

- *Tim did first half, telling the story - this is meant as application*
- *This was a family service, day new elders were ordained*

How well do you know me?

- Get Sarah Farquhar to come and help me
 - and then a bunch of people - eg Ruth Farquhar, Ann Farquhar, Jane Graham, Susan Crawford, Peter, Sue Christie, couple of others
 - get Sarah to sort these people into order of who knows her best!!
- Sarah, who would you trust to help you:
 - play a game?
 - do your homework?
 - take you to hospital if you started feeling unwell?
- **Why?**
 - because they know us better/well

Elijah

- God knew exactly what he was feeling and needing!
 - even though it might have seemed he should be OK - just done this amazing miracle, conquered hundreds of God's enemies!
 - God knew he was tired, and scared, and weak...
 - and he treated him in a way that helped!
 - supplying **food** and **rest** and the chance to **meet with God again**

God is Personal

- We've thought about how God is:
 - Holy - **never done anything wrong, hates sin**
 - Wrathful - **angry about sin, will punish**
 - Sovereign - **in charge**
 - Merciful - **saving people even though they don't deserve it**
 - Just - **making sure wrong gets sorted out**
- All could leave impression impersonal
- But God knows us
 - he met Elijah
 - and because he came to earth as a human being, Jesus, he can know every one of us, just as we are, meeting our needs...