

Critters Devotion 1-Introduction

Jeremiah 6: 16-17

"Stand at the crossroads and look.

Ask for the ancient paths.

Ask where the good way is.

Walk in it and you will find rest for your souls.

But you said, 'We will not walk in it.' I appointed watchmen over you and said, 'Listen to the sound of the trumpet!'

But you said, 'We will not listen.' (Jeremiah 6: 16-17).

I want to tell you a story today that I hope will help us view ourselves in a little different light. I've been working on this for the last couple of weeks as we talked about crossroads.

Once upon a time there was a small group of critters that came upon a crossroads in life. It was found at a junction where four major roads converged to form a huge intersection.

The roads were:

1. Heresy Highway.
2. Religion Road.
3. Doubters Drive...
4. Atheist Avenue.

There were five critters who stood at the crossroad in amazement listening as thoughts and ideas came from every direction and collided right in front of them!

Heretics, Religionists, Doubters and Atheists were all LOUD and PROUD shouting their ideas to anyone who would listen.

- Each could make their own ideas sound convincing, and it had a profound impact on each of the critters.
 - The heretics could take any truth and twist it just enough to convince those who listened that it was right. Remember, **a half-truth is a whole lie!**
 - Religionists could really fool almost anyone because their ideas appealed to every person's desire to be good enough on their own. **Man's efforts to reach God equals religion!**
 - Doubters questioned everything with either a "yeah but" or a "I ain't gonna believe anything if I can't see it" retort. They throw shade on truth.
 - Atheists denied everything. They ridiculed everyone coming from any direction by calling it all a lie! We came from nothing...NOW is all there is...we die and go to nothing.

To the critters it was all confusing and frustrating because they just wanted to get on down the road!

No wonder they were confused as millions of voices with millions of opinions all shouted at the intersection to make their claims heard.

For us it is the same and oftentimes, we too are clamoring to be heard.

But wait! There is another voice at the crossroads. It is the Voice of Truth and He will be heard.