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Luke 11:1

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B u t o f t e n i t d o e s

Instead, we get overwhelmed and depressed.

Our Choice as a Church

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Genesis 8:14

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Now the LORD had said to Abram...

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How God Speaks to Us Today

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Primarily,

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Primarily, through His Word

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The Book of Common Prayer

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