SHARING RESOURCES = WEEK 2

One of the simple lessons of the Christian faith that takes a lifetime to appreciate fully (if then) is that we don’t do anything first. Jesus is Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. We don’t start anything. Everything we do is a response to what God has done for us, or is doing now, or will do in the future.

So it is with this theme of Sharing Resources. We share because God first shared with us, and gave us all the resources, physical, mental, emotional, spiritual, that we can share with others. So what has God shared with us? Just four points as a starter.

* God has shared his creation with us. He made this planet, and the whole universe, and has given it to us to enjoy, to explore and to care for. Wow!
* God gave his only Son to be born on earth, to suffer and die for our sake, and to open the gateway into eternal life. One of the most famous verses in the Bible, John 3: 16, sums it up: ‘God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, so that whoever believes in him would not perish but have eternal life.’
* We have messed up in all sorts of ways, but God in Jesus gives us forgiveness and a fresh start whenever we turn back to him. How about that! New every morning is his love, and every day is a fresh start, the first day of the rest of your life!
* Jesus gives us his presence every day. He was on earth physically for only 30 years or so, but he sends his Spirit to be with us every single day.

God shares without asking questions, without checking your cv, without conditions. Such lavish giving prompts our sharing of the resources we have, our time and talents, with his other sons and daughters, wherever we have the opportunity.

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