the lettuce leaves and the soup is thick and nourishing!

Of course, the Lord does not call all of us to go this way but he does ask us to have confidence in him. At the beginning of a new year it is an important question to ask ourselves – where does our confidence lie, with ourselves, nowhere or in the living God? The answer to that question will determine all that happens this year.

Our God is Faithful

