

Pastor Cindy's Faith Story

I grew up in a large family with a strong faith foundation, As a young child I learned the stories of Jesus and His love, but in 1977, through the witness of a college friend, I accepted Christ's invitation to make His story my own. After graduation, I worked for several years in a writing career, and several more as a stay-home mom. At age 40, on a spiritual retreat weekend called the Walk to Emmaus, I had a powerful experience of God's grace that deepened my faith and set me on a new path to a ministry career.

That's when I discovered that God's amazing grace has always been at work in my life, and that I am being saved completely through the cross of Christ and the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit. I joined the staff of my home church, where God blessed my work in adult discipleship and eventually called me to pastoral ministry. Through many years of church ministry, I've come to see discipleship as a lifelong journey, not so much of learning the Bible, doing good works, and obeying laws and rules, but as a whole life lived in grateful response to God's love. And as we strive imperfectly to become more like Jesus, our lives tell the story of God's redeeming love.