## Good News From Chardon

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# **How Curious Are You?**

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I suppose most of us have heard this expression: "Curiosity killed the cat." I'm not really sure what that means, but I've heard it all my life. I think it has something to do with the idea that some things are better left

I recently read another quote about curiosity that caught my attention. While not as famous as the one about the cat, it may be more important. "The call of Moses started with the curiosity of Moses." (Jesus in the Present Tense: The I Am Statements of Christ, by Warren Wiersbe, p.17) While Mr. Wiersbe and I would disagree on many things, I think he's right about that. The conversation with God began after Moses became curious about the fact that there was a bush that was burning, "...yet it was not consumed" (Ex. 3:2).

As I thought about this, I began thinking about some other instances in the Bible where curiosity led to something of great significance. I'm sure you can add to this list, but just a few examples would be:

- David's curiosity about engaging Goliath in battle; 1 Sam. 17:26ff.
- A question about the residence of Jesus; John 1:38ff
- A Samaritan woman's question about why Jesus was asking her for water; John 4:5ff.
- The same woman's question about the proper place for worship; John 4:20ff.
- A young man's question about what he might do to inherit eternal life; Matt. 19:16ff.
- The curiosity exhibited by those who didn't understand the unusual occurrences on the Day of Pentecost; Acts 2:7-12
- The question asked by those whose hearts had been affected by the sermon delivered by Peter and the other apostles on that occasion; Acts 2:37ff.

As suggested earlier, that list is not exhaustive. Many other examples could be given. Unfortunately, not all of them would be positive in nature. (Think of Eve and her curiosity about the fruit from a certain tree as one example.)

Can you think of some ways in which curiosity could lead today to things of eternal significance in a positive way? Maybe the following can be used as a springboard for your own thoughts:

- What could curiosity about the true facts about the origin of the universe lead to?
- What could curiosity about the "when does life begin" controversy
- What could curiosity about the church Jesus promised to build lead **Sermon**: to (cf. Matt. 16:18)?
- What could curiosity about the Lord's plan of salvation lead to?
- What could curiosity about "the ultimate question" (where will I spend eternity) lead to?

What will curiosity lead to in your life? What are you curious about

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#### Schedule of **Services:**

**Greeting**: Tom Song Leader:

Dale

**Opening Hymn:** 

403—No Tears in Heaven

**Opening Prayer:** 

Ray

Hymn:

111—Yield Not to Temptation

**Scripture Reading:** 

Ryan

Exodus 3:1-6

Hvmn:

297—When My Love To Christ Grows Weak

Lord's Supper:

Myron & Ron

Hymn:

190—Leaning on the Everlasting

Tom

**Invitation Hymn:** 

605—Just As I Am

**Closing Hymn:** 

225—Soldiers of Christ

**Closing Prayer:** 

Mark

#### PRAYER LIST

- \*Juanita has bronchitis.
- \*Pat was not feeling well and went to the doctor last week.
- \*Myron & Carole are on vacation.
- \*Juanita and her family.
- \*Dale's friend Zarna and her family.
- \*Larry and Ruth
- \*Dale, his mother and his cousin Jayna and her family.
- \*Ray, Rebecca, and Steven.
- \*Rebecca will be scheduling foot surgery this summer.
- \*Our congregation
- \*Our Veterans

#### **CALENDAR**

- Jun. 9—Bible Study 10 am Mark
- Jun. 9—Worship 11 am & 6 pm Speaker: Tom
- Jun. 9—Potluck
- Jun. 12—Bible Study 7 pm Rob
- Jun. 15—b. Andrey
- Jun. 16—Worship 11 am & 6 pm Speaker: Tom
- Jun. 19—Bible Study 7 pm Rob
- Jun. 19—a. Danny & Susan
- Jun. 22-b. Brendan
- Jun. 23—Worship 11 am & 6 pm Speaker: Tom
- Jun. 26—Bible Study 7 pm Rob
- Jun. 28—a. Myron & Carole
- Jun. 30—Worship 11 am & 6 pm Speaker: Tom

Answer to Puzzle: the Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. So he looked, and behold, the bush was a bush. So he looked, and behold, the bush was

### The Burning Bush

Reference: Exodus 3:1-6

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"If you don't know where you are going, you might wind up someplace else." Yogi Berra

SUNDAY: Bible Class — 10:00 am; Worship — 11:00 am; Evening — 6:00 pm Wednesday Evening Bible Study — 7:00 pm Website: Chardonchurchofchrist.org E-mail: church of Christ@roadrunner.com

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