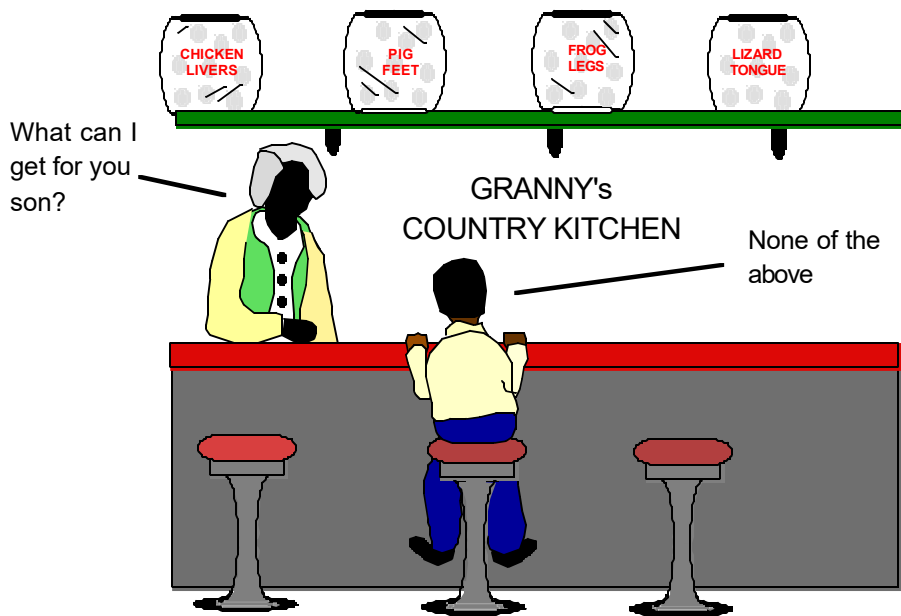


Gideon's Army Reduced

So Gideon took the men down to the water. There the Lord told him, "Separate those who lap the water with their tongues like a dog from those who kneel down to drink." Three hundred men lapped with their hands to their mouths. All the rest got down on their knees to drink. The Lord said to Gideon, "With the three hundred men that lapped I will save you and give the Midianites into your hands."

Judges 7:5-6



Neither a lapper nor a kneeler. Sometimes by choice, sometimes by circumstance, we find ourselves in the 'None of the Above' category. Almost every form or survey has a 'None of the Above' box. We check that box when the standard responses or categories just don't apply. And when we check that box we are almost always obligated to explain WHY. It simply won't suffice to say we are different, and leave it at that. There are times as Christians we will check the 'None of the Above' box through our example, opinions, or beliefs. And when we check that box people will notice and ask us to give a word of explanation. Realize that their curiosity may not be criticism. The hope we have transforms our lives and makes us different. So don't be afraid to check 'None of the Above', but be prepared to give an