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Preacher's Point

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The Seeking of Undisturbed Stillness

In February 1946, the world's first general-purpose electronic computer was introduced at the University of Pennsylvania. The **E**lectronic **N**umerical **I**ntegrator and **C**omputer (ENIAC) filled a 30-by-50-foot room, weighed 50 tons, and used enough electricity every second to power a typical home for a week. Today, a pocket calculator contains more computing power than ENIAC did.

A decade ago, one observer noted that computers and other hi-tech gadgets have "snuck up on us and we don't realize it." He went on to speak of how wonderful it is to go where there are no computers, phones, televisions, or radios, or by simply going to the beach and listening to the waves.

Undisturbed stillness has become more elusive and therefore more necessary than ever to seek. Through the Psalmist, God said:

***"Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!"***

(Psalm 46:10).

A respite from activity allows us to focus our thoughts on the majesty of God (Psalm 104:1). A quiet place helps us to listen to him (Mark 1:35). Away from voice-mail, e-mail, web-browsing, texting and Face-book Messaging, we turn from



The Word of God!

Today's Sermon

One of our shepherds, Courtney Cheri, is bringing us the message this morning:

a.m. "What Happened to Marriage?"

Ephesians 5:25-28

p.m.

Opportunity for discussion and reflection on the morning sermon.

our busy daily schedule to his eternal plan.

Our frenetic lives call now more than ever for our need to be still and acknowledge that God is in charge (Psalm 83:18; Daniel 4:17; Daniel 4:25; Daniel 4:32; Daniel 5:21). The admonition of W.D. Longstaff, in his sacred hymn, "Take Time To Be Holy," remains eternally valid:

*Take time to be holy,
The world rushes on;
Spend much time in secret
With Jesus alone.*

Welcome Visitors!

We are pleased to have the opportunity to welcome you to our service. We think you will find our congregation family to be one that enthusiastically embraces newcomers and warmly welcomes them into our fellowship. We hope you feel right at home as you join us in worship, praise and thanksgiving.

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*New Sermon Series*

*Reminder!*

Continuing our new Sunday morning sermon series on discerning God's will as it pertains to matters of marriage, divorce and remarriage, one of our shepherds, Courtney Cheri, is presenting today's message. All three of our elders are planning on taking turns to preach most of the remaining sermons.

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New Arrivals!

(accomplished, or anticipated)

Joe Perino is the proud grandfather of another new granddaughter, **Adeline Woods Perino**, born 10 Oct, and weighing in at 8 lbs 14 oz. Congratulations, Joe & family!

Erin Carter Taylor (Joyce Carter's granddaughter) - expecting little boy around 28 February.

Jaimie Sparks is expecting a baby in March. Pray for mother and child's good health throughout her pregnancy.

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**"REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**&**

**ENCOURAGE"**



With Visits, Calls, & Cards

**Tom Farmer** (Reneitha's uncle) - passed away in Mississippi a few weeks ago.

**Karen Johnson** (relative of Dorothy Bryan) - recently passed away at age 108.

**The family of Tom Kendrick** (Linda Cheri's older brother) - who passed away in Orlando, Florida last week following an illness.

**Daniel Alderete** - former member here, has moved to his father's hometown of San Antonio, where he is hospitalized with two newly discovered malignant and inoperable brain tumors. Doctors give him no more than a year to live. You can communicate with Dan by friending him on Facebook, or by writing to him at his father's address:

Daniel Alderete  
3210 Rosette Dr  
San Antonio, TX 78247

**NOTE:** It is necessary in correspondence to refer to him as "Daniel" instead of "Dan," since his father also goes by "Dan" at this address.

**Larry Covington** (co-worker of Dorsie's) - hospitalized in an ICU in Jackson, MS with breathing difficulties and low oxygen.

**Ronald Molina** (Gerald's brother, in E. Tennessee) - receiving radiation treatments for prostate cancer.

**Akram & Martha Mustafa** (Nayla's parents) - have travelled to his hometown of Ramallah, Palestine, for business during a time of heightened Israeli-Palestinian violence and tensions. Pray for their safety and that they will soon be able to conclude their business and return home to Slidell

**Roger Whitley** (in-law of the Moragnes) - suffering from emphysema in North Carolina.

**Angel Mangus** (of Houston, TX, niece of Carl Mangus) - afflicted with inoperable stage 4 brain cancer.

**Jase Roig** (premature infant son of Colton Roig) - pray for God's healing hand to be upon through his long-term health problems of an arachnoid cyst in his brain, and cardiac openings that have not yet healed.

**Jessica Jackson** (daughter of a friend of George Roig) - age 26, suffering chronic headaches and depression which have only recently begun.

**Marie Peterson** - recovering at home from recent surgery.

**Tod Grabert** - recovering at home in Lafourche Parish from serious back surgery last week.

**Walter Acker, Jr.** ("Butch") - suffering chest pains and has been recently hospitalized.

**Kathy Mathern** (Bridget Carter's mother) - recovering well in Metairie following recent knee surgery.

**Mildred Tymkiw** - continuing her recovery at her daughter's home here in Slidell with the complication of renewed fluid build-up following her recent heart-valve surgery. Her doctors think she has a prolonged period ahead of her before attaining full recovery.

**Jerry Kimbrough** (former member here, now at the church of Christ at S. Baton Rouge) - diagnosed with cancer in his eye, and will be undergoing chemotherapy soon.

**Shirley Ervin** - thanksgiving that she is healing following recent neck surgery and is striving now to return to normal activity levels.

**Stephanie Smith** (sister of Kevin Cox) - needs surgery for her right shoulder, but a calcium deficiency won't permit this now.

**Zach Steele** - During a check up about 2 weeks ago physicians found abnormal cells in his blood test. After more tests they determined it is myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS). It is what can be called a "second cancer." It's not cancer, but can be, and in his case is a result/side effect

of previous treatments for cancer.

Zach will be having chemo and selective radiation treatments periodically for the foreseeable future.

**Rosa Nuñez** (good friend of the Vargas family) - having serious painful health problems.

**Linda Kelterborn** (Margaret's niece) - recovering from recent hip replacement surgery in Michigan.

**Jessica Fowler** (Jesse and Shirley's granddaughter, a resident of Lockport, LA) - facing severe personal problems.

**Terri Jones** - pray that she'll come to feel better through her negative phases in her Epstein-Barr disorder.

**Dale Epperley** - awaiting a new prosthesis that will relieve the pain and inflammation in his leg.

**Gerald Molina** - still seeing doctors for spinal stenosis.

**Sharon Honoré** (sister of Anita, and a member at the Crowder Blvd. church) - has advanced breast cancer.

**Clara Leonard** - overall pain continues to subside somewhat, though her ankle bothers her now.

**Bobby Leonard** - awaiting test results from his recent appointment with a kidney specialist.

**Alexis Leonard** (Joyce Carter's granddaughter) - scheduled to have recently implanted knee hardware to be surgically removed on 17 Nov.

**Margaret Schillinger** - experiencing some limited relief from her recent knee-pain flare-up.

**Fairie Roig** - also has a recent flare-up of pain in her right knee.

**Devon Nelson** (Roig's grandson) - pray for him to stay focused as he is scheduled to enlist in the U.S. Army this week (November 3).

**Marisol Vargas** - gone to her parents' home in Costa Rica, for at least three more weeks, to care

for her mother, **Maria Aurelia Alsaro**, who is afflicted with two infections. Pay for Robert too, as he gets by in her absence.

**Phyllis Tansil** - renewed lower back pain sustained while gardening

**Pray for all who are travelling.**

**Pray for Latino evangelism in our area.**

**Pray for our elders: Courtney Cheri, Dwight Jones and Gerald Molina.**

**Pray for President Obama and all our elected officials.**

**Pray for our men and women in our armed forces, both here and abroad!**

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***The Old Testament Narratives:  
Their Proper Use (continued)***

Adapted from Fee & Stuart, *How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth* (3<sup>rd</sup> edition)

*Principles for Interpreting Narratives*

*The Ruth Narrative*

The Book of Ruth is brief and self-contained, its plot is easy to follow, and its main characters are not hard to get to know. Therefore it is a good candidate to illustrate the principles noted previously, especially point 9: the Holy Spirit's teaching through narrative can be either explicit or implicit. Explicit teaching is that which the inspired narrator actually says (e.g., "**God was with Joseph**"). Implicit teaching is that which is clearly present in the story, but not stated in so many words.

Being able to distinguish what is explicitly taught can be fairly easy. Being able to distinguish what is implicitly taught can be difficult, requiring skill, hard work, caution, and a prayerful respect for the Holy Spirit's intent. Remember that we want to read things out of the narrative, rather than into it.

Ruth's story may be summarized as follows. The widow Ruth, from the nearby nation of Moab,

immigrates to Bethlehem with her Israelite other-in-law, Naomi, who is also a widow (Ruth 1). Ruth gleanes leftover grain in the field of Boaz, who befriends her, having heard of her faith and her kindness to Naomi, who is a relative of his (Ruth 2). At Naomi's suggestion, Ruth lets Boaz know that she loves him and hopes he would be willing to marry her (Ruth 3). Boaz undertakes the legal procedures necessary to marry Ruth and to protect the family property rights of her late husband, Mahlon. The birth of Ruth and Boaz's first son, Obed, is a great consolation to Naomi. Eventually, Obed's grandson turned out to be King David (Ruth 4).

If one is not familiar with the Ruth narrative, one should read the book through at least twice. In our next article we will take particular note of important implicit teaching that is found in the Ruth narrative.

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**Our Leaders!**

**Elders**

**Dwight Jones  
Courtney Cheri  
Gerald Molina**

**Preacher**

**Dan Schillinger**

**Deacons**

**Jesse Fowler  
James Richardson  
Hector Urbina**

**Our Services**

***Sunday Morning Bible Class*                    9:30 a.m.  
*Sunday Morning Worship*                10:30 a.m.  
*Sunday Evening Worship*                 5:00 p.m.  
  
*Wednesday Evening Bible Class*        7:00 p.m.  
  
*Stitches of Love*                            Tuesday 9:30 a.m.**