



Living Word

Christian Church

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Jeremiah 29:11

*"For I know the plans
I have for you,"
declares the Lord,
"plans to prosper you
and not to harm you,
plans to give you
hope and a future"*

Pastor's Corner!

*On Being a Dangerous Church by Pastor
Brad*

There were two notoriously bad brothers, rascals from the cradle, and whenever anything out of line would happen around their little town they would catch the blame, and they were usually the guilty parties. After a fire at the local school, the boy's parents, at wit's end, decided they would send the oldest boy, who was 10, down to the local preacher for some counseling.

The boy was frightened. The minister looked so austere in his black robe each Sunday. What would he be like in person, face to face? The minister looked at the boy somberly. "Young man, where is God?" The boy had no idea what to say, so he sat in silence. The minister repeated the question, "Young man, where is God?"

The boy still said nothing. The pastor thundered one last time, "Young man, I said, 'Where is God?'" The boy jumped up out of his seat, bolted from the room, raced home as fast as he could, and went upstairs to pack. Noticing his younger brother looking at him, he declared, "You'd better pack too, brother. They've lost God and I know they're gonna blame us!"

Where is God? Many people today have lost their knowledge of his reality. Many people today have lost their sense of his presence. As Paul observes in 2 Corinthians 4:4, "the god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God." If we at LWCC will be delightful (see the January newsletter) and if we will be dynamic (see the February newsletter) then we can help remove the blinders so that people will see the light of the gospel. We can bring about change, and as we do, we will become a dangerous people and a dangerous church to the false god of this age.

Meteors, earthquakes, and forest fires are all dangerous because they can change the landscape. A delightful and dynamic church is also dangerous because it can change the landscape. We are meant to attack the gates of hell (Matthew 16:18). We are meant to do battle with the forces of evil (2 Corinthians 10:4-5; Ephesians 6:13-18). We are meant to bring the gospel to bear upon our families, friends, neighbors, leaders, and institutions (Matthew 28:19-20; Ephesians 3:7-9).

But sometimes our methods are unwelcome and ineffective. Sometimes we attack and try to change the landscape by using weapons of ranting and raving, or condemning and scaring, when Peter commanded just the opposite. He said this in 1 Peter 3:15-16: "But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect."

The truly dangerous person, the truly dangerous church, the church that will storm and overpower the gates of hell and reveal where God is, is the church that uses the weapon of gentle witness. We need to add to our genuine unity and generous kindness a gentle witness.

John 4 records the encounter between Jesus and a Samaritan woman at the well, about which I want to make some brief observations. In verse 4 Jesus goes out of his way to meet the woman. He then transgresses some cultural mores and behaviours by speaking to the woman (verse 7). Jesus was not afraid to be creative or to step beyond what we'd call our "comfort zone." Next, Jesus uses a physical need for water to broach the subject of a spiritual need (verses 10-15). Jesus addresses gently, but factually, the many fractured relationships the woman had with men (verses 16-19). When the woman gets her defenses up and tries to engage in a theological debate (verse 20), Jesus responds, not by condemning her for her inability to remain in a holy state of matrimony, but by speaking the truth about God, and by revealing himself as the true Messiah (verses 21-26). Then what happens? Not only does the woman become a believer and follower of Jesus (a true Christian), but many others also become followers of Jesus because of the woman's testimony (verses 39-42). A gentle, kind, sensitive, loving interaction between Jesus and a woman resulted in the transformation of a larger community. That day, a gentle, but very dangerous Jesus wreaked havoc on the god of this age and the gates of hell by helping people to find the only true God. Let us follow the example of Jesus and be dangerous people and a dangerous church.