

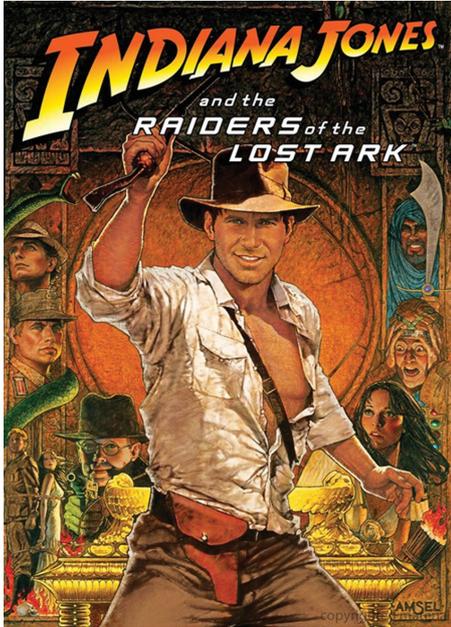
Midweek Matters

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Take your everyday, ordinary life— your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life and place it before God as an offering." Romans 12:1 MSG

Sunday 26th July—Mark Burgess <https://www.bgb.org.uk/blog/353>



This week Mark preached about God's presence and power beginning with the Ark of the Covenant in 1 Samuel chapters 4-7. In our house, knowledge of the ark largely comes from what my husband says is the best film of all time, **Indiana Jones and The Raiders of the Lost Ark!** So I was interested in a biblical education from Mark's sermon. Whilst the film describes the ark with good accuracy ("the chest the Hebrews used to carry around the ten commandments in, the original stone tablets that Moses brought down and smashed" (did you know Moses had to write them out twice?!! see Exodus 32:19 and 34:1) whether the ark was destroyed in 586 BC by the Babylonians or it was captured, or hidden—nobody knows, which perhaps is why the premise of the film is so entertaining.

Now though, we have something better than a construction made by human hands to experience God's nearness, we have the person of the Holy Spirit. It is quite a recent revelation to me that the Holy Spirit can dwell in a place and not just a person. If you are the only Christian in your household or workplace, it should bring great comfort to you as you can pray for *the helper, the advocate, the counsellor, the comforter*, to be with you and be in your home or workplace, changing all of your interactions and attitudes for the better. More gentleness, more grace, more wisdom, more patience.

Q. Which of these characteristics of the Spirit (helper, advocate, counsellor, comforter) do you most need right now?

I was challenged by Mark saying that if we had a tangible physical reminder of the presence and power of God in our homes, it would be our first thought and our last each day.

Q. How are you reminded of God's presence and power in your home each day?

With blessings, Hannah x

'But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.'

Joshua 24:15