



bits from bob....

"Everybody Needs a Little Jesus"
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[This week, I substitute a "bits" reflection for my usual WOW.]

On a recent Sunday morning, I presented a mission report and preached at a church in Arkansas. Jan and I decided to make the three-hour drive on Sunday morning. We left home a little before 6:00 A.M. and we were more than ready for a brief stop after a couple of hours of driving. We refilled our coffee cups.

The cashier noticed our attire and asked about our reason for traveling. We shared that we were on our way to visit a church, share a mission report, and preach. She asked if she could pray for us. Of course, we consented. She prayed a thoughtful prayer asking God's protection and success for our travels and our work.

As we finished, she reached behind the counter and pressed a small figurine into my hand. "Take this, everybody needs a little Jesus."

We appreciated the prayer and the desire of the cashier to exalt Jesus. As we traveled, Jan and I talked about the experience (over fresh cups of coffee). We agreed on one thing! Most days, people need more than a little Jesus. We need a whole lot of Jesus! We also know that some days people are not ready for a whole lot of Jesus!

Our conclusion? Everyone needs a little Jesus. Everyone needs a whole lot of Jesus. Both are true. God calls us to use spiritual perception to figure out how to share Jesus with those who cross our path. We go forth sowing the seed of God's word, but we also go forth preparing the soil. *[The figurine now sits on our kitchen counter, a reminder that God sends us forth each day to give people as much Jesus as they are ready to accept!]*

Application time! During this holiday season, many people are thinking about Jesus. Do not hesitate to talk about Jesus. Do not hesitate to share the importance of Jesus in your life. At a time when people are open to talking about Jesus, give them as much Jesus as possible!