

Micah 6:8 (continued)

His goodness, kindness, and mercy. Love mercy. Beloved, when God directs you, get in the habit of asking Him how to go about a thing, don't rely on your own thinking, I can guarantee that His way is better. Remember, Jesus said He only did what He saw the Father do. That is your example also.

The third requirement is to walk humbly with your God. I, personally believe that if you do the first two items you will walk with humility. Again, Jesus is our example, and an outstanding one at that. Beloved, be wary of people, even other believers who refuse to obey leadership. No one is worthy to be a leader who has not followed and served others for as long as the Lord decides they should. Even then, you should still have others that you are submitted to and open to their input about what you are doing. Let's look at Hebrews 5:8.

⁸Although He was a Son, He learned [active, special] obedience through what He suffered AMPC

We already know Jesus suffered horribly in the beatings and on the cross. Well, beloved, the Bible tells us that we are not above the Master. I believe there are many things most of us have not considered. I believe Jesus suffered both mentally and physically both on the cross. Remember, Jesus was fully God and fully man. During His ministry He operated as a man anointed and filled with the Holy Ghost. Many people disliked Jesus, such as Scribes and Pharisees. They argued with Him, tried to trip Him up over and over again, and even tried to incite crowds to kill him a few times. Don't judge others by your experiences. Your experiences are there to help you become more filled with compassion not condemnation towards others.

I recall an example in my life that may help you. I was at an excellent church and they had asked me to minister in teaching at the ladies meeting. There were quite a large group of women present. I had prayed ahead of time and that is usually when the Lord would give me personal words of knowledge or words of wisdom for individuals who would be present. This day, and never before or since, I had a word of knowledge about prostate cancer. I reiterate, this was a women's meeting. I scanned the place to search for a man. There were zero men in the place, but in obedience to the Lord, I called the Word of knowledge out, saying something to the effect that upon hearing the message and this word they would be healed. Just about 98% of the ladies burst out laughing! God told me to just look at them. When I did there seemed to be a mist in the room. But I noticed that as they looked back up at me they would immediately stop, sobered, and sensed I was serious. It was a totally supernatural thing. I found out much later that someone rushed out to get the tape because her Dad had just been diagnosed with prostate cancer! He listened to the teaching and the word, believed and was healed. God granted him several more years of life. Praise God forever. I close with the following verse Philippians 4:8.

⁸For the rest, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is worthy of reverence *and* is honorable *and* seemly, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely *and* lovable, whatever is kind *and* winsome *and* gracious, if there is any virtue *and* excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think on *and* weigh *and* take account of these things [fix your minds on them]. AMPC

* Excerpts from Spirit-Filled Life Bible.



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A married couple were arguing who is making the coffee, the wife said that in the Bible it says that men should make the coffee and the husband asked her where it said that. The wife opened the Bible and said: "Right here in HEBREWS!"

A Woman went to the Post Office to buy stamps for her Christmas cards.
"What Denomination?" Asked the clerk.
"Oh, my goodness! Have we come to this?" said the woman.
"Well give me 50 Baptist and 50 Catholic!"

As the storm raged, the captain realized his ship was sinking fast. He called out, "Anyone here know how to pray?" One man stepped forward. "Aye, Captain, I know how to pray." "Good," said the captain, "you pray while the rest of us put on our life jackets - we're one short."

Father O'Malley answers the phone. "Hello, is this Father O'Malley?"

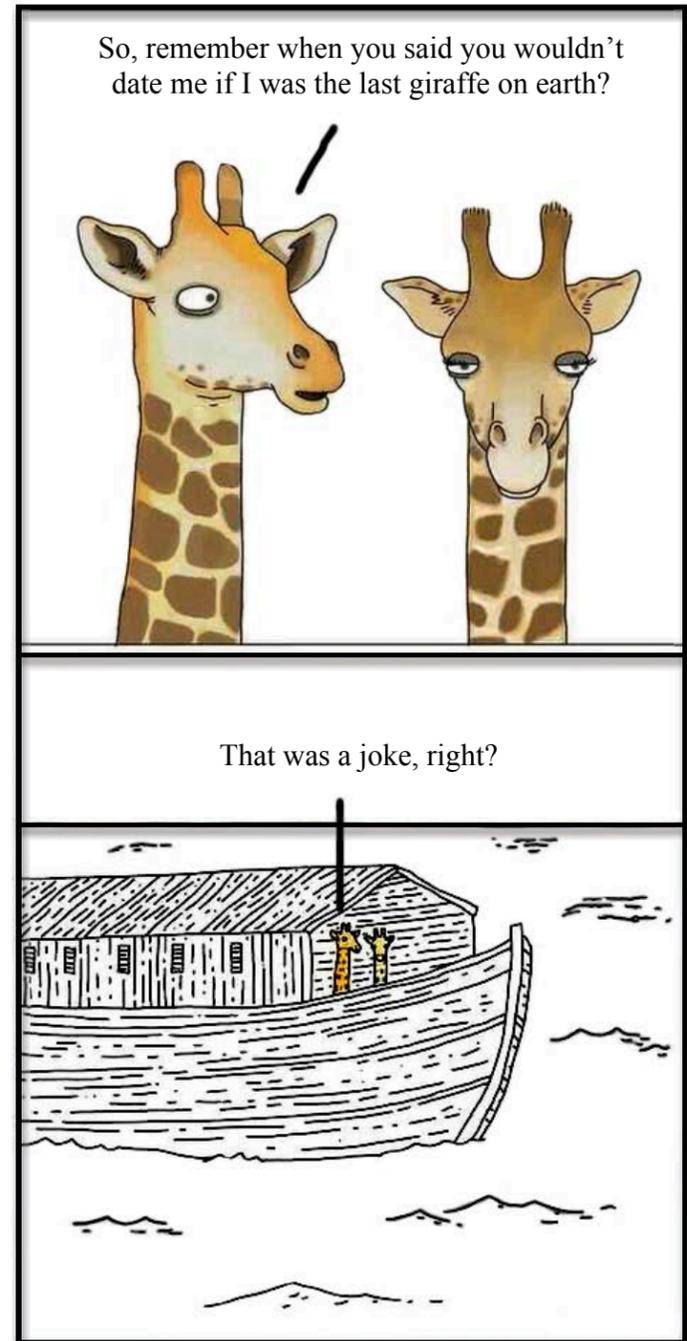
"It is"
"This is the IRS. Can you help us?"
"I can"
"Do you know a Ted Houlihan?"
"I do"
"Is he a member of your congregation?"
"He is"
"Did he donate \$10,000 to the church?"
"He will".

The story of Adam and Eve was being carefully explained in the children's Sunday School class. Following the story, the children were asked to draw some picture that would illustrate the story. Little Bobby drew a picture of a car with three people in it. In the front seat was a man and in the back seat, a man and a woman. The teacher was at a loss to understand how this illustrated the lesson of Adam and Eve. Little Bobby was prompt with his explanation. "Why, this is God driving Adam and Eve out of the garden!"

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