

Morning Rundown: Everything You Wanted to Know About Hanukkah But Were Afraid to Ask

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Recently, I was asked to teach about Hanukkah with a church group in Dallas. I entered the conversation thinking it was really quite straight forward, that most Christians at least in America surrounded by a Judeo-Christian culture know the basics about the holiday.

I began by relating a story about when I did a teaching two years ago with a group of pastors in Africa, who have no interaction with Jews or Jewish culture. One pastor stated excitedly that it seemed like such a great holiday, we should celebrate it more often. I always found that one of the most charming jumping off point for discussion, even with Christians in America who know much more, but typically don't know as much as one would think.

Hanukkah is the celebration of the rededication of the temple in Jerusalem after its desecration by Greek enemies of Israel. Rather than destroying the temple, again, they desecrated it, which left it unfit for ritual use.

Paralyzed Elite Athlete Sees Jesus, Receives Christmas Miracle

"Jesus has healed me."

Those are the words of Naomi Bogale, an Ethiopian runner who moved by herself to Colorado filled with visions of athletic

renown. That, though, was before everything changed.

“All my body was paralyzed, my legs, nothing, zero,” she told CBS News, recalling the horrific accident she was in just seven months ago, when the car she was riding in wrecked, leaving her with a broken back and a severe spinal cord injury.

Beth Moore Apologizes on Behalf of Her Generation for Glorifying Christian Celebrity Culture'

American Evangelist Beth Moore took to Twitter to share regrets on behalf of her generation for promoting and glorifying the “Christian celebrity culture” that has spread like wildfire across the country.

Moore says many in her generation had good intent and a pure heart to see people come to know Jesus, but she believes there's something people should know. “I think we made speaking and teaching and traveling, and certainly book publishing look glamorous,” she posted.

Moore continued to say she hasn't met one person in the industry who found celebrity Christianity to be glorious or glamorous. She addressed the upcoming generation to set clear and realistic expectations for speakers, pastors and authors to come. {eoa}

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