

Do perceptions make us what we are?

It has been said there are three ways you are seen. The way people see you, the way you think people see you and the way you see yourself.

It has also been said that if a person really knew how little people really thought about them, they would quit worrying about what people thought about them. One last one that just came to my mind, everyone is born an original, but too many die a copy.

As you come to Exodus, you meet someone who spends some time in the desert. His original plans didn't include that, but things happen. He was raised in the palace but now finds himself taking care of some sheep. From being a prince to being a smelly shepherd, that's quite a



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change. What about you, where did you start, and where are you now?

Let's look at the story this afternoon shall we? In Exodus 3, God has called Moses to lead the greatest rescue operation in history, but Moses has this laundry list of excuses and concerns.

He is worried about several things, one of them being if people will accept his leadership. As Moses wrestles with this calling, God asks

him a question in 4:1-5. He asks Moses, "What is in his hand?" Moses' reply was, "A staff." The Lord then tells him to throw it down, and it becomes a snake. The Lord told him to reach down and pick it up so he does and it becomes a staff again. Then Moses receives a promise.

Like all shepherds, Moses had a staff. It served as a walking stick, a weapon and a prod. Moses never left home without it. It was his badge. It was his ID.

That staff represented two things to Moses: it represented his identity and his security. God told him he

was going to deliver the nation of Israel, and Moses replied, "Please send someone else."

Here is the question, why did Moses hesitate when the call of God was so obvious? Don't be too hard on him, because you and I have been guilty of the same fear.

You see, when Moses looked in the mirror, all he saw was a shepherd. He had been doing it for 40 years. He allowed what he did to define who he was.

Friends, that is backwards! God wants who we are to define what we do. When God asked Moses to throw down his staff, He was asking him to throw down his identity. He was asking him to throw down his security. Think about it. That staff represented physical, financial and

relational security (he tended sheep for his father-in-law).

Can I ask you a question? What is in your hand? Where do you find your identity? What is the focus of your security? Is it a job, a relationship, a 401k, a degree or title, what about a family name?

Understand there is nothing wrong with any of those things, but let's cut to the chase. If you find your security in anything other than a relationship with God, then you have a false sense of identity. You need to throw down your staff.

I don't know what your background is, I don't know what you think about God, but I do know this — if you hold on to whatever it is in your hand you'll never experience the miracles God wants to perform

in your life.

Here is why — That staff will always act as a buffer between you and God.

It will rob you of true identity, and if you allow something to rob what God made you to be, you will miss knowing God in a way that will revolutionize your purpose and destiny.

May you allow the hand of the Almighty clasp your hand and lead you in His life-giving ways like never before.

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District Traffic

The following fines were paid in the Sherman County District Court:

Feb. 18, 1986 — Joshua B. Vermilyea, \$194 for speeding.

July 10, 1994 — Solomon M. Hoilett, \$224 reinstated for speeding, \$10 reinstated for no liability insurance and \$79 reinstated for first conviction for driving while suspended.

Sept. 4, 2004 — Andrew W. Worth, \$126 reinstated for speeding.

Oct. 2 — Michael D. Holt, \$132 reinstated for speeding.

Dec. 5 — Marsha C. Perry, \$120 judgement on guilty plea for unlawful acts with vehicle and \$300 judgement on guilty plea for no liability insurance.

Dec. 22, 2004 — Antonio D. Dixon, \$360 reinstated for driving while license cancelled, suspended or revoked and \$78 reinstated for speeding.

Jan. 25, 2005 — Elizabeth A. Higgins, \$150 reinstated for speeding.

Jan. 31 — Paul A. Snide, \$215 for over weight load

Aug. 12 — Beau Q. Ballentine, \$144 reinstated for speeding.

Aug. 30 — Douglas D. Walsh, \$360 reinstated for first conviction of driving while suspended and \$135 reinstated for speeding.

Oct. 25 — Laura M. Spaugh, \$138 reinstated for speeding.

Oct. 31 — Richard C. Manley, \$120 reinstated for speeding.

Dec. 28, 2005 — Gage A. Cloyd, \$359 for first conviction of driving while suspended.

Jan. 31, 2006 — James L. Story, \$210 for motor carrier safety rules and regulations.

Feb. 15 — Charles L. Allen, \$360 for first conviction of driving while suspended.

Feb. 16 — Daniel A. Butler, \$150 reinstated for speeding.

Feb. 23 — Edward A. Bianchi, reinstated for speeding.

March 6 — Alan A. Davis, \$255 for speeding.

March 10 — Richard W. Mika, \$144 for speeding.

March 13 — Avery D. Poindexter, \$132 for speeding.

March 12 — Billy D. Fagan, \$126 for speeding.

March 25 — Delwayne Edwards, \$80 for no child safety belts and \$10 for no seat belt.

March 26 — William L. Ingram, \$144 for speeding.

April 3 — Humberto Acosta, \$138 for improper parking.

April 4 — Robert M. Dastolfo,

\$114 for over weight load.

April 10 — Asas M Bourrie, \$195 for improper parking and dismissed for no liability insurance.

April 13 — John K. Larson, \$120

for speeding.

Gabriele Stoppini, \$126 for speeding.

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- Do not use proper names
- Bring your completed list to The Goodland Star-News office at 1205 Main or at our booth at the Fair by 12:00 p.m. by Monday, August 14th

Winner will be announced in the Friday, August 18th edition

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Pastor: Steve Rains, Ben Coats, youth pastor
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Sunday: Kid's Church: 10:30 am
Morning Service: 10:30 am
Evening Service: 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday: Adult mid-week service: 7:00 p.m.
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Sunday: 4 pm

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Minister: Charles E. Kerr, Jr.
Sunday: Worship Service: 9:30 am
Sunday School: 10:45 am
Team Puppeteers: 6 pm
Wednesday:
Junior/Senior High Meeting: 7 pm
Adult & Children's Classes: 7 pm
Jets, 4th grade and under: 3:30 - 4:30

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Pastor: Michael Estep
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Sunday: Sunday School: 9 am
Morning Service: 10 am
Evening Service: 6:30 pm
Wednesday: Evening Bible Study: 7 pm

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

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(719) 346-7984
Sacrament Meeting: 10 am
Sunday School: 11:15 am
Priesthood/Relief Society: 12 am

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Minister: Esteban Ortiz B.
1601 Texas • 899-5275
Daily Prayer: Sunday thru
Saturday: 5 am & 6 pm
Sunday: Sunday School: 10 am

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Brewster:
Pastor:
Worship Service: 10:45 am CST
Sunday School: 9:45 am CST
Winona:
Minister: Rev. Bob Winters
Worship Service: 9 am CST
Sunday School: 10:15 am CST

First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)
Pastor: Rev. Ted Amos
Eighth & Arcade • 890-5233
Sunday: Worship Service: 9:30 am
Sunday School: 8:30 a.m.
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399-2468
Sunday: Sunday School: 9 am
Worship Service: 10:15 am

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Pastor: Bob Willis
Third & Caldwell
899-2080 or 899-3797
Sunday: Sunday School: 9:45 am
Worship Service: 10:50 am
Evening Service: 6 pm
Wednesday: Evening Service: 7 pm

First United Methodist Church

1116 Sherman
899-3631
Pastor: Rev. Janet Hernandez
Saturday: Informal Worship: 5:30 pm
Sunday: Sunday School: 9:15 am
Worship Service: 10:30 am

Goodland Bible Church

109 Willow Road • 899-6400
Pastor: Chad DeJong
Sunday: Sunday School: 9:30 am
Morning Worship: 10:45 am
Evening Worship: 6 pm
Wednesday: AWANA (Winter)
and prayer: 7 p.m.

First Baptist Church

Pastor: Travis Blake
Fifth & Center • 890-3450
Sunday: Sunday School for all ages:
9:15 am (Child care provided)
Morning Worship: 10:30 am
Wednesday: Bible study 7 p.m.
Call church for information
Thursday: Bible study 9:30 a.m.
Wheatridge Center

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

13th & Center
Church 890-2115 or Rectory 890-6969
Priest: Father Hal Lycett
Holy Eucharist: 10:00 a.m. Sunday
10:00 a.m. Thursday
Morning Prayer: 8:00 a.m. Wed. - Sun.
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Sr. Warden for emergencies
Mon. and Tues. 890-3320

Harvest Evangelical Free Church

104 E. Hwy. 24 • 890-7918
Pastor: Brian Fugleberg
Sunday: Worship: 9:30 am
Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.
Wednesday: Youth group
meets at 7 p.m.
at Scherlings', 827 Caldwell.

Seventh Day Adventist Church

1160 Cattletrail
Pastor: Jim Martin
Saturday: Sabbath School: 9:30 am
Worship Service: 11 am

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

13th & Sherman • 890-6161
Pastor: Scott Grimshaw
Sunday: Christian eduction/fellowship:
10:15 a.m.
Worship Service: 9 am
Wednesday: Confirmation: 6 pm

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Wednesday: Bible Study: 7 pm

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