



THE BATTLE IS NOT OURS: IT'S HIS!!

An excerpt from **The PIT**: The Road To Salvation

Scene Description: The discussion surrounds some real world difficulties of life; both from a man's perspective then a women's perspective.

During the discourse, Mel Greenberg, a high end Jewish realtor, discusses some of the things he does in his work that he knows is wrong; but explains why he does them anyway. Next, Hashim Greene, an African American, tells of a story of blatant discrimination in buying a condo his uncle just went through that could very well have been Mel's company. The stories are all begging a deeper understanding of the truly difficult challenges we all face in life from time to time and what on earth are we to do?

The women now take their turn telling real circumstances that cause them to do things they are not proud of but do anyway.

Dennis is using these stories to develop weapon#3 in their life long fight against Lucifer and his doomed family. For my mathematics brethren, you will see how regression analysis is used here to bolster the understanding in 2nd Chronicles Chapter 20 Verse 15 where it tells us that the battle is not ours; but GOD'S!!

The curtain rises:

Mel: [stands to comment] Let me add some issues of a different nature that I'm sure many of us have to face; one way or the other. I'm a partner and manager in a real estate firm that specializes in exclusive properties. It really troubles me that I have to lie to good people of a different race, often in very carefully planned ways. The truth is that most white people who can afford to live in multi-million dollar condos do not want Blacks, Hispanics or Asians living next door. No matter what you may hear to the contrary, trust me; that is truly the case. It is what I do for a living; so I know. Since the law prohibits discrimination in all forms, and rightfully so, we are forced to become very creative and even ingenious in the way we lie to minorities who also can afford to live in the properties we offer.

I make good money and send my kids to the best schools, while supporting my wife's spending habits. I spend as much as I make, and often much more; which of course translates into debt. Quitting my job is simply not an option as my family responsibilities mean everything to me. Do not misunderstand me; my wife is a good wife and an excellent mother. I love her dearly as I do my kids. I'm almost 63 years old and starting over at another firm, especially in this market, is a risk that I cannot afford to take. If I decide to be perfectly honest and truthful on my job, it will no doubt translate into poor sales and have my partners deciding when to get rid of me. Yes, I know it will be good for my soul, but is it worth foreclosure on my house and taking my kids out of these good schools? I live for their future, so I simply will not do that. What should I do? [sits]

Hashim: [stands to comment] Mel, I hear you. I cannot thank you enough for that. Listen to this. My uncle owns three auto body shops. He has done very well for himself and makes serious money, although he never did graduate high school. You can tell that easily by the way he speaks; as his language skills are very poor. He is an excellent father of three and a good husband. You will find him with his family in Church every Sunday. He is by every definition a model citizen. Just last month, he wanted to purchase a new condo downtown, possibly from your firm, and was told that there were no more available. He even had enough saved up to pay cash! Afterwards, we easily found out that there were in fact, several units still available. It was clear that he was lied to because of who he was.....yes, this model citizen! We all wanted for him to bring legal action against the real estate firm, but he decided that he didn't want to live anywhere where he wasn't wanted.

What unbelievable timing. It is good to hear your story as it represents the same issue from the inside. I believe you when you say that telling a lie to minorities makes you feel bad. I can also tell that it is indeed troubling to your soul. Add to that, hearing and understanding your own family circumstances, I actually feel bad and sorry for you. It appears to me to be a prototypical lose, lose scenario.

This is a bit crazy: I hate the real estate firm for their blatant discrimination and yet understand and feel bad for the person who did the actual act! How nuts is that!

We are all here to discuss salvation. *Our very souls are at stake.* This is yet another real life issue that shows that we really **do** want to please GOD in all that we do; yet life presents so many circumstances that have us doing things we really do not want to do. The same question arises again, what are we to do? [sits]

Albert Einstein: [comments from his seat] Dennis, you have your work cut out for you! These guests have used honesty to push the plain truth to a spiritually powerful level that demands a response! What say you?

Dennis: [stands to respond] Albert, you're right. Their plain truth demands an answer. [now looking at the women guests in the outer seats] However, I want to answer them after the women have had a chance to speak on things from their perspective. Ladies, earlier today I outlined a scenario where men are confronted by a gorgeous woman. Let us now hear from you with the same scenario where you are confronted by a gorgeous man and you have the same things going on in your life like a husband, children, boyfriend etc. We expect the same degree of honesty!

Which of you ladies wishes to be the first to speak? [sits]

Adrienne: [stands as first to respond] First, I will assure you that we will be just as honest as the men. Yes, we have the same temptations and yes we react much in the same way. Let's face it; there is a real shortage of eligible men. Between drug abuse, homosexuality and jail, there are simply not enough good men to go around. Been to a dance recently? If you have, I'm sure you noticed most women dancing among themselves. If they didn't, they wouldn't have a chance to dance at all! Why do you think the electric slide and its variations have become so popular? It doesn't require male partners!! And while you were at that dance, did you notice that practically all of us women are now sticking our busts out so blatantly and have on dresses so tight that I now see many men just shaking their heads in disbelief! I myself went to a semi-formal dance the other night and had my own breasts sticking out so far that I was afraid to bend over for fear that they would just plop out! Come on girls, you know what I'm saying is true. And, thank GOD, we are not gay! We need men! And dressing that way is the surest way of getting one, sad to say; at least for one night.

If a good looking man sends his vibes our way, we too have our minds occupied with him and think about him as we speak to our husbands, boyfriends and children. We are just as guilty as the men. And since most of us do not have husbands, we really don't care if he is married or not; as we need sex too! As a matter of fact, many of us so called "successful women" actually prefer that he is married! We are too busy with our own very important lives and really do not want love and commitment.....just sex; as we want to have our cake and eat it! So I say that we are in the same boat as the men and can therefore ask the very same question: What are we to do? [sits]

Latisha: [stands to comment] Adrienne is right. If we're honest, everything she said was, sadly, true. I'm a single mom and I've dated married men several times. I know, actually I'm certain, that some day it will come back to haunt me. I also hate that I have to lie to my daughter about my affairs with these men. It's hard for me to look at myself in the mirror, especially when I get dressed very sexy to hit the clubs knowing what my real intentions are. I am not a nun, and do not have a desire to be one. I really don't see any other options. What am I to do? [sits]

Liz: [stands to comment] I hear you ladies. I also am a single mom, so I am not trying to place myself above anyone, but I will never willingly date a married man. Yes, I need sex too, but not at that price. I remember the hurt my mother felt when she found out that my father was having an affair. She was totally devastated. They broke up over that with my family suffering for many years. She never fully recovered. To this day, I truly hate that woman who took away my father and ruined our home, though I have never even met her. When my father comes over to visit his grandson, he and I only share a cold hug and nothing more. While I know the Lord wants us to forgive, I just can't seem to find the love to do so. I know you ladies are not mean people and even though you date married men, I refuse to believe that you intentionally want to destroy families; even though that is exactly what you are doing. Latisha is right, some day it will come back to haunt you.....and it will not be pleasant.

The truth is I'm not a bad looking woman, but I often get lonely and would love to find a husband. It is also true that there are not enough good eligible men to go around. I really am tired of being lonely and resorting to hanging out with my girlfriends all the time. What am I to do? [sits with a few tears and a sad look on her face]

Mother Theresa: [comments from her seat] Ladies, I feel your pains. What you describe is life.....real life.

Dennis: [stands to comment] Thank you ladies and gents. If there is one thing I think we can all agree on, is that life is very difficult. There are no easy answers to any of the truthful comments mentioned. I want to first echo Mother Theresa; as I feel your pains also.

Remember, **this entire event is about salvation**. I am keenly aware that there is a large gap between faith and experiences. Arming yourselves to fight Lucifer will be the shrinking and bridging of that gap and the very aim of this event.

It is clear, at least to me, and especially after hearing all the moving testimonies, that much of life is like one long test, day in and day out, for each of us.

My goal is to arm you to fight Lucifer with a series of observations about real life that will hopefully tie back into many of the things you people have witnessed for yourselves here this evening. This discourse, with its participants, was designed specifically to make you look inside yourselves and the life you live.

As we wind down, I intend to recall for you many of the things discussed this afternoon and evening that should relate to your fight. Is everyone with me?

Paul the Apostle: [comments from his seat] You have my backing, and of course my blessing. Please continue.

Dennis: [looking at the clock on the wall] Whoa....I didn't realize it was getting so late. It's already approaching 10pm! I know you folks have families to get home to. Would you like me to cut things short? [remains standing]

Adrienne: [stands quickly with her hands on her hips again] Don't even **think** about it! Do we look tired to you? [sits while smiling]

Albert Einstein: [comments from his seat while smiling] Did you really expect a different answer? I have found that the mind has a peculiar way of maintaining energy under certain circumstances; such as this. I therefore agree with Adrienne.

Milton: [stands to interrupt] Dennis, If you don't mind, before you recap, I'd like to recite a very short poem to your guests about a fundamental aspect of the adversary they will be facing once they leave here. What say you?

Dennis: [responds] please proceed! The floor is yours!

Milton: [facing Dennis] Thank you. [Now facing the guests in the outer seats] People, listen most carefully to this:

**From morn to moon he fell, from noon to dewy eve,
A summer's day; and with the setting sun
Dropt from the zenith like a falling star.**

Please know that it is vitally important for each of you to understand the magnitude of the fall from grace that Lucifer took. It was and still is an incredible drop. And since GOD is infinite, he is ***still falling***; *never* to reverse direction. **Do not let him grab you along the way, as he continues to descend!!!** [sits]

Mel: [comments from his seat] WHOA! Not that is a scary thought.

Latisha: [comments from her seat] Mr. Milton, I know you are not trying to frighten us, but are only helping us to save our own souls. I will therefore take what you just said very much to heart; and battle him to my very last breath.

Dante: [stands to speak facing the guests in the outer seats] Milton is right. His observation is a brilliant one that you should all pay heed to. While my historic vision of Hell speaks of nine circles, do not for a second misinterpret that as meaning that its boundary on your soul is finite. For the misery and the depths to which your souls will sink when you are there, will be like a bottomless pit, and therefore never end. **NEVER!** [sits]

Dennis: [stands; extremely pleased by the support from both Milton and Dante] There is one more aspect of fighting Lucifer that I want to bring to your attention. It is not a 'power' as the first two clearly are, but a better understanding of what it means for GOD to 'allow all things to happen' and how you can use that in your daily battle.

On The BEAUTY of turning over your battle to HIM.

This next step will make us look at life from a 'higher plateau'. And believe me, the view from there is a calming one. While it's mathematical in nature, its understanding should prove relatively easy for everyone here. If properly understood, the result will make us relax so much more when we are placed into an encounter with Lucifer and his band of disreputable villains, as they plot and execute their evil deeds against us.

You may find irony in this: that 'higher plateau' is in fact a small slice of the first step in admitting our weakness. It is time once gain to use our imaginations.

We really are not that smart. When we look at and analyze things that happen to us, especially those things that Lucifer orchestrates, our puny minds rarely see and understand the full blown regression impact that is always present.

We almost always forget that GOD allows everything to happen!!

One of the original attributes of Him we discussed at the very beginning of this discourse, was that GOD **IS** perfection. His plan for each of us is therefore perfect. Yet, 'when stuff happens to us' we actually have the audacity to think we know why; as if our small minds can comprehend perfection. What outright silliness!

A deeper look at this, as it will become the third weapon in our arsenal, is now in order.

Let us go back and review Mel's comment about working in that Real Estate firm that discriminates against minorities and feeling forced to do things he really does not wish to do; for the sake of the well being of his family. We will assume that Hashim's uncle did business with Mel's firm and that Mel handled his case personally.

My intent here is obviously not to say what GOD had in mind for Mel, for that would be a ridiculous and pathetic undertaking, with a slight hint of impiety; but to simply open up other possibilities and observations along the regression paths that we may not have thought of, that may indeed change our outlook on this very same scenario.

Suppose we fast forward to the very 'end' of this scenario where Mel tells Hashim's uncle that there are no more units available; which was a bold faced lie. After discovering the blatant lie, our story would seem to end there with Hashim's uncle not wanting to live where he is not wanted.

Now suppose that he begins looking again for a condo with another Real Estate firm, let's say a small start up, owned by minorities. They welcome him with open arms and give him the full respect that any solid citizen deserves. He is shown a beautiful new condo in a neighborhood that is turning around. He, his wife and kids fall in love with this gorgeous place, as it is far more spacious, has a nice sized backyard and is half the price of the one we have originally defrauded out of. The new agent also refers Hashim's uncle to a good financial advisor who places much of his non-interest earning assets into solid investments to secure his kids education when the time comes. When they finally move in, the neighbors all come over with various delicious dishes of familiar ethnic food and bouquets of beautiful flowers to welcome the new family to the neighborhood.

Now clearly, none of these wonderful things would have happened to Hashim's uncle and his family, unless Mel followed the evil and mean spirited dictates of his firm.

If Mel **acted on his conscience and told the truth** that the condo he wanted was indeed available, and Hashim's uncle had therefore *taken* that original condo, he and his family may very well have lived next door to people who hated them, and who would go out of their way to let them know that they are NOT welcome as their neighbors. Who would want to live like that?and at twice the price! In addition, Mel may have lost his job over **doing the right thing** with his innocent family suffering the consequences.

What does all this mean?

GOD ALLOWS ALL THINGS TO HAPPEN! He has the easy ability of making good come from evil. Lucifer may have thought he had another victory by orchestrating yet another willful act of discrimination, but GOD allowed him to do this because **HIS PERFECT PLAN** had other things in store!

So 'when stuff happens' you really have no clue as to what GOD has in mind. Do not try to understand why this or why that happened, or did not happen; either to you or anyone else.

The truth is that you are simply not that smart..... **not even close!**

Do remember: GOD clearly tells us:

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