

Right now I'm sitting in the hospital room with my wife. Deb's about to be taken back behind those big swinging doors where people with torches, swords, needles and knives will be waiting on her. No one enjoys this!

But we both have turned this matter over to the CHIEF PHYSICIAN and asked HIM to guide all the humans in charge of the torches, swords, needles and knives. We asked HIM to send us 'family' to take care of her. Guess what just happened?

The physician in charge of putting her to sleep just left. He was the kindest, most informative doctor we have met in a long time. As he exited the room, he paused, turned and said, "By the way, I love that Book you're reading!" (We were reading the Bible!) Ain't Father cool?

We both looked at each other and just smiled and thanked Father again. (She's having foot surgery! And No Ernie---I didn't do it!)

UPDATE: From all reports I have received from Bobby, Debbie is doing really well. Thank EVERYONE, all you prayer warriors for your prayers. Another emergency prayer request – A Café family member named Burt needs your prayers. He is who we call "the coin man." Burt designs and sells all the little Christian coins we are always handing out and he does it for JESUS' glory. Right now Burt has a friend who has a serious legal issue and Burt is standing up for his friend. If the ruling goes against Burt's friend, he could lose his business for a while. We all need to pray that the SUPREME COURT of heaven will step in and rule on this one in favor of Burt and his friend...servants of the King!

"Father God, You are the Originator. You will be the Terminator! In between, You assume the title of Judge God; so, right now we come before You as Your children entering our CONFESSION! We confess these sins to You: _____, _____, _____, and _____.

Father, we are so grateful that You are not only totally LOVING but ALL POWERFUL.

Thank You for proving that to us through Jesus Christ!

Today please guard and guide us through Satan's evil mine field, causing us to ENJOY being led by Your Spirit-Word.

Cause others to see the POWER and JOY of JESUS in all we say and do!

And Father, please see that all those we have prayed for in the Jesus Café family get Your full attention today and that my Deb has a very successful recovery from this surgery.

We pray in Jesus' Name!"

Yesterday we spoke about the OOGO's, the ruling tribe of heathen people who seem to still be running the current affairs of the world today. For those who skipped yesterday's meal, I think you really do need to go back and eat it; but for the record, "O.O.G.O." stands for "OUT OF GOD'S ORDER!"

As I pointed out, we are all born OOGO's, naturally born into the OOGO tribe, separated at birth from God's Order by our sinful condition. Never forget that fact, as we must rub shoulders with OOGO's each day. We were all OOGO's by natural birth and God has ordered that we are to LOVE THEM into His supernatural Family!

Col 1:21- Once we were alienated from God and were enemies in our minds because of our (sinful birth) and resulting evil behavior. But now God has reconciled us by Christ's physical body through death to present us holy in His sight, without blemish and free from accusation-

Eph 2:12- remember we were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship----- without hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus we who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ.

2 Cor 5:16- So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer.

I list these Scriptures from Father as reminders to those of us who are no longer in the OOGO nation, to keep us from getting angry, fat-headed and arrogant as we view the MANY still caught up and obsessed with the birthrights, myths and traditions of the OOGO tribe! (Oh, when I first became a serious Bible studying Christian I had a bad attitude toward OOGO's! I thought too much of my new position and fresh knowledge about the wayward and delinquent ways of the OOGO's.)

Two important warnings concerning spiritual warfare with the OOGO'S:

1) **LOVE** is our chief weapon, NOT **KNOWLEDGE!** LOVE will win over those OOGO's that choose to finally humble themselves and receive JESUS CHRIST as their only way out of this lying, dying world!

1 Cor 8:1- We know that we all possess knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. The man who thinks he knows something does not yet know as he ought to know. But the man who loves God is known by God.

2) When we non-OOGO's commit a sin and fail to immediately confess it, we are temporarily (experientially) separated from family fellowship, powers and privileges! We are temporarily "out of God's order" and once again go back and begin behaving just like OOGO's! (Except, we can't really enjoy sinning anymore like we used to before we left the OOGO'S.)

According to the Scriptures, the OOGO's took control of the world thousands of years ago, probably pretty soon after Cain got mad with God, began running from God's Order and began raising many "little Cains!" Ya know, it seems that MANY OOGO's seek to get the FEW (God's family) of us involved in a numbers game, where it appears to them that they are winning. They're always seeking to out-man us, out-number us and out-vote us.

They seem to believe that a democracy is the best form of government while we believe that God is the best form.

But we, the Remaining Few, need to remember that the OOGO's are used to having their selfish ways and this has been passed down to them for many years. Remember that the OOGO's were in charge of world events when Noah was building his boat; and although they suffered a terrible defeat with the Flood, they quickly bounced back and they have not been ousted yet.

Gen 6:11- Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight and was full of violence. God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways. (Most theologians believe this event took place about 5000-8000 years ago. So we see that the OOGO's have pretty much been used to running their mouths and ruling.)

The OOGO's are THE MANY of Mathew 7:13-14, the "people of this world!"

Matt 7:13- "Enter (eternal life) through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction (ever-lasting life in darkness and fire), and MANY enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to (eternal) life, and only a FEW find it.

And what departing words did Jesus have for the OOGO's?

Matt 7:22- MANY will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your Name, and in Your Name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from Me, you evildoers!'

I just can't imagine what those souls will suddenly experience when GOD has to say, "*TO HELL WITH YOU!*"

The OOGO's powerful, deceiving influence has infiltrated God's family, and today (as in Jesus' day) the OOGO's have a powerful voice and vote in too many Christian churches as can be candidly seen from this humorous, but "too true joke" about a church looking for a pastor. (thanks Jamie for sending this!)

Pastoral Search Report

We do not have a happy report to give. We've not been able to find a suitable candidate for this church, though we have one promising prospect still. We do appreciate all the suggestions from the church members, and we've followed up each one with interviews or calling at least three references. The following is our confidential report on the present candidates.

- **Adam:** Good man but problems with his wife. Also one reference told of how he and his wife enjoy walking nude in the woods.
- **Noah:** Former pastorate of 120 years with no converts. Prone to unrealistic building projects.
- **Abraham:** Though the references reported wife-swapping, the facts seem to show he never slept with another man's wife, but did offer to share his own wife with another man. And known to lie to protect himself.
- **Joseph:** A big thinker, but a braggart, believes in dream-interpreting, and has a prison record. Sort of stuck on himself, too.

- **Moses:** A modest and meek man, but poor communicator, even stuttering at times. Sometimes blows his stack and acts rashly. Some say he left an earlier church over a murder charge.
- **David:** The most promising leader of all until we discovered the affair he had with his neighbor's wife, and involved in a murder, also. Very poor father---several rebel children!
- **Solomon:** Great preacher but our parsonage would never hold all those wives and prone to wonder from what he preaches.
- **Elijah:** Prone to depression-collapses under pressure.
- **Elisha:** Reported to have lived with a single widow while at his former church.
- **Hosea:** A tender and loving pastor but our people could never handle his wife's occupation.
- **Deborah:** Female.
- **Jeremiah:** Emotionally unstable, alarmist, negative, always lamenting things, and reported to have taken a long trip to bury his underwear on the bank of foreign river.
- **Isaiah:** On the fringe? Claims to have seen angels in church. Has trouble with his language.
- **Jonah:** Refused God's call into ministry until he was forced to obey by getting swallowed up by a great fish. He told us the fish later spit him out on the shore near here. We hung up.
- **Amos:** Too backward and unpolished. With some seminary training he might have promise, but has a hang-up against wealthy people. Might fit in better in a poor congregation.
- **John:** Says he is a Baptist, but definitely doesn't dress like one. Has slept in the outdoors for months on end, has a weird diet, and provokes denominational leaders. Doesn't follow tradition well, either.
- **Peter:** Too blue collar. Has a bad temper—even has been known to curse. Will turn on you when his own safety is in jeopardy. Had a big run-in with Paul in Antioch. Aggressive, but a loose cannon.
- **Paul:** Terrible family back ground! Former murderer. Powerful CEO type leader and fascinating preacher. However, short on tact, unforgiving with younger ministers, harsh and has been known to preach all night.
- **Timothy:** Too young.
- **Jesus:** Has had popular times, but once when his church grew to 5000 he managed to offend them all and this church dwindled down to twelve people. Seldom stays in one place very long. And, of course, he's single, and speaks sort of ugly to many recognized religious leaders. Hangs out with sluts and drunks. Thinks he's God's gift too!

- **Judas:** His references are solid. A steady plodder. Conservative. Good connections. Knows how to handle money. Seems to be very prudent, practical, and progressive. We're inviting him to preach this Sunday. Possibilities here.

So *JESUS CAFÉ*, as we go into this day, let's remember 2 things:

- 1) The OOGO's are ruling this world!**
- 2) They won't rule long so we need to love'm over to our side!**