



Faith Hope Love & Laughter

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Laugh Learn and Grow with GOD

“FORGIVE WONDERFUL ME”

(Part I of forgiveness drama)

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CAST

Greta: a self-righteous woman returning home from
Bible study

Voice of God

SETTING: Living Room

(A woman carrying her Bible and sporting a W.W.J.D. t-shirt walks across stage and suddenly stops)

GRETA:

Time to hit the prayer closet before I settle in for the night.

(She walks to her “prayer closet”, kneels and begins to pray)

GRETA:

Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Thank You so much for a wonderful- Christ-centered day. I have to admit, this little light of mine sure was a shinin’. Plus, I really felt like I contributed a lot to tonight’s Bible study. What a quiet group ... I seemed to be the only one talking. Lord, thank You for giving me such a willingness to share all the great things You’re doing through me. I’m glad I’m not like the others in our small group. They’re so shy and reluctant to share *(thinks for a moment)* ...hmmm, maybe it’s because You’re not working in their lives as much as You’re working in mine. Too bad! Oh well, time to move on to confession. I don’t think I did anything wrong today, but just in case – here goes: “Search me O God and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.” *(Pause-silence moment)*

GOD

Wow, that sure was some prayer you just said. It sounds strikingly familiar. Oh yeah, now I know. It reminds Me of the parable My Son told in Luke 18 ... the one where the Pharisee prays about himself and his righteousness.

(Greta is startled by God’s voice and gasps)

GRETA

Lord is that You?

GOD

Yes it is.

GRETA:

I’ve never been able to literally hear You before.

GOD:

Well, you haven’t exactly been listening to My still small voice. So, I decided to call an audible instead. *(Pause)* I recall in your prayer something along the

lines of “see if there is any offensive way in me.” Funny you should ask. Besides this little self-righteous thing you’ve got going, you’ve been breaking the 8th Commandment.

(Greta looks puzzled and reaches for her Bible)

GOD:

Don’t bother looking it up. Number 8: Thou shall not steal!

GRETA:

Stealing. When did I ever steal anything?

GOD:

It’s been happening for quite some time now, but you really outdid yourself today.

GRETA:

What did I do Lord?

GOD:

You’ve been treating the company’s supply closet as your own personal Office Max: “post its”, pads, pens, tape ... need I say more? You’ve been taking company property and giving it to your children for school.

GRETA:

But that’s not stealing; they expect people at my level to take what we need for personal use ... it’s a perk.

GOD:

Is that what you’re calling it now ... a perk? Looks like a direct violation of Commandment # 8 from where I’m standing. Greta, your company pays you very well – you can afford to buy “post its” and pens with your own money. People at work are noticing how frequently you’re using this little “perk” of yours. The phrase “Bible-thumping hypocrite” has been uttered by the very people you’re trying to witness to. You’re giving my Son and Christians in general a bad name. KNOCK IT OFF!

GRETA:

Oh my. I’m so sorry. Is there anything else?

GOD:

Why yes, yes there is. You gossip quite a bit too. Did you really need to say that about Ralph at lunch?

GRETA:

(Upset to the point of being indignant)

That wasn't gossiping! I owed it to my colleagues to warn them about Ralph's little problem.

GOD:

There is no "little problem", that was just a false rumor that a jealous colleague started in accounting. After your little lunch today, that rumor spread like wildfire. Ralph's reputation has been tarnished ... in fact, if you don't put a stop to that rumor, he'll be passed over for that promotion he has coming. First thing tomorrow, you go clean up that little mess you made and then apologize to Ralph ... not by phone ... not by email... but in person. Get it?

GRETA:

Got it. *(Reflects for a moment and looks remorseful)*

I'm so sorry Lord ... I had no idea. I'm afraid to ask, is there anything else?

GOD:

Yes there is, but that's enough for now. I'd like for you to think about this for a while and then we'll talk again later. Listen for My still small voice, okay?

GRETA:

Okay

GOD:

I love you Greta. That's why I had to let you know these things. And by the way, there's going to be a big sale at Staples next week. So stock up on "post its" and pens, will you?

GRETA:

(Greta nods her head and smiles)

THE END