

Greetings,

Elswhere on the board a brother recently wrote along lines of the ministry being regular people "not the icons that they were built up to be."

This keyed a memory and I would appreciate feedback.

As I recall....

- * Bro freeman died in Dec '84

- * In Sept/Oct? of '84 he had a message wherein he came against "weapons of death"

- * HEF-> "As to weapons of death I do not know why you would have them in your house"

- * This put an end to using those weapons to hunt deer in hunting season.

- * Talk was that several 5-fold were really having a tough time dealing with giving up hunting

- * Bruce Kinsey was one of these brothers who had a hard time giving up hunting.

After HEF died I thought at that time that HEF had used the "weapons of death" issue to be "the last straw" for Kinsey and to cause Kinsey to leave the church.

Sort of a church politics manipulation of Kinsey since the hunting prohibition was short lived and not Scriptural ... and was a "hot button" for Kinsey.

Also at that time, if anything happened to HEF, Bruce Kinsey was the likely replacement for HEF as the most respected leader of the whole group - was respected in the Word, popular, and a son-in-law.

So if HEF anticipated his own death, prolonged physical trial unable to get to church, or his incarceration in the upcoming (Jan/Feb '85) court trial ... HEF might have wanted to cause Kinsey to leave the church so Kinsey would not have become the replacement leader.

Apparently HEF/Kinsey had had some prior discussions in disagreement on misc topics.

So . . .

Did anyone else smell church politics back then?

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PS.

I heard much later that Kinsey was ethical in leaving the group. Told the Lafayette church what he was doing in leaving. Said come back here to the regular meeting next week and he would arrange a teacher from Faith Assembly to replace himself. That he would hold his own meetings elsewhere. That the people should pray and decide for themselves to attend his (Kinsey) meeting or not.

.... a far cry from the character assassination of Kinsey that rippled through the various churches.

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PSS.

Strengths and faults all included . . . Bruce Kinsey was a really good guy.

Much agape love/condolences to Kathy.