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You know the game well. Twenty Questions. Perhaps you've played it to pass time on a long car ride, or just for fun with family or friends. It's a good game to create understanding as to how things are catalogued in life. If you ask enough yes or no questions, you can understand a lot about life.

In John 1, a similar series of questions is thrown at John the Baptizer by a group of religious leaders trying to pinpoint who John is (since John freely had confessed he was not the Messiah – God's anointed one – even if they may have thought that he was).

They ask if he is Elijah, an easy yes or no question, to which John answered, "No." Then they asked if he was the Prophet, to which he also answered, "No."

Then, they more or less threw in the towel and simply asked him outright, "Who are you?", while hinting at the real reason they wanted or needed to know – other important people had sent them to find out about John's purpose, identity, and place in God's peoples' story.

John's understanding of his place in Jesus' story may be seen in this exchange of information. As important as John's work was, and the power that he held when multitudes listened to his message and followed him, he knew one greater than him who was incredibly more important. While he had the ear of these important representatives of the community and could have demanded they respect his own authority and influence right then and there ... he didn't. He called attention to the *"one who comes after me, whose sandals I am not worthy to untie."* Jesus, his younger cousin. God's anointed!

John as a powerful individual who figuratively, or even literally, was willing to get down in the dirt. In complete humility to unbuckle smelly sandals from Jesus' dirty feet (is there an idea here of washing another's feet?), were he worthy (and he says he is not).

What lesson can we take from this story? No matter who I think I am, unknown or well-known, am I willing to direct all attention to Jesus in any and every situation of my existence? Am I willing to serve him, to be humbly at his feet, serving him? Does my life and my response to the question of who, or whose, I am, point to Jesus? Without hesitation? Twenty questions – you choose the questions...is the final answer Jesus?

-Billy

Prayer List:

- **For the health of our nation**, physically in the face of the virus crisis, emotionally in the face of civil unrest, and spiritually as we all seek God's help and healing.
- **For our Health Care workers** – for their health, energy and strength as they serve during this time.
- **For the Economic impact** – for individuals and families in our church family and community whose financial stability has been impacted by the crisis.
- **Covid-19 - Wade & Kalyn Garrett** (Jody & Stacy Barnes' daughter and son-in-law), **Sylvia Glover** (Sarilee Nash & Cindy Wallace's sister-in-law), **Margo Hilderbran** (Savanah Wells' friend), **Lynn Kee** (Lindsay Reinold's grandfather), **Benjamin Lozano** (Mely Alvarez's father), **David Miller** (Sara Stone's fiance), **Johnny & Beth Pierce** (Harold Stuart's sister & brother-in-law)
- **Cam Copeland**, Missy Chitwood's father, had a biopsy this week. Options for treatment will be discussed in a few weeks.
- **Cathy Hagameier** (co-worker with Rodney Crownover), **Bob Nossaman** (Rob's dad), **Sharon Pearson** and **Billie Wilson** are in Hospice Care.
- **Josh Hastings** had outpatient shoulder surgery on Friday.
- **Danny Hurst** is recovering at Saline Memorial following successful surgery on Wednesday.
- **Glenn Kays** will undergo a PET Scan before 35 radiation treatments for throat cancer.
- **Rod Kirk** is in Arkansas Heart Hospital.
- **Carole Mayes**, Laura Hutchison's mother, is in ICU at Conway Regional.
- **Wanda Otwell** will undergo total knee replacement surgery on Monday at St. Vincent's.
- **Sissy Treat** will begin monthly infusion treatments and will need a lung biopsy.
- **Betty Klazynski**, Alex Hamilton's aunt in Austin, TX, had brain surgery today to repair an aneurysm.

You are cordially invited to a Baby Shower honoring Rachel (Mayes) & Spencer Davis on August 1, from 1:00—3:00 pm in our Outreach Building. Rachel and Spencer are expecting twin boys and are registered at Target. <https://www.target.com/gift-registry/giftgiver?regis->



You are cordially invited to a Drive-by Shower celebrating Jordan Wilson and Hayden Graves on August 9, 2020 from 2:00 – 4:00 pm. , at 1871 Abbey Lane, Benton. Please RSVP to 501-352-4096. Hayden and Jordan are registered at Target, WalMart, Amazon and Smith-Caldwell.

Continue to remember:

Coleman Brady
Becky Burton
Joe Campbell
Charles Caradine
Cash Clancy
Casey Cochran
Rhonda Covington
Rob Dedman
Nick Dobson
Susan Dorsey
Don & Patricia Flowers
Mike Frost
Cathie Gall
Kelley Geurin
Roger Harris
Finley Page Kestle
Wilma Lunsford
James & Margarete Mayberry
Ann Norton
Jordan Parsons
Carol Pillow
Suzanne Reed
Diana Richard
Bess Sanders
Johnny Scroggins
Micah Sexson
Patsy Steele
Phil Stinnett
Letha Styles
Fred & Edith Swaim
Randy Townsend
Ricky Treat
Ruth Whitmire
Autumn Wilder
Angela Wilson
Bartha Wise
Syble Womack



Today to
**Fernando
Toledo!!**