

Good morning, Church. Daily Reading John 21.

Congratulations, today we finish the Gospels and are now on to Church History and the Book of Acts.

While we were in Ketchikan the other day, my friend Gail sent me this text. "Are you getting out in Ketchikan? Dad (Stan) lived there the first year of my parent's marriage. My eldest sister was an infant, and they had a one bedroom cabin on a river. Mom was 8 months pregnant with me when they came back to the states. They lived there from 1954-56."

"Dad can tell about seeing bears eye to eye as he went out to the river to get pipes working (they got water from the river). Also, how they took groceries from their car on a sled to the house; it was so cold the grocer-

ies froze on the sled and didn't fall off (I saw this on 8mm film they had)



Mom worked the night shift in the hospital as ER nurse - she said no way was she having me there. So, at 8 months pregnant, they returned to Bakersfield.

Looking at Ketchikan today is nothing like the city Gail's family lived in. The logging industry was one thing, but now they have the "Lumberjack Show" and probably not as many lumberjacks. Cruise ships are in and out of here all summer. Shops are everywhere.

But there was an area along the River Walk that might have been there the same time as Stan.

Living one's life in the shadows of others is not easy. I am sure I let down my 11 grade English teacher, Mrs. Wilson, many times, as she just loved my sister Sue. I wonder how many times she questioned if I really was Sue's brother. (English has never been my best subject)

When Samuel went to Jesse's house to anoint the new king, I'm guessing David was not even on his radar. (1 Sam. 16)

God has called us to be our own individual selves and not a carbon copy of someone else.

2 Corinthians 3:5 "Not that we are adequate in ourselves so as to consider anything as having come from ourselves, but our adequacy is from God" (NAS)