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TWO MOUNTAINS: SEE THAT YOU REFUSE HIM NOT!

With today's political and social landscape, there are so many instances to test one's faith. Just take gender. Biblically, there are only 2 genders and God Himself created and named them. It seems there are so many political issues in direct opposition to God and His Word: marriage, sanctity of life, gender, parental rights over their own children, division instead of unity. Just like Israel of old, we have a choice to support these direct attempts to destroy the Bible or oppose them.

In Exodus 19, Moses went up Mt Sinai and received these same biblical words written in stone by the finger of God. The people said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do." (v.8) The mountain quaked, no one could touch it or die. It was an awesome and fearful time. In terror of the thunder and lightning, the noise of the trumpet, the mountain smoking, the people became scared and said to Moses, "You speak for us, and we will hear: but let not God speak with us, lest we die." (Ex. 20:19) However, we know from the bible and their history that they did not obey. Instead they completely joined the pagan culture whole heartedly and refused to repent until they eventually crucified the Lord. Within 50 years after Jesus death, they were 'vomited' out of the land to wander the world and be persecuted for 2000 years.

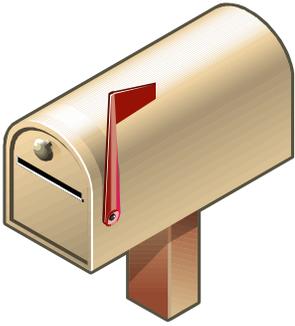
Now Paul, in Hebrews 12:18-29, warns us, the New Testament Church, that we too have come to our own "mountain" and the test is still obedience.

For you are not come to the mountain that might be touched, and that burned with fire, nor unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and the voice of words; which voice they that heard pleaded that the word should not be spoken to them any more: (For they could not endure that which was commanded, And if so much as a beast touch the mountain, it shall be stoned, or thrust through with a dart: and so terrible was the sight, that Moses said, I exceedingly fear and quake:)

But you are come unto Mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaks better things than that of Abel. **See that ye refuse not him that speaks.** For if they escaped not who refused him that spoke on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaks from heaven:

Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he has promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven. And this word, yet once more, signifies the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. Heb 12:18-29

This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: **from such turn away.** 2 Tim 3:1-9



Essay: Parenting-Family-Marriage Class

The Family and Marriage Class has really opened my eyes and taught me a lot of things that surely contributed to my failed marriage and lack of success of being the good husband and father I should have been. I've learned a lot about how to have a successful relationship and be a proper parent. I myself came from a dysfunctional family even though I really didn't see it that way at the time.

Children need both parents and God so their emotional needs are met. Both parents need to be a part of their lives to show them how to function properly in life whether it is socially, work, emotional and play. To be there in good times and not so good. To have an open relationship with them so they know that they can come to us with any situation or problem. We also need to lead them to God as their ultimate source of strength and love. To teach them, not punish them or not doing what we expected of them. Parents need to be examples and not dictators when raising their children. We need to have boundaries with our children so they know what is expected of them and they of us. They have boundaries we shouldn't cross either.

Abuse comes in so many different ways that people don't realize it. Shaming children, not spending time with them, belittling them, not showing love, not caring about their feelings. They need to be a part of, anger towards them or spouse, criticizing them, not being there when they need you as well as physical hurt. We have to show them it's ok to feel and we care. The goal of parenting is to have your children leave you successfully! To be there for you kids even if you are divorced or in prison and never talk your spouse down, stay in touch always.

I've learned where I was at fault at times and it isn't all my fault all the time. It came from how I was brought up. I've learned how to work out situations I may find myself in, with a positive direction. Thank you for the class and your time. See you next year!



Graduate: REPEAT?

It has been a great pleasure doing this bible study with you. It may have been a lot of work, but in the end it was well worth it. I truly have learned a lot from doing it. Also, I have realized that I've lost my Series 3 Certificate. Will you please send me another copy of it? I know that I have got numerous of my friends to also start doing this bible study also which was a great joy for me to do and see. I don't think that I should have a problem if you sent to me directly the Leather Study Bible. I cannot wait to get it and start reading it! I know this may sound unusual, but I would like it very much if you would allow me to start over doing all the bible study lessons again. It was a true blessing to do them. Will you please allow me to do them again? PP *We allow anyone to repeat the lessons but there is not second bible awarded, only one. Some do the lessons more than once for their own growth and challenge.*

Dear John & Eileen,

Thank you so much for caring about my salvation, to share in these studies. I know I'm just on the number 2 lesson but your studies are making me look, read and meditate on scriptures. Please keep up the good work. I pray your ministry will reach all the lost and prodigal sons like me. Take care. TE

Mr. and Mrs. Sala, I just wanted to enclose a short note to tell you how very much I enjoyed doing this first Bible Study lesson with you! I am currently doing several different studies through the mail and I have to say this one has become my new favorite one!! :) I enjoy it because it is so in depth and gets me so into the Word! I want to thank you for all you both do to make these wonderful studies available to us all. TL

THE SAGA OF A BOOKMARK



Dear Friend in Christ..

Enclosed is a bookmark with your name and address stamped on the back. I'm not sure how it come to be in my hand, but I have used it to mark my place in my bible for many months. Every time I look at it, I tell myself that I should write to "Little Lambs" and tell them that somehow their bookmark from Florida came into my hands here in a prison in New Hampshire. We never know how many lives we will touch when we do what the Lord tells us. We never know who He will bless through our good work. I wanted you to know that your hands have blessed me in no small way, because many times when I was close to giving up - I saw the bookmark that you stamped and I remembered that there were people outside that care. The message on the bookmark says "God bless you!" And God has blessed me - a sinner - a terrible man. I have done many bad things - things which I cannot speak of without crying. But this small gift with it's simple message has brought me a comfort in time of distress and great soul searching. "God bless you!", it says. Even me a prisoner and a man of low character? It has taught me to ask this question many times. The answer always comes back to me, "yes".

I have used your bookmark to mark the pages of my bible until I wore my bible out and then I used it on another. I marked the story of Abraham and Moses. It set in place while I slowly read over and over Psalm 51. It marked my way through judges and the courage of men like Gideon. I opened my bible to the place where Ruth lay at Boaz's feet - where David killed Goliath - where Job pondered his relationship with God - and Jesus - and Peter - and Paul. The list goes on and on, but I won't. Sometimes I get carried away.

I started out to just say thank you because you cared enough to give me something that has helped me, but now I think I've gone on long enough. I've been locked up for three and a half years. I have 14 more to go. With God's help, maybe not that much. I'm trying to say that in here kindness is not always something that a person can understand without question. When it comes without price, without consequence - even a small thing - a flag is raised in your head that says, "Look out." Sadly this is true.

But your little bookmark asked for nothing. Your stamped address only raised the question in my mind of 'who are these people?' The message does not ask for anything but rather gives. "God bless you!" What a wonderful gift. I thank you for your time, your prayer, and your devotion to God. So - if you wanted to know if your bookmarks got used than the answer is still yes. If you wanted to know if what you do makes a difference, the answer is very much still yes. I'll close this letter by asking you to please return the bookmark to me. I've grown attached to it! I often wondered who John and Eileen Sala were. God knows. I think I know too. May God bless you both. May He bless your ministry and your home. May He bless our work and may His joy and love fill your lives with happiness and long life. AL *Yes, we did return Al's bookmark, with an invitation to take our bible study. We include as many free 'tools' in our lesson packets like bookmarks and tracts, that have great appeal and can easily used to evangelize in prison. We also offer free postage with return envelopes and free bibles to use to do the lessons. This is the blessing of all those hands who stamp and fold all our material. Yes, even this matters to the Lord! And can bless countless people!*

Dear Partners,

So much to be thankful for this Thanksgiving month, the most significant, is for the life of Sister Pat Karl of Sebring, Fl. Sister Pat went home to be with the Lord this month of October. Pastor Mike and Sister Pat were John's and myself ordaining ministers. These two wonderful people have sent a large number of missionaries through the Latin America, South America and in Africa. They encouraged us throughout the years we knew them, gave us such good mentoring and practical advice. They themselves ministered to the poor and homeless population through their New Testament Church and Mission here in Sebring. We honor her life among us.

Our Grace Place with the 2nd Chance Ministry has a new look today. The old rotten fence has been replaced with a lovely white fence by our very competent residents, Joey and James and Robert. Inside the home and grounds is new paint, a lovely vegetable garden and spaces under canopy for weights and exercise. Joey had a lovely idea to instead of box in the perimeter trees, which continue to grow and break the fence. He boxed them out with room for growth to preserve the fence. Gates have been installed for access both in the front of the house and the back yard for bigger projects. This new garden area makes a great for family visitation and recreation for the facility. They have begun a garden and would love to have any donated garden plants. They've got a few collards, pineapples, tomatoes, squash already growing but lots of extra space. You can bring any plants to Little Lambs and we'll be sure they get them.

Tyrone, from Miami, graduated this summer and has been training his replacement as he leaves for his home and family. He will be leaving soon and we just want to say how much we have appreciated his help at Little Lambs. He is returning to his wife and their 2 teen daughters. If you see us at Bible Fellowship Church, sometimes the number of men swells. This is because part of the aftercare for graduates is to come to the program once or twice a month to give a sort of report on their progress, job, and relationships. In 14 months 2nd Chance has been in existence, there have been 6 graduates, an amazing feat! Undoubtedly, this program is working and being blessed. They have been able to purchase 3 vans, and today a new Culligan water system!

It seems as I write this letter, it's like counting my blessings before Thanksgiving. Actually, every is Thanksgiving Day for us. We are thankful for you, who keep us funded with your donations. We are thankful for all the prayer going up for all of us and our Lambs. We are especially thankful for those who fold, stamp, package, print, mail all our materials. We are especially thankful for all the men and women who grade our lessons and volunteer at the office.

God bless all of you and all our Lambs.

Your servant,
Eileen Sala



Joey and James