

### Cookie Stealer

A young lady was waiting for her flight in the boarding area of a big airport. As she would need to wait for a long time, she decided to buy a book and a packet of cookies to snack on.

She sat down in an armchair in the VIP room of the airport to relax and read in peace. A man sat down in the next seat, opened his magazine and started reading. When she took out the first cookie, the man took one also. She felt irritated but said nothing. She just thought "What a nerve! If I wasn't so nice, I would blacken his eye."

For each cookie she took, the man took one too. This was infuriating her but she didn't want to cause a scene. When only one cookie remained, she thought: "Aaah...What will this rude man do now?"

Then then man, taking the last cookie, divided it into half, giving her one-half. That was too much! She was really angry now.

In a huff, she took her book, the rest of her things and stormed off to the boarding place. For the next hours, she found it hard to forget what happened. She couldn't even focus reading her book. How dare that guy, right?

When she sat down in her seat on the plane, she looked into her purse to take out her reading glasses, and to her surprise, her packet of cookies was there, untouched and unopened. She felt so ashamed. She realized that she was wrong. She had forgotten that her cookies were kept in her purse.

The man had divided his cookies with her, without feeling angered or bitter while she had been very angry, thinking that she was dividing her cookies with him.

And now there was no chance to explain herself...nor to apologize Have you ever lost your cool and then realized later that you were in the wrong? I'm sure that most of us have. Let's save ourselves some embarrassment and make sure that we are in possession of all of the facts before reacting. There are four things you can never recover...The stone after the throw; The word after it is said; the occasion after the loss, and the time after it's gone. ~Unknown

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Sunday Bible Study 9:30 am

Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00 pm

Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 am

Sunday Night Worship 6:00 pm

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### The Bible Under Attack, Again

"Do not move the ancient boundary which your fathers have set" (Prov. 22:28). A warning from the Proverbs that was set forth in Torah law. It carries with the concept of not moving the established teaching or thought on a matter. Today it seems almost fashionable to change established thought on a matter. Marriage, no longer just between man and a woman. Sexual identity, no longer just male and female. Moving the divinely appointed boundaries creates a ripple effect that cascades through our collective understanding. Another boundary was moved in Nashville, Tennessee recently.

Josh Scott, spiritual guru at the Grace Pointe Church, has claimed that the Bible is not the inspired and infallible work of God. He stated that, "As Progressive Christians, we're open to the tensions and inconsistencies in the Bible. We know that it can't live up to impossible, modern standards. We strive to more clearly articulate what Scripture is and isn't...The Bible isn't: the Word of God, self-interpreting, a science book, an answer/rule book, inerrant or infallible. Rather, it is: a product of community, a library of texts, multi-vocal, a human response to God, living and dynamic" (Leonardo Blair, "The Christian Post"). He goes on to claim that the Bible contains things that are against the nature of God like genocide. People have used these passages to support segregation, slavery and white supremacy. This obviously received some backlash from the "Christian" community. It did receive praise from an unlikely source. Hemant Metha from the Friendly Atheist wrote, "Those are the words of someone who's actually read the Bible. Good on him."

The only thing mentioned about Mr. Scott's concept of the Bible that is accurate is that is not a science book or even just a rule book. Beyond that he drops off the edge of understanding, established concepts and reasoning about the Scriptures. If you move this landmark into the realm of "a product of community, a library of texts, multi-vocal, a human response to God, living and dynamic," then you have replaced Divine authority with human authority. This Bible is not God's redemptive message to man, it is man's concept of God. All hail the golden calf.

How should we respond? "Continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of...you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation... All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable" (2 Tim. 3:14-16a). This is not the first religious organization to criticize the Bible. The Catholic church burned every English copy they could find when it was first translated, along with the people translating it. Truth will always win out. The Bible has had many critics, but they all eventually fade away. ~Josh Blackmer

<b>Keep These Dates in Mind</b>	<b>February Birthdays and Anniversaries</b>		
<p>Since we have entered into this time of uncertainty with those in the government asking us to keep our assemblies to a minimum and to use caution and discretion as we meet, any activities that may be planned will be announced in a timely fashion a week before they are planned to happen and will be put out on the call multiplier.</p> <p>Sandy Gray has volunteered to put out an informational email during the week to update the church of immediate prayer needs or information that needs to be disseminated before/in-between our scheduled meeting times. If you wish to be on this list, please contact her and give her your email information.</p>	<p>Sammie Engelke 3/7 Tom &amp; Thelma Gritzan 3/14 Doris Pennington 3/15 Faye Henry 3/17 Pansy Caywood 3/20 Fran Gregory 3/20 Lucy Larsen 3/23</p>		
	<b>Bible Studies</b>		
	<p><b>Adult Bible Classes</b> Sunday a - Judges Sunday p - Romans Wed p - John</p>	<p><b>Youth Classes</b> Classroom Wing <b>Teen Class</b> - Teen Room</p>	<p><b>Ladies Class</b> Thursday 10:00 a</p>
<p><b>Ongoing Health issues:</b> Pansy Caywood, Shirley Childers, Marilyn Davis, Sandy Gray, Fran Henniger, Linda Lafferty, Pat Lindsay, Karen McBurney, Lupe Mendoza, Shannon Mendoza,, Tami Pennington, Eunice Petros, Helen Pierce Michael Stimson, Jim Preston</p>			



**Linda Lafferty** is suffering from an infection and was scheduled to be released last Tuesday with a pic. Keep her in your prayers as she deals with getting antibiotics for the next month.

In Our Prayers

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**I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember your wonders of old. I will ponder all your work, and meditate on your mighty deeds. Your way, O God, is holy. What god is great like our God? You are the God who works wonders; you have made known your might among the peoples. You with your arm redeemed your people, the children of Jacob and Joseph.**

**Our Ministries**

**Mountain States Children's Home**

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world. (James 1:27)

**Peru Ministry** - Oscar and Anna Maria in Peru

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the son and of the Holy Spirit

**Food Pantry** - Our food pantry is located in the small room next to the library.

"Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed." (Proverbs 19:17)

**How We Pitch Our Tents Toward Sodom**

The problems of Lot are not unlike the problems of our modern era. Our "Sodom's" are not just cities, but all kinds of sin,, and we "*pitch tents toward Sodom*" when our tendencies and attitudes lead us in the wrong direction. We are warned by the apostle Paul, "*abstain from every form of evil*" (1 Thess. 5:22). Most sins we don't just jump into. We go into them gradually. We allow an attitude or tendency to lead us one step in the wrong direction, then another step in that direction, then another step, and before we hardly realize it, we are in the depths of sin. Immorality, religious error, unbelief and every other sin results from wrong attitudes. That is why God warns us, "*Keep thy heart with all diligence; For out of it are the issues of life*" (Prov. 4:23).

One of our real problems is selfishness. I wonder, in a situation like that described by the Lord Jesus in Luke 10:30-37, how many of us would be "*good Samaritans*" and how many would "*pass by on the other side*?" In businesses, in our jobs, in our community dealings, among our neighbors, sometimes even in our family relationships we "look out for number one!" But Jesus didn't live like that. He was constantly concerned for others, and His life on earth was practically one continuous act of selfless service to others. So should ours be. If it isn't, we "*pitch tents toward Sodom*" that will isolate us from those we love and need the most.

We live in a pleasure-oriented society. The huge interest and single-minded focus on sports, television, video games, the internet with all its features, good and bad and such like is but an indication of how society views life's purpose. But, Jesus still asks, "For what shall a man be profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and forfeit his life? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his life? (Matt. 16:26). Paul writes of those who are "lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God" (2 Tim. 3:4). While entertainment and various kinds of pleasure are not wrong in themselves, they can easily lead us away from our real purpose in life. "Fear God and keep his commandments; for this is the whole duty of man...let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me" (Eccl. 12:13; Matt. 16:24). Let us be careful that in our pursuit of needed recreation we don't "*pitch tents toward Sodom.*"

Lot paid dearly for his mistake. And, when we follow his course of action, we will pay for ours! He was probably convinced, when he "pitched his tents toward Sodom." that he would not be contaminated by the sin he found there. But, his lesson for us is that we dare not even approach sin. Your soul is too precious, and eternity too long, to take a chance. May the Lord help us all to obey will all our hearts His admonition, "*But seek ye first his kingdom and his righteousness; and all those these things shall be added unto you*" (Matt. 6:33). Then, unlike Lot, we will not '*pitch our tents toward Sodom,*' but we will stay as far away from temptation and sin as we can, so we seek to please the Lord.

~Clem Thurman, (Excerpted, Gospel Minutes, Jan.22,2021)

Therefore, as through one man's offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life. For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous. Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more. So that as sin reigned in death, even so righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. (Rom 5:18-21)