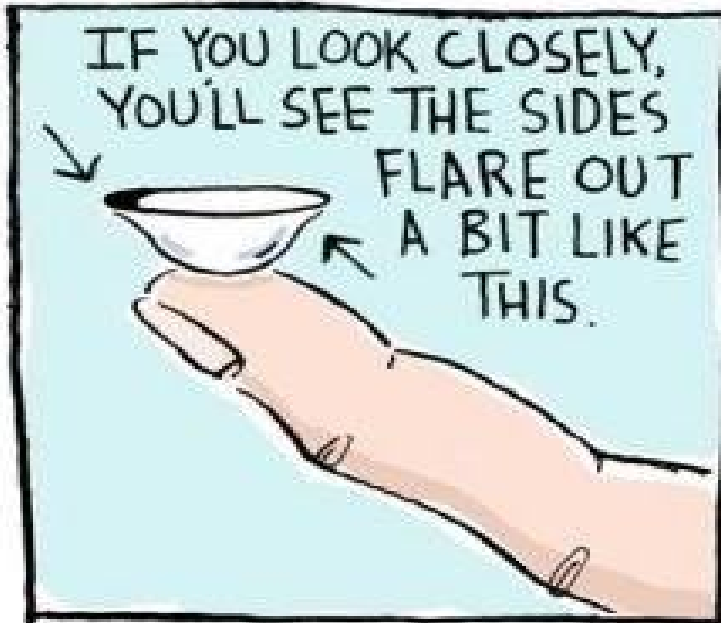




Eternity Was Our Covering

# Token Humor To Make Sure We Do Today's Class Right!

## How To TELL IF YOUR CONTACTS ARE INSIDE-OUT



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# News of the Week?



# General Relief Society Conference



- Keeping our covenants was the theme.
- Imagine that!
- We will be talking about the Abrahamic
- Covenant today 😊
- But first, a warning:

# We will be likening the scriptures about Abraham to ourselves today

- Likening the scriptures to our personal lives *helps us discover gospel principles* and receive revelation.
- Nephi testified, “I did liken all scriptures unto us, that it *might be for our profit and learning*” ([1 Nephi 19:23](#)).
- Even though the scriptures were written long ago, *they provide inspiration* for our modern-day dilemmas when we learn to liken them to ourselves.
- Ensign, March 2009

# How Can I Liken the Scriptures to My Own Life?

- Compare scriptural events to our own lives
- Find the principal being taught
- Insert your name

# How Can I Liken This to Me?



# CLUES:

- Do I allow myself to be bound to any idolatrous altars?  
(My computer, my bed, my favorite store)
- Do I have other gods that I worship daily?
- (i.e., the god of Pinterest)
- Am I aware that the Angel of the Lord is ready and waiting to help me when I finally want to make my escape?



# Now, try it with an actual scripture!

- Go to the Pearl of Great Price
- Find Abraham Chapter 1
- Verses 1 & 2
  
- Insert your own name
- Your own place of birth, perhaps
- Use your own life events
- Insert the goals you hoped to achieve
- Tell the outcome, if there has been one
- If you are a brave soul, share it with the class!

# Introducing Abram...

- Genesis 12
  - Verses 1-3
  - Now, the Lord had said unto Abram...
  - Why?
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- Here's the rest of the story:
  - Abraham 1
  - Verses 1-7
  - Verses 15-19

# So, Abram leaves Ur of the Chaldees

- He takes his wife, the lovely Sarai.



And his nephew Lot, and his wife



And his father, Terah, follows after  
them...



# And the adventure began



# Let's back up—What do we know about Abram?

- He was a descendant of Shem, the son of Noah.
- At some time between Shem and Terah, Abram's family became apostate.
- His father was an idolater and sought to have him sacrificed.
- You could say he came from a dysfunctional family...
- Why are we studying about this man?

# Even more:

- He seemed to have no permanent home.
- With no roof overhead, he said that “Eternity was their covering.”
- They traveled from Ur of the Chaldees in Iraq,
- to Haran in Turkey, approximately 700 miles.
- After spending time in Haran, they packed up again and went to claim their promised land in Canaan, 400 miles away, which was...



# ...Uninhabitable because of a terrible drought.

So, they packed up (again) and moved to Egypt, where they experienced fear, uncertainty and terror while Sarai lived in Pharaoh's home and Abram lived the life of a bachelor. They were, however, able to eat, and Abram eventually became a very wealthy man, and then they were sent packing again, back to Canaan.

SO, WHY ARE WE STUDYING ABOUT THIS  
SEEMINGLY NOMADIC MAN  
THAT SOME HAVE THOUGHT OF AS A LIAR AND A  
COWARD?



**Abraham? A Coward???**

# The Actions and Works of Abraham Were Inspired by God.

- The Lord told Abraham He would lead him by the hand. (Abraham 1:18)
- Why did he leave Ur? (Genesis 12:1)
- Why did he leave Haran? (Abraham 2:6)
- Why did he tell the Egyptians that Sarai was his sister? (Abraham 2:22)
- Why did Abram accept Hagar from Sarai? (D&C 132:34-35)

# THIS IS WHY:

- ABRAHAM 1: 28-31
- AND
- ABRAHAM 2: 8-11

# Thou, God, Seest Me! What Might This Mean To Us?



## Genesis 16

Don't be too hard on Hagar. We don't really know what her life had been like up until this point in time, and pregnancy can complicate a lot of thoughts and emotions.

I would like to give her the benefit of the doubt. After all, an angel did appear To comfort and instruct her in her distress!

# Finally, after a long life of seeking the Lord, Abram becomes “Abraham.”

- At 90 years old, Abram is commanded to be perfect. (Genesis 17:1)
- He is given the covenant of circumcision (Genesis 17:2-13)
- The Lord changes Abram’s name to Abraham. Sarai’s name to Sarah, and reveals the coming birth of Isaac. (Genesis 17:)
- Circumcises himself, Ishmael and his household. (Genesis 17:23-27)

# Thy Servant Has Sought Thee Earnestly; Now I Have Found Thee

Abraham 2:13

This statement could sum up Abraham's daily walk: always seeking and having faith that he will be found of the Lord.

What an example for us to follow!

