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Despite What You May Think

Luke 11:14-26

The Lengths of Human Rationalization

What would we have done if we lived back then?

Three responses to the miracle of Jesus

Some people marveled: v.14

Some people refuse to acknowledge them: v.16

Some people acknowledge them but twist them to fit their bias: v.15

The Twisters will defy logic (the spy that went too far): vs.17-18

The Twisters will be inconsistent (what about your sons?): v.19

Beware: we are all potential Twisters

Rationalization and the Real

While Twisters temporarily justify their own positions,

They do not change what is real

The finger of God regardless of what you call it

The kingdom of God as a mountain: Daniel 2:34,35

Stronger is stronger no matter what you call it: vs.21-22

Kicking against the goads

Twisters don't change the real but they can make a scattering mess: v.23

They create stumbling blocks for others

They remain vulnerable to consequences of the real (the vacated house): vs.24-26

Untwisting our Twister Tendencies

Do we want to know the truth, even if it hurts? John 7:17, Psalm 15:4

Unflinching naming of the that which is clear

Are we open to, and do we seek out, ideas and perspectives other than my own?

Leaning into the Wesleyan Quadrilateral

Scripture * Experience * Tradition * Reason *