

Things our parents say...

- (or said...!) *This with kids.* (image of dad with 2x boys)
 - Explore how values we hold are imbibed, for instance from what our parents said, catchphrases:
 - catchphrases, things they did (eg always greeting mum first when dad came in, or whatever)
 - *Cleanliness is next to godliness!*
 - *Hard work never killed anyone...*
 - *What height are you: the height of nonsense!*
 - *Why? Because I said so!*
 - Where do we get what we believe to be important?
 - is it from God?
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A question of authority (image: crowd)

- Where does what we believe come from?
 - TV? Internet?
 - parents? teachers
 - friends/peers? facebook, Bebo

Where does the gospel come from?

- Galatians had come to faith through Paul's preaching about Jesus Christ and him crucified and risen
 - they were now beginning to drift away from that being the centre of their faith and life
 - lashing other beliefs onto the life-raft of faith... that were in danger of capsizing it!
- So question arises: where does the gospel message come from?
 - on what authority does Paul speak?
 - on what authority do the Galatians rest their faith?

From God, not man (image: bible)

- By revelation, not by human authority
 - how Paul "heard" the gospel message from God
- How he wasn't dependent on human authority to validate that message:
 - heritage and upbringing (vs.13-17)
 - apostles and leaders in Christian church (vs.16-17, 18-24, 2:1-5)
 - even when wracked by doubt (vs.2:1-5)
- Scripture

God's authority acknowledged by man (image: read bible)

- Not loose cannon - and we shouldn't be - but in partnership with those who likewise recognise and submit to Scripture's authority
 - see 2:9-10
 - acknowledgement of God's authority in right hand of fellowship
 - desire that Paul should submit to God's authority in remembering the poor
- Scripture, grappled with, preached, read, lived
- *Sing: 838, Fill all my life*
 - (Hugh, sorry notes are sparse this week!!)