**Stories June 13, 2021**

**John 6:43** Jesus answered. **44**“**No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them**, and I will raise them up at the last day. **45**It is written in the Prophets: ‘They will all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard the Father and learned from him comes to me. **46**No one has seen the Father except the one who is from God; only he has seen the Father. **47**Very truly I tell you, the one who believes has eternal life. **48**I am the bread of life.”

**Romans 8:28** *And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.*

**What do you think it took for Mary to have been able to tell her story?**

She had to be willing to be **vulnerable and transparent**.

She had to be willing to be **humbled**.

She had to be willing to allow her **faults** to be put **on display** so that others could be inspired to **look at what God can do**.

**Mark 8:27** Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, “Who do people say I am?” **28**They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.”

**29**“But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?” Peter answered, “You are the Messiah.” **30**Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.

**31**He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. **32**He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

**33**But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. “Get behind me, Satan!” he said. “You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.”

**Tomorrow (Monday, June 14) begins our second week of fasting.**

 This second week, I am asking that we **shift our focus to the construction project.**

 Even if you are not fasting, I want to encourage you to pray with us.

***I am asking that you would pray that God will remove all obstacles to the construction project so that it will be finished in God’s timing.***

**Obstacles:**

* Framers and framing to get to completion
* Stage and ramp completion
* Timing of subs starting and finishing
* Financial provision
* Costs of HVAC equipment
* Fire suppression: provision of sprinkler heads
* Complete finish of excavation
* Cement work brought to completion
* Drywall crew and supplies (timing and provision)
* Finish work of Plumbing and Electrical
* Painting
* Paving
* Landscaping (2nd phase)
* Coordinating of ministries and services
* Safety, coordination, efficiency
* Construction savings
* Kitchen phase (next permit)
* Needed kids’ space