

Insight

"Men, why are you doing these things?"

We also are men, of like nature with you, and we bring you good news, that you should turn from these vain things to a living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that is in them."

Acts 4:15

- € **Pastor Dave was trying to encourage a young couple** that had recently joined the church to make Bible study a regular part of their lives. *"Isn't that why the church hired you" the young husband said. "Why do we need to know the Bible?"* Pastor Dave then shared the story of a pulpit committee that was interviewing a prospective candidate for the pastorate. *"Tell us your favorite story from the Bible,"* said the committee chairman. The young man said, *"How about the one about the prodigal son?"* *"Fine,"* said the chairman.

"Well...there was a man of the Pharisees name Nicodemus, who went down to Jericho by night and he fell upon stony ground and the thorns choked him half to death. The next morning Solomon and his wife, Gomorrah, came by, and carried him down to the ark for Moses to take care of. But, as he was going through the Eastern Gate into the Ark, he caught his hair in a limb and he hung there forty days and forty nights and he afterwards did hunger. And, the ravens came and fed him. The next day, the three wise men came and carried him down to the boat dock and he caught a ship to Ninevah. And when he got there he found Delilah sitting on the wall. He said, 'Chunk her down, boys, chunk her down.' And, they said, 'How many times shall we chunk her down, till seven time seven?' And he said, 'Nay, but seventy times seven.' And they chunked her down four hundred and ninety times. And, she burst asunder in their midst. And they picked up twelve baskets of the leftovers. And, in the resurrection whose wife shall she be?"

The Committee chairman suddenly interrupted the young minister and said to the remainder of the committee, *"Fellows, I think we ought to ask the church to call this man as our minister. He is awfully young, but he sure does know his Bible."*

- € **Thoughts from John Ortberg's new book, "Soul Keeping"**.
...The (conscious) difference between talking to yourself and talking to your soul is that the soul exists in the presence of God.
...Lost souls allow themselves to live in worry, anger, self-importance and pettiness when life with God is all around them.
...The main thing you will give others is the person you become. If your soul is unhealthy, you can't help anybody. Have you taken time away from treating the soul-sickness of others to diagnose your own soul? How may your illnesses be contagious to others?

- € **In 1948 Alfred Kinsey asserted that 10% of Americans were homosexuals**...a figure that is still commonly quoted and helps drive trends of cultural acceptance. How close was Kinsey? In July, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced the results of the first large scale survey of America's gay and bisexual population. The survey found that 1.6 % of adults identify themselves as gay or lesbian, and 0.7 % as bisexual. The survey's legitimacy is bolstered by size (33,557 adults between the ages of 18 and 64) and methodology (which included face to face interviews and follow-up calls). [washingtonpost.com/national/health-science-survey...]

- € **"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; Only light can do that."** Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

- € **Trivia Question:** Which one of our missionary families serve in a city that was founded by a man from Haiti named Jean-Baptiste Pointe du Sable?
- A. The Rousseaus in Harari, Zimbabwe? C. Tim Mason in Elkhart, Indiana?
 B. The Sprechers in Antigua, Guatemala? D. The Rundquists in Chicago, Illinois?

For Prayer...

- ...Giving thanks that Jonathan (Nicole) passed their final evaluations in order to gain acceptance as an Mission Aviation Fellowship pilot. Thank you for your prayers.
- ...Mexico Missions Team’s Taco feast fund raiser after 2nd service today (Sunday). Please come & help.
- ...The Men’s “No Regrets” conference coming up on February 7th @ Walnut Hill.
- ...Pete, a friend of Walnut Hill’s, doing well and home after heart valve repair at St. Mary’s. Thank you for your prayers.
- ...A foreign exchange student living with Jeff and Kathy Teasdale, recovering from surgery to address bleeding in her brain. We pray for the Lord’s gracious hand of healing in her life.
- ...Daryl (LaVern) – is now under hospice care and taking morphine. We are grateful for faith and testimony.
- ...Giving thanks that Cheryl brother, Tom, who come through open heart surgery well. 4 by-passes.
- ...Steve (Don & Jean’s son), struggling with blood clots in his legs. Very serious, please pray for healing.
- ...Debbie (Gary) – is also struggling with painful and threatening blood clots.
- ...Sue is home and stable after a stay at St. Mary’s for breathing issues. We give thanks.
- ...Gary (Alison) daughter, Ashley, passed away last week. Alison is Ashley’s step-mother. Very tragic – a hard time for this family.
- ...Michael (Linde’s father) is one life support and fighting for his life. He may need heart surgery. Breathing is very difficult. Michael was baptized at Walnut Hill after his profession of faith.
- ...David, a friend of Walnut Hill requests prayer for his wife who was recently diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.
- ...Space Planning & Church growth...clarity of leading.
- ...The Men’s No-Regrets Conference on 2/7 at Walnut Hill and all those who help and will attend.
- ...Sale of Homes...
- ...Couples who are fighting serious physical illness together.

Jeff & Laurie	Daryl & LaVern	Christy (Mike)	Norm & Peg
Cheryl (Deane)	Renee (Dick)		

...Our Expectant Mothers

Anna (Nathan)	Sarah (Kelly)	Daisy (Aaron)	Diana (Steven)
Christine (Ben)	Sarah (Beaner)	Paige (Matt)	Terra (Ronnie)

Why Me?

Imagine yourself as a living house. God comes in to rebuild that house. At first, perhaps, you can understand what He is doing. He is getting the drains right and stopping the leaks in the roof and so on; you knew that those jobs needed doing and so you are not surprised. But presently He starts knocking the house about in a way that hurts abominably and does not seem to make any sense. What on earth is He up to? The explanation is that He is building quite a different house from the one you thought of – throwing out a new wing here, putting on an extra floor there, running up towers, making courtyards. You thought you were being made into a decent little cottage; but He is building a palace. He intends to come and live in it Himself.”

C. S. Lewis

Trivia Answer: D. The Rundquists in Chicago, IL with Inner City Impact. Baptiste, a fur trader, founded the settlement called Eschidagou, and was officially recognized as the city’s founder in 1968.