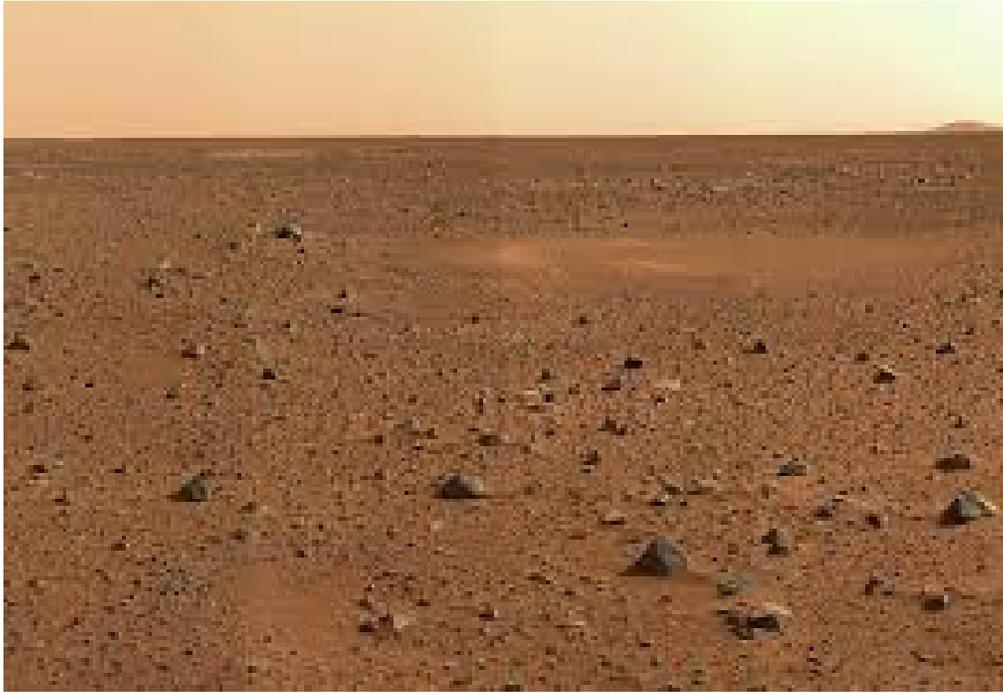


## BORING



(Desert on other planets – Wikipedia)

We're *so* boring!

The other day I invited a coworker over for a dose of boring. That's right, *boring*; our home is pretty boring. Every so often, Peggy and I will be discussing something we've seen in our daily lives, or something on the news, and we'll look at each other and say it: "We are sooooo boring!" And I guess we are; and you know what? It's not that bad at all.

When Peggy was working in the school system, she saw all kinds of dysfunction. There were broken families, broken adults, broken kids...; even broken educators. But each situation was filled with drama, at times exciting and, at least for them, normal. In my career in law enforcement I see and have seen more of the same, only I get to see it played out in the homes, places of business, and other—shall we say—recreational sites. Once again, there's excitement and often high drama; nothing boring there. The sad thing is that for those involved it is normal and expected; they know nothing else.

This dysfunction is not always just a function of the lower classes of society. Middle, upper middle and even the upper class—those we often envy—have the same problems. In Psalm 73, Asaph was troubled over those whose position in life could well be the envy of those in his situation. It seems he couldn't understand how God was letting them get away with it. Finally he "got it." In v. 17 he said "till I entered the sanctuary of God; then I understood their final destiny." Although Asaph was musing over a specific thing that troubled him, his seeking refuge in the Sanctuary of God is a concept we all need to remember. He entered the sanctuary and found peace alone with God.

That's not to say that Christians can't have dysfunction in their lives also. All of us have times that are at least turbulent. Sometimes forces far beyond our control exert stress on us and make our lives every bit as unsettled as the lives of the unsaved. Certainly our destiny is not the same as those of whom Asaph spoke, but there's dysfunction none the less. Christians, however, recognize that it is not supposed to be the norm.

Boring as it may be, our home is our sanctuary. Our God is in our home, and we can largely shut the world out. He is honored, studied and worshipped here. Though I wish I could say our lives are always boring, I can't; but we try to keep our home that place of sanctuary where we can shut the world out and live as God desires—or at least more closely than we can outside. We understand both our final destiny and that of others who live the more exciting lives. Maybe that's what makes it so boring. If that's the case, we'll take it.

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