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This week's topics:

1. What's your favorite way to waste time?

2. What do you think of tattoos? Do you have any?

3. Have you ever saved an animal's life? How about a person's life?

4. Which recent news story is the most interesting?

5. What smell brings back great memories?

6. What Are You Afraid Of?

7. Did your family go out to eat after church when you were a kid? How often? Where did you go?

8. Do Presidential Candidates Need to Be Good Debaters? Why or why not?

9. When in Your Life Have You Been a Leader?

10. When Have You Ever Failed at Something? What Happened as a Result?

and responses:

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A memorable failure...in 1964 my dad got me into Central WI. Concrete for summer work. I showed up early and ready to give it my best. At 4:30 pm, the foreman, asked if I could stay late and unload the blocks from a box car that was loaded to the top. I said sure. So I was there by myself, after hours, working, when the foreman came back, watched me and chatted, and then said, do you want to take a cigarette break. I said sure. He's the boss.

The next day, my dad called home and said don't bother going into work. I had been fired. The lesson...when you're on the clock, working for the man, keep working. To this day, I thought I had been tricked, but the lesson learned is assume nothing. If I had it to do over, I'd say, sure, I'd love a smoke, let me go punch out for 15 minutes. Still....a valuable lesson.

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I have had my eyebrows tattooed twice and my lips once. All nasty painful. I cannot understand how people do tattoo sleeves—pain and cost for pain. We almost never ate out as a family growing up. Raising our children, we ate breakfast out after church for years. Even tho it was breakfast, our younger daughter always ordered soup and a sandwich.

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1. I love to watch movies, I guess that is a waste of time.

2. I like tattoos if done sparingly. I have two. I have not had eye brows since about age 30, nor did my mother. I have my eye brows tattooed and it does make a difference on the face.

6. Dead birds, there is a long story behind that one.

9. In high school I had no confidence, My husband helped me with that and I have led groups,organizations, and taught dance and school for years. I look back and imagine what I could have done if I had had the courage and confidence I do now.

10. I have failed at spellling and probably allways well.

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Wasting time: - I take recycling far beyond what would be considered normal. Our church takes in donations for a once a year yard sale. Once a week we meet to process what comes in and some is JUNK. I put this in my truck and take it to my shop, a small out building, and sort thru it. The real JUNK gets trashed but the GOOD STUFF goes in a pile and whenever I get spare time to waste, I take / break items apart and sort out the recyclable materials into multiple bins. When I get a truck load it goes to the scrap yard and the money goes to the yard sale account.

When you consider earnings per hour, no sane person would do it, but I do it for two reasons. It's fun to see how things are put together and understand how they work. I have tools to overcome every form of fastener known to man and breaking things is part of my personality. (My first paying job was at Frank Garber Co working in the scrap yard). Secondly, I do earn a pittance for the church. The price of scrap is way down now. Ferrous metal for instance is at $.02/ lb. Stainless, aluminum, brass, wire and copper are worth more, but I'll never be rich.

Tattoos: - Now there is a waste of time. A small one, significant to the person wearing it might be OK, but the massive scenes covering whole body parts is something I'm sure the person will regret down the road.

PS: I feel bad for the 1000 folks laid off from the Rapids mill and all the impacts it must be having.

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Tattoos. I am against them. But if they are done gracefully on some one else it's ok

After church we would go to Benders Corral quite often

I led the sports department at WFHR for 42 years I was a coach for 10 years at the high school level. I was a WIAA sports official in 5 sports for 34 years. I guess I was a leader

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TATTOOS -- Single tattoos can be attractive on both men and women. If I had forearms like Popeye I'd definitely have a tattoo. Massive tattooing is not so attractive. If you cross paths with a man or woman with fully tattooed arms and legs, step aside. They may have been in prison for something other than white-collar crime.

A couple years ago, on a dare, wife Merry and granddaughter Julia got matching tattoos. It's a simple "e" for Ellen, their common middle name. It represents a novel bond between them. Sleeping with a tattooed Grandma is a novelty in itself.

HAVE YOU EVER SAVED A PERSON'S LIFE -- It was the year 1990 when I received a call from Idaho Search and Rescue around 10:00 PM. They needed help finding a missing snowmobiler in the mountains east of Boise. About 10 of us loaded up our snow machines and met the Search and Rescue people at a rendezvous point. They gave us general information about the snowmobiler's location. Around 2:00 AM we found his track dropping off a ridge into a canyon below. He obviously was unable to make his way back up the near vertical slope. Two of us donned snowshoes and headed into the canyon. We found his abandoned snowmobile an hour later. That was his near-fatal mistake. He should have stayed with the machine, started a fire and built a shelter. Instead, he panicked and tried to walk out in waste deep snow. When we caught up with him sometime later he was exhausted and soaked to the skin from falling in the creek. He was in the initial stages of hypothermia and shaking like a leaf. We rested for a while and stuffed him with candy bars. I gave him my dry jacket and snowshoes. To make a long story short, we made our way out. I don't think he would have survived on his own.

His name was Lloyd and we became good friends. Our meetings after that night always included a warm handshake and a hug. Lloyd died a few years ago, but he lived a quarter century beyond what might have been his demise.

WHAT ARE YOU AFRAID OF? -- I've spent countless nights in the wildest parts of Idaho and surrounding states among animals that could do harm. I was never afraid. Of course, a handgun usually provided an element of security. On the other hand, if you were to drop me in the ocean, with the possibility of there being a shark within a hundred miles, you'd witness a pathetic scene of an irrationally scared man. There's something about being torn in half by an unseen predator that brings out the worst fears in me. I can't even watch shark shows on TV. I don't believe that Jesus actually walked on water, unless of course, the water was shark infested. I could do the same!

PRESIDENTIAL DEBATES -- None of the debates are really debates. It's like

watching immature fifth graders taking cheap shots at each other. I can't watch debates anymore. Besides, if you're a staunch conservative or liberal your mind is already made up. If you're a middle-of-the-roader your vote is going to be determined based on such critical factors as personal appearance, religion (or lack thereof), or who has the best looking spouse. Democracy isn't perfect is it?

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I like to pass time playing various forms of Solitaire games. Free Cell is my favorite.

I really, really don't like tattoos. Never have. There are many people who have them who shouldn't be drawing attention to their bodies.

I helped save some bunnies a couple of months ago. They are still living in our yard. We give them food and water every day. We also have a beautiful lawn for them to munch and we have a thick jungle of ferns and other stuff for them to hide in. They are very entertaining.

I love the smell of new-mown hay. Having grown up on a farm it brings back memories of those endless summers of long ago...no TV or internet...good old days.

I'm afraid of snakes and liberals.

Regarding debating skills, yes, I think it's important to have a good handle on the process. It's a great way to showcase your ability to think on your feet, understand the issue and present your thoughts in a coherent manner. However, one must have a working brain as a prerequisite. Sorry, Joe.

I was the head of the church council for a relatively large church for seven years. Due to some financial overreach, we had a significant debt. I led a successful debt reduction effort that got things under control.

I failed in a twenty-eight year marriage. As a result, I'm happier than ever.

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1. How to waste time - I'm thinking I might try jigsaw puzzles. My limit would be

the 300-piece size, and the puzzle would have to be an interesting picture. I've read that actor Hugh Jackman and tech visionary Bill Gates like jigsaw puzzles. Store supplies seem to be low, maybe due to Covid-19 and people wanting things for their kids or grandkids to do.

I'm glad that paper goods seem to be on store shelves now.