

Snapshots



At a lunch gathering everyone was asked to bring a photograph of a memorable moment to share. Several of the older individuals brought sepia (brown scale) photographs that were in excellent condition. Their faces took on a new hue and their inner spirit came alive as they relived the moments pictured. Details tumbled from their mouth - the temperature and countryside where the event was held, individuals in the picture, jokes told, even stories of people

who were invited but didn't come; some repeated part of the 'table talk' that had occurred. For a moment in time they were able to recapture the joy of a buried moment.

What faith-walk stories are hidden in your past snapshots? Recall church picnics, baptisms, confirmation, marriages, Sunday School days, Easter or Christmas services? Reminisce about the Christian snapshots you have that have punctuated your life of faith?

How can we picture God's kingdom? What kind of story can we use? It's like a pine nut. When it lands on the ground it is quite small as seeds go, yet once it is planted it grows into a huge pine tree with thick branches. Eagles nest in it."

With many stories like these, he presented his message to them, fitting the stories to their experience and maturity. He was never without a story when he spoke. When he was alone with his disciples, he went over everything, sorting out the tangles, untying the knots.

-Mark 4:30-34 (The Message)