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Shady Shores Baptist Church

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From The Pastor's Heart . . .

Bishop Lindsey Davis is a retired bishop of the United Methodist Church. He's an avid golfer, and in his humble opinion, thought himself to be a natural. He didn't need lessons or anyone to help him with his game.

One summer he decided his game had gone south a little so he gave in and signed up for lessons. When he arrived at the club for the lessons he was greeted by what he thought was a young boy only it turned out to be the golf pro. Then this young boy took him out to teach him golf and the golf pro began setting up all this video equipment. By this point Davis was beginning to become a little frustrated. He had humbled himself and come up to improve his golf game and this young boy was busy taking videos. The golf pro instructed him to take a couple of swings at the ball. When Davis had taken, what he thought was a pretty good swing, the golf pro took him inside to a computer screen. By this time Davis was beginning to think he had wasted a lot of time and money. The young golf pro pulled him and his swing up on the screen and then split the screen and placed a video of Tiger Woods and his swing on the other side of the screen. Slowly and painfully Davis said the golf pro went through and compared his swing to Tiger Wood's swing—pointing out all of Davis' flaws in his execution.

When all was said and done, Bishop Davis asked the pro what was the root of his problem and the young pro hemmed and hawed a bit before he told him, "you have a stagnant bottom, sir."

A stagnant bottom! The Bishop said he expected a dropped shoulder, a lazy hand grip, or wrong placement of the club but a stagnant bottom! The pro went on to say "Yes sir, you see when you execute your swing, your back side, if you will, just kind of sits there and does nothing and if you really want to experience the full power of your swing, then you have to get your back side, your whole body into the swing."

Davis said he began to ponder that a lot and began to wonder if part of our problem in the church was that our pulpits and pews might be afflicted with stagnant bottoms. He began to wonder what it would be like if the church, the whole church—every member in every church, the whole body of Christ got into the swing of things, what it would be like if we experienced the full power, full spirit, the full being of the Body of Christ.

I wonder if someone was to take a video of our Church, and lay it on a screen next to an image of Jesus Christ, our example and head of the church, on the other side—I wonder if they would find we too have stagnant bottoms?

**See you Sunday: Looking Up, Reaching Out, Going Forward.**

**From My Heart To Yours,**

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