

HELLO PILGRIM REST FAMILY,

PRAYERS

- † Let us remain prayerful for our church family and for our community
- † Let us also remain prayerful for healthcare workers, first responders, essential workers, those who have been afflicted with the virus and those who have been affected by the virus.

JULY MEMORY VERSE

²⁶ Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷ and do not make room for the devil. **Ephesians 4:26, 27**

JULY MEDITATION QUOTE

“To be a Negro in this country and to be relatively conscious, is to be in a rage almost all the time. So that the first problem is how to control that rage so that it won’t destroy you.” **James Baldwin**

ARE YOU A MINORITY?

Therefore, are you a minority? Are you accepting of this term being used to define and describe you? Are you still believing that the word is just a word and if people choose to use it, you are fine with it?

Permit me one more opportunity to share how being defined and described as a minority carries a subconscious interpretation on the one using the word, and upon the one of whom the word is used;

1. White armed militias who face down federal agents are exercising the 2nd Amendment rights; however, a 12 year old Black boy (Tamir Rice) who was playing with a toy gun in a park had the police called on him, who showed up and killed him within seconds of arriving.
2. Struggling white farmers in Iowa taking billions in federal assistance are hardworking Americans who are victims of the system; however, struggling single parents in central cities using food stamps are welfare queens who are scamming the system.
3. Black Americans struggling with crack cocaine addiction are thieves and manipulators who want nothing more than to get high and are deserving of incarceration; however, white Americans struggling with opioid addiction are an unfortunate national tragedy and deserving of a nation-wide, coordinated response of treatment and sustained resources.
4. Poor European immigrants who flocked to America in droves with virtually no immigration restrictions came “the right way”; however, poor Mexican and Central American immigrants coming to America to seek a better life are murderers and rapists.
5. A group of young, white, suburban cheerleaders who brutally beat and terrorized a young girl are misguided teens who permitted their prank to go too far; however, a group of young, Black, central city boys who beat up a homeless man are a gang of thugs and depraved degenerates and should be locked up.
6. When a white, suburban youth murders someone, they interview his former Boy Scout leader and try to “understand what went wrong” because, after all, he was a good boy from a good family; however, when a Black, central city youth murders someone, he is an immoral sociopath who was born that way and will never add value to humanity.

Do I need to go on? I could, you know... Do you see my point? No, you are not a minority. You never have been and you never will be. Take offense every time the word ‘minority’ is used to define and describe you and people of color. Raise your children and grandchildren to know who and whose they are, and raise them to know how much they are valued by God. You are not a minority!

NOTE FROM CAPTAIN WILLOW MURPHY

As of 07-13-20, District 7 has 17 homicides and 60 non-fatal shootings.

Hotspot Areas:

- ◆ North 37th Street to North Sherman Boulevard; West Locust Street to West Nash Street
- ◆ North Sherman Blvd to North 51th Street; West Locust Street to West Nash Street

Captain Willie O. Murphy

BE SAFE, BE SMART, BE SERIOUS

I remain prayerful for your safety and security and remain available to you to listen and share regarding your needs and concerns. Please call me, text me (414-852-4010) and/or email me pilgrimrestpastorchilds@gmail.com so we can talk out and talk through anything and everything that you may be going through or need assistance with.

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