

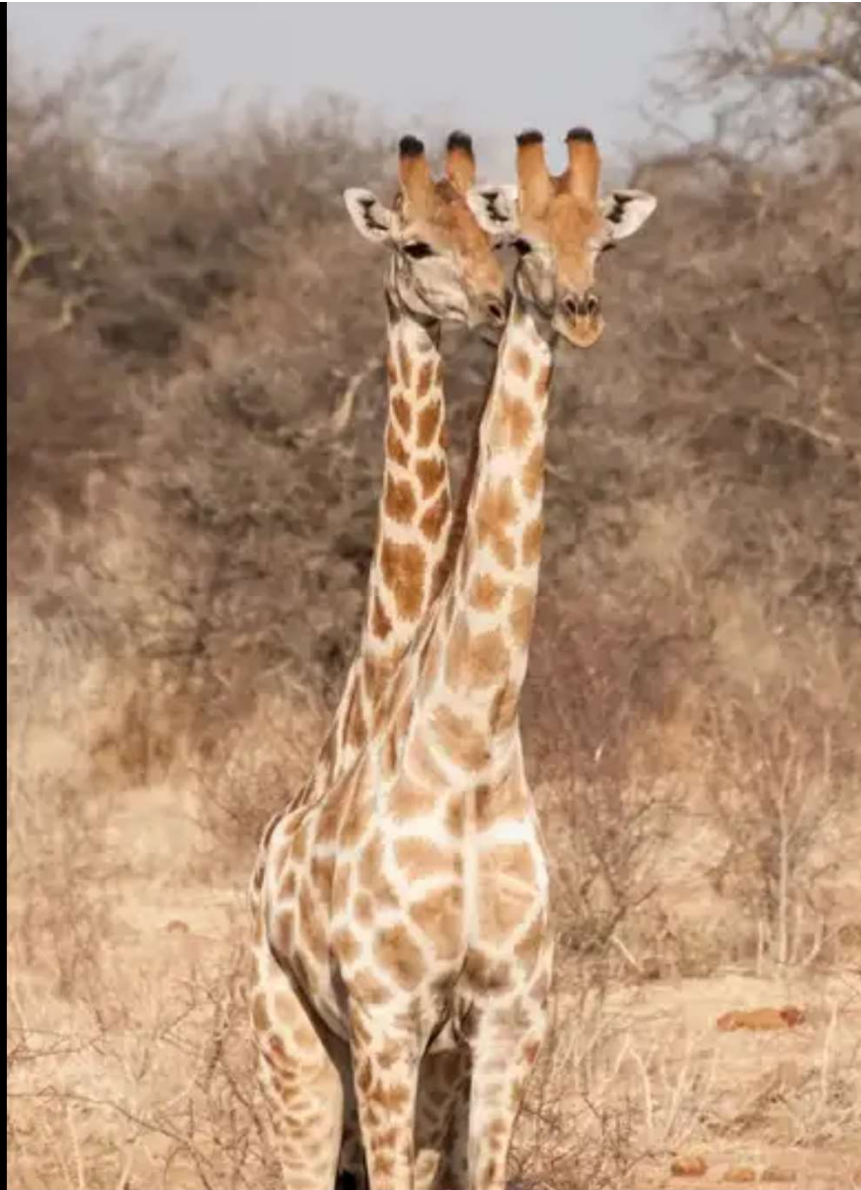


TABOO TWO:

The Elephant Strikes Back











REVIEW

- Disagreement is OK
- Come have a conversation
- Extend grace
- When reviewing time, money, and effort, who is your highest priority?
- Women, we need your help (remember this)
- Don't be a tough guy, do the tough thing

What Scripture says about Scripture

All Scripture is **breathed out by God and profitable for teaching**, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

For whatever was written in former days was **written for our instruction**, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures **we might have hope**.

Romans 15:4

Your word is a lamp to my feet and **a light to my path**.

Psalms 119:105



Uncomfortable Passages

1. Weird



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And a young man followed him, with nothing but a linen cloth about his body. And they seized him, but he left the linen cloth and ran away naked. Mark 14:51-52

Behold, you are beautiful, my love, behold, you are beautiful! Your eyes are doves behind your veil. Your hair is like a flock of goats leaping down the slopes of Gilead. Song of Solomon 4:1



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Deuteronomy 20:16-18



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1. Weird
2. Mean
3. **Not PC**



Not PC

Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust.

1 Peter 2:18

“But I say to you, Do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. And if anyone would sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles.”

Matthew 5:39-41



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- 4. Harsh Truths**



Harsh Truth

Therefore God has mercy on whom we want to have mercy, and he hardens whom we want to harden. Romans 9:18

“Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.” John 3:18

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God
Romans 3:23



What next?

- Look for God
 - Tune your ears to hear – Matthew 13

Matthew 13

11 Then the disciples came and said to him, “Why do you speak to them in parables?”

13 “This is why I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand...”

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Matthew 28

19 “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.”

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2 Corinthians 9:7

