

# From the Family Room

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## Termites, the Ark, and Our Homes

*Catch the foxes for us, the little foxes that spoil and ruin the vineyards of love, while our vineyards are in blossom. Song of Solomon 2:15*



I do not know if there were actual termites as we know them today on Noah's ark, but if they did board the ark, can you imagine what they were thinking as they entered the great wooden boat on the ramp?! Their thoughts may have been similar to a starving man's thoughts as he enters a Golden Corral all you can eat buffet!

Noah's family faced what seems to us to be several dangers on the ark with lions, tigers, black widow spiders, poisonous snakes, and other big and obviously dangerous animals. But the little termites could be extremely dangerous with all of the wood around them. They are so small they could go about their work of eating the ark and not get noticed. They could do a lot of damage in a year.

Termites can do a lot of damage to our houses while going undetected. It is conservatively estimated that damage from termites is over \$5 billion dollars each year in the United States. That's big damage from a little bug.

Figurative "termites" do a lot of damage to our homes while going undetected. In our marriages, we would never actively consider committing the big things that could destroy our beautiful relationship. However, we often develop bad habits and passively allow relationship termites to quietly grow. Slowly and secretly they damage our marriage. We get too busy to openly and honestly communicate with our spouse. We take their love for us for granted. We take for granted that they know we love them. We may go long periods of time without expressing our love for them. We do not adequately express our appreciation for them. Children rightly require so much of our time that we do not have time for our spouse. Date nights become a thing of the past. If we are not careful, we will grow further and further from our spouse until our relationship is very weak. Little relationship termites silently grow in number and swarm doing unseen damage to our homes and our marriages. The beautiful relationship we started with becomes a sad thing of hopelessness and disagreements.

This week we ask that you pray for the group that is traveling to Kentucky to visit the Ark Encounter. We also ask that you pray for our families at Creekwood. Pray that all of us will diligently and wisely exterminate the relationship termites that could be hidden negative forces in our marriage. Pray that through obedience to the teachings of Jesus, we will build strong homes on a rock solid foundation that will withstand termites and the storms of life.

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