



Dear Friends,

A few years back, I was called to jury duty and as many of you have done, I cringed at the letter from the clerk of court. I thought of reasons to get excused. When I tried to use my job position as a possible hinderance to me serving, the judge decided I would make a good juror in this case! I found myself surrounded by a pool of soccer moms and local country boys. It did not take long to know this was going to be fun.

The trial was a murder case concerning a drug dealer, his live-in girlfriend, and his lover (who ended up shooting the girlfriend). The condensed version is there was a lot of testimony laced with street terminology. Most of the jury pool had no idea what it all meant. For instance, one juror wanted to know if the “weed man” (drug dealer) was the local lawncare man? One witness said she had her “homegirls posting up” across the street when the shooting occurred. The attorney asked the witness to explain what she meant; the word “tricking” had to be defined for the jury! There were gasps in the room.

Back in the jury room, I was asked, “Preacher, how in the world do you know all these street terms and understand what is being said?” That part was easy to explain; I have worked with this culture every day for the past three decades! **THEY BE MY PEOPLE.**

Just as their world has its vocabulary, we also use “ecclesiastical” terms they are not familiar with as well. Words like “righteousness,” transformation” or sanctification. The list is too long to write them all here. You would laugh at some of their ideas about us.

I have been going through somewhat of a “Clean-up” of things we say to make our men understand us better. One of my favorite switching of terminology is to ask a man if he is ready to come under “new management” (get saved, converted, transformed...). They understand poor management and what it has cost them, so it is easy to explain that their new landlord can be Jesus, if they choose to follow Him.

Thanks for every dime invested in these “lost souls,” or should I more accurately say the sons of mothers who have prayed for years for her child to be saved! Just think, you are part of an answered prayer every time you give; and I thank you for that gift.

Helping Hurting People,

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