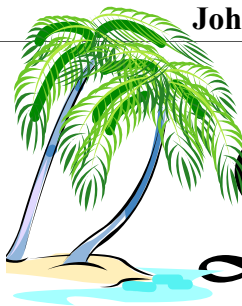




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## DO NOT.....GWtF

Unless you were asleep at the switch in the 1980's, you would remember the well-worn mantra of the day: "Go With the Flow." It was included in very TV sitcom, political campaign and used car commercial. In the eyes of the chic, GWtF would immediately mark the speaker as supercool. For our monthly devotion, let us take a closer look at "Go With the Flow." That tagline swept the nation forty years ago and is still *like* heard in the *like* vaping parlors and *like* hookah bars on the *like* more sophisticated college *like* campuses, ya know.

Go With the Flow probably had its origin eons ago when some defected teenager whined "But Mom, everybody's doing it." If you were ever young yourself, perhaps you remember that overwhelming, almost desperate urge to follow the crowd—at age 13. And then in our lifetimes, Ed Sullivan ushered into our living rooms a handsome young rock and roll star with his guitar and shameful gyrations. Every respectable parent in the country was in full panic mode that this cavalier heathen would soon have everybody "doing it." Today, we can only laugh at ourselves, and long for that simpler time when Elvis Presley was the worst thing a parent had to worry about. And what about Taylor Swift? Wash. Rinse. Repeat.

The Apostle Paul opens Chapter 12 of his letter to the church at Rome with this seemingly benign instruction. "**And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind....**" **Romans 12:2 KJV.**

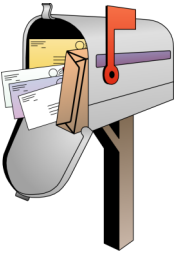
**Be not conformed**, he said. Like so many other scriptures, the importance of Romans 12:2 has been overlooked for too long. Let's dig a little deeper.

Throughout history, brave men and women of every generation, acting in the name of Jesus, have refused to "go with the flow." And many of them died for standing their ground. In fact, bible scholars and historians tell us that almost all of the disciples died martyrs' deaths at the hands of unrestrained despots because they refused to cave in and go with the flow. More to the point, would you and I even be here today supporting the Little Lambs Ministry if the resolute German theologian, Martin Luther (circa 1483-1546) had decided to go with the flow? No! But thanks be to God he did not. At the risk of life and limb, Luther refused to go with the flow. Instead, he nailed 95 theses to the door of the Wittenberg church, throwing down the gauntlet to the blasphemous and corrupt Catholic Pope. A bit too dramatic you say? Absolutely not! That spark ignited the Protestant Reformation — and here we are today.

Romans 12:2 was not intended by Paul to be just a proposal, a suggestion, or even a good idea for Christian living. No, this charge against conformity was meant to be bedrock, an absolute must if we fashion ourselves to be followers of the risen Christ. This is what the Lord our God *requires* of us. **Do not be conformed to this world.** Do not go with the flow! Do not follow the crowd. We must retrofit our hardware, reprogram our software. And reboot everything. With the anointing of the Holy Spirit, we are called to be nonconformists where it matters. We must oppose the ridiculous and oftentimes even dangerous fads and fashions and flavors of the month. Or is this too little, too late? Can one person even make a difference anymore? Those are my excuses, you make up your own.

The second verse of the old Gospel Hymn, "The evening Prayer" (Charles Gabriel) begins: "If I have uttered idle words or vain...Dear Lord forgive." Years ago, in those volatile '70s and '80s, my wife and I taught the teenage Sunday school class at our church. Back then, I regret to say that I was woefully deficient in solid Christian theology, instead relying for too much on the teen jangle of the day. Now, I'm afraid that I might have "uttered idle words or in vain" —like "go with the flow"— to some young kid searching for himself. Hope not. Pray not. But if so—**Dear Lord, forgive.** We need to bury "Go With the Flow" once and for all.

Blessings to all, Mike Rider, Volunteer



Dear John and Eileen, I hope this lesson and letter finds you doing well. I just want to thank you both for the great lessons that I thoroughly enjoy doing. I have such a desire, a hunger to always want to learn about our wonderful and gracious Savior. I pray he continues to keep that hunger inside me once I'm released in September, 2025, so that I may be able to witness and lead others to Christ who has blessed me beyond words. I just want to lift you both up and your ministry, that God may continue His blessings as you bless others with these lessons. Harvey Tx.

Thank you John and Eileen Sala Ministry for taking the time to respond to my bible study regarding my bible...I will use this bible on every step of my way. I am very fortunate of y'all to send it to me. I was truly touched by "An Inmates Testimony." I am a prayer warrior. I am saved. I was a sinner and a drug addict. God has truly changed my heart inside these prison walls. I had a traumatic experience but God has filled every broken part of me. My legacy starts and ends with Christ Jesus. I thank you all, John, Eileen for your support. May God bless. Kirsten, Tx

Dear Little Lambs, thank you for resending your bible study to me after such a long time in the nightmare I've been living in. I still in a bad place. So far I've been cursed at and spit on and my locker was broken into while I was away from my cell. My brand new tablet was stolen 2 weeks after I bought it. No one will help. I am also getting problems from the Religious Services staff who claim that there is no such religious group as Messianic Jewish which is what I am and have been for over 5 years now. I wish I could fix this but if I butt heads with these people, I'll be shipped to another very bad place to be hurt and slowly killed. So please pray for me as I continue this hard and painful journey and most definitely thank you for your prayers and these wonderful Bible study correspondence courses!

It's a blessing that my tablet got stolen because it became more important than these studies while I had it. Now I can focus on only Bible study and working on strengthening my faith and beliefs in the Messiah. JD *We wrote to JD, that a born again Christian is actually a spiritual Jew and that he would probably profit by strengthening relationships with real Christians and worshipping with them without needing all things to be 'Jewish'. A Jew is one who is circumcised in the heart, not the flesh, as true believers are. Rom 2:29*

Name: James T., FL.

Thank you Little Lambs School of the bible for sending me this lesson packet. I am extremely grateful for the knowledge you provided me with. My favorite bible verse from the lesson was James 4:7 "Submit yourselves therefor to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." This bible verse has helped me greatly with my time here in prison. I also really enjoyed the portions on punishment and defeat of Satan. That portion really helped me understand the book of Revelations more. I actually applied these sections or the knowledge I got from them with the other inmates around me. Again thank you for sending the course work. I look forward to the next section. Your organization is in my prayers.

Dear Little Lambs School of the Bible

My name is Douglas. I did y'all's study and finished it in 2021 or 2022. I can't remember. I loved it and I have sent many your way here at Lawton Correctional Facility. When I finished you all sent me a NKJV (upon request for graduation bible) Open Study Bible which I love and used daily as well. But in March I had open back surgery and got 14 screws. I am doing better now. When I went for my surgery the facility lost part of my stuff. My bible being part of it. I only get \$20 a month to purchase everything I need like soap, etc. I have no family support. I can send a little each month to cover the cost. If there is any way you can help me get another NKJV Open Study Bible. If not I understand either way. Thank you for your wonderful studies and may God continue to bless you and your ministry. Doug, Ok. *We did make a special request to Harper Collins Publishing to send this inmate another Open Bible. We sincerely hope it gets to him.*

Dear John & Eileen, I just want to thank you both for your lessons. I always look forward to receiving them in the mail. I recently rededicated my life to Christ 2-16-24 and was baptized on Good Friday 3-29-24. I started doing these courses in November, 2022, just to pass the time. But as time went by, I found myself wanting more and more of God's Word. I have become so hungry and thirsty to know more of my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I am reading God's Word daily and I'm also attending a class here "Growing in Christ" taught by two great gentlemen from United City Church here in Humble. Their mission pastor is the one who baptized me. It's been a wonderful journey so far even though I'm incarcerated. I know Savior loves me and He continues to bless me in many ways. It's not always a bed of roses so to speak but I know I'm not alone and I talk to my Lord daily, sometimes a couple of times a day.

I was wondering if by chance your ministry provided any kind of literature on how to minister to others about Jesus as I'm new at this and afraid, not knowing how to approach others about their salvation. Also anything on Spiritual Battle? I do have a new enrollment form for you guys also. I believe Mr. Fisher will benefit from these bible studies just as I have. Thank you both so much and to the others behind the scenes. May God continue working through you and blessing you in many ways. HS *We sent this student a copy of the book by Mark Cahill, "One Heartbeat Away."*

Essay, What I learned in Class by Joe

I learned a lot in this class, some of it I may not be able to communicate properly, but I will try. I learned that I came from a very dysfunctional family. I learned that the majority of America came from dysfunctional families and probably don't even realize it. I also learned that a good part of the time I was not a very good husband. I was much better Dad than a husband but really wasn't that good at that either. I found out that I am very, very blessed to have a brain left after all the drugs and alcohol abuse that I put it through. Also I have a new understanding of the effects that that abuse has on your brain and why I made such STUPID decisions. Finally, through this class I got to see first hand how much God has changed me, because I now have a lot of those traits that I needed in the first place.





**OUR HERO, Bill Daily** Served with a notice by Code Enforcement about the condition of our building including peeling paint and rotten wood to

name a few, I called an old friend of John's and mine, Bill Daily. Husband of Claris and owner of Sebring Cabinets, Bill answered our call. For 2 solid weeks they have labored from early till late, repairing, scraping, painting, even fixing our windows, at no cost to us! The 98 year old house looks better than new now! All of us at Little Lambs and all our inmate friends say "Thank You so Much!"



### Baptism in the Lake

Joseph Simmons, Nick Chander, and Riley Hanson were so excited to evidence their faith through baptism June 24th. Pastor Darryl from The Way Church had the honor of working with and baptizing them. We are excited for the new live these men have chosen in Christ. Let's keep them all in our prayers.

Dear Partners,

This has been one of the busiest months in a long time. With lots of lessons to be graded and all our code violations, it seemed we were just keeping up. Our old house has had an extreme make over and looks so good for it.

In the midst of everything going in, we had friends in Christ come through the door. Of course, they were brought to us by South American Missionary Jack Rendel. Maria Taborda is a church planter in Chigorodo, Colombia, near Panama. She says it is a very small town in the mountains but they actively train missionaries and plant churches in the countryside. She requested that she could take our Spanish lessons to share with her students and use in their mission. We are very glad to share with her through digital as well as paper format, all of our lessons. It is a huge encouragement



to know that many more people will be discipled through our materials. Maria was accompanied by her daughter, Ibis Lopez from Miami and Juan Lopez from Colombia. Please pray that they receive the funds they need to carry out this program.

Thank all of you who made this month so very special! God bless you all.

Your servant,  
Eileen Sala