

THE ROAD TO FINDING YOUR GIFTAND WHAT BAGGAGE TO LEAVE BEHIND!

Don't you just love to go on a road trip? Until you have to pack! You have to consider so many "what ifs". What if it's cold? What if it's hot? What if it's hot outside but freezing in the meeting? What if it rains? Have I "grown" since I last wore this outfit? Sometimes I get so frustrated I don't even want to GO anymore! But then I usually just throw anything I think I might need in the suitcase and take off only to get to the airport and get penalized for having TOO MUCH BAGGAGE! Sometimes that's the way it is for Cumberland Presbyterian Women as we try to figure out how we are "gifted to serve".....we're just being dragged down by TOO MUCH BAGGAGE! Hopefully this skit will help us figure out what to do about that packing problem!

Two women start to walk past each other and then realize that they know each other.

Cathy: Janet!

Janet: Cathy ! How are you?

C: Great! How have you been doing?

J: Well you know I had surgery a while back and well, I just am still not really up to par and you know I have this back problem and my neck.....(goes on and on about all her aches and pains) ...and this morning I stumped my toe.....but you know ...other than that I'm doing pretty well.

While she is complaining about all her ailments a CP Women's Ministry lady comes in from the other side with a heavy bag and a sign on it that saysNEGATIVE THINKING.....she lines up on the other side of the stage

C: Well, I'm glad to hear you're doing so well!! I guess you're still going to the _____ CP church and are you still very active with Women's Ministry and all the church activities that are going on?

J: OH YES! Well, I'm president of Women's Ministry and I teach Sunday school when the Sr. High teacher is gone and I'm on the mission committee andon and on and onand you know they always ask me to cook when we have events and....I also am in charge of the flower beds...I guess they don't think anyone else can do it....so yea...you might say I have plenty to do.

While Janet is bragging about all the things she does, and how she can't say NO....a Women's Ministry lady comes in with a heavy bag with a sign on it that says.....DOING TOO MUCH.....she lines up next to the other CP Women's Ministry person..

C: Well, don't you think that's just way too much? I don't know how you can do it all. But, that being said.....Have you ever thought about running for Convention Officer?

J: No Way! I heard that once you're elected a convention officer Pam makes you lose 30 pounds before convention and that "so called" Officers Retreat is really a trip to The Biggest Loser camp!

C: Oh Janet that can't be right....But what running for regional office?

J: Well, I don't know Cathy.....I just feel like I don't fit into the "perfect Christian woman" mode like those officers. They are always so dignified (pause here for laughter) and always seem to do such a good job. Just look at Mary the President she does such a good job at ...(describe something she does well) and I could never(poke fun at her about something about her..for instance..."I could never get my hair as big as hers.....then do the same for the other officers. I don't know if I could do as good as job as they do. So you see ...I just don't think I have that "perfect woman" image.

C: OH believe me, they're NOT perfect! They are just using the gifts that God gave them. God doesn't want you to be like them. God loves you the way you are and wants you to just be yourself and find your special gift. I brought some friends along to help me illustrate this.

CP Women's Ministry ladies comes in while they are talking with heavy bag that says "Trying to be like someone else". She lines up with the others.

Women line up in a line with their backs facing the crowd. When it is their turn to turn around and say their part ...they say it twice then the other women who have already turned around will go down the line saying it once until you get to the 1st person.....then sing the song again to get ready for the new person.

They start singing "If I were a Christian, I tell you what I'd be, If I were a Christian....."

A Walmart Greeter I would be... "Welcome to WalMart DO YOU WANT A BUGGY"?

A Bird Watcher I would be.. "Hark, A lark, flying in the park, splat!"

A Flight attendant I would be... "Coffee? Tea? Coffee Tea or Me?"

A cheerleader I would be..."Go Go ...I really gotta go"

A cook I would be...."Pour it Stir itServe it (wiping nose)

A farmer I would be "Give Bessie Give...the babies gotta live"

A teacher I would be...."Sit down, be quiet....turn in your homework"

A fire fighter I would be "Jump lady jump.....aaah splat"

A surfer I would be...."Dude Dude...look at the gnarly wave"

A televangelist I would be”Pray..Be healed....send in your money”

I would just be ME!

C: So you see Janet, sometimes it’s almost like we forget to “just be ourselves”. God loves us the way we are and doesn’t want us to try to fit into a certain mode. He has gifted us with certain qualities and he wants us to use those gifts to serve Him. That’s why we should work hard to not be weighed down by concentrating on the negative qualities of ourselves or others, not try to do EVERYTHING, we’re not gifted for everything! And not try to be like other people.

J: You know, I’m glad I ran into you today, I have learned a lot. First of all, things just got a little easier for me now that God wants me to say No to people. Ha! Second, now that the pressure is off to be that “perfect”Christian woman I can just be myself. And lastly, I learned that I’ll never eat _____(whoever was the cook in skit) cooking again.

The End

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