

A REFLECTION ON RELIGION

People sometimes make religion more difficult than it is. Some think it's all about lists of 'thou shalt's' and 'thou shalt not's.' These exist, but they are not the main focus. Far more importantly, Christianity is about a relationship with God.

People sometimes say, 'I wish I had your faith,' as if it's some mystical gift only bestowed on certain people.

Some people might come to faith as the result of an 'on the road to Damascus style conversion', but for most of us, it's a lot less dramatic.

- A feeling that there's more to life than this
- And a seeking after more meaning to life

What do we have to do to find this faith?

"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened." **(Luke 11: 9-10)**

If you're feeling like this, seek out someone who is a Christian you feel you can talk to, ask for their advice - and persevere. It might not happen all at once, but we have God's promise – the promise of our Heavenly Father who loves us - that if we ask, we will receive!

Never forget the greatest promise of all that our Loving Heavenly Father gave us:

'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.'

(John 3: 16)

Thanks be to God.