

# My Testimony To The Dean Burgon Society Women

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**My name is Lorri Agee. I'm here just to give a brief testimony.** I hope that something I can say might make some sense. Mrs. Waite did ask me to give a testimony. It's going to be kind of sound familiar to maybe a few people, because it's going to interject a little bit concerning what she was asking me about. It is about the King James Bible because that is what my heart is about. It's the King James Bible which is the proper Bible to use. It's my joy to be a part of this committed group of Dean Burgon Society and all that they do to help us to grow in the Words of God, to defend the King James Bible. Before this, I was just a ship that was just without a rudder, trying to figure out things. But I am so thankful that God has given me His Holy Spirit. He'll give you the answers also if you seek them.

**It made me think about Acts 8 and the Apostle Philip.** I don't think about Philip much. I think about a lot of those other apostles. Philip is the one that came to my heart. In Acts 8 the apostles were doing some mighty things after the Holy Spirit had come upon them. They were preaching the Words of God, but the Angel of the Lord spake unto Philip in Acts 8:26 and told him to arise and go where he was directed. He met the Ethiopian eunuch whom God wanted him to witness to. In verse 30, it says,

*"And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest? And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him."*

**The Holy Spirit used Philip at that moment with the Ethiopian eunuch.** Philip opened his mouth in verse 35:

*". . . and began at the same Scripture, and preached unto him Jesus. And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God . . . And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing."*

The eunuch wasn't really concerned about Philip at that time. He was rejoicing as he went on his way. He had found truth and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**That's something that I've been seeking for years and years.** I haven't been a Christian all my life as a lot of people have. I was definitely of the world, so I know the difference. I really know the difference. I was 21 when I was saved married. We moved out of Dallas. This is where I'm from actually. We moved to a little country place in Mount Vernon, Texas. It's about 1 ½ hours away. It has only about 5,000 people. It's a real small place where everybody knows each other's name. We became a part of a church there when we first got there. It seemed like it was a sound church. At the time, I didn't know what that word meant, "sound church." I just know that I was from the world, and I knew what music was about. I'm thankful that God brings a "Philip" to each one of us. You can probably remember

a "Philip" that might have shared or opened up the Scriptures to you. I have a special person today that I'm going to mention who became that person to me.

**It had to be centered around the church issues, because I wanted to learn the Words of God.** I am now a Christian. I'm a babe in Christ. I have a ten year-old son. Daniel was born and then I became a Christian, but I wasn't growing. I couldn't figure it out. Dan and I lived in Garland, Texas. At one time we went to a Northern Baptist Church. It was a wonderful church. It is a missionary church. I wanted to learn the Words of God, but I just couldn't find that. I was the kind of person who when I went to church I took a lot of notes. I was reading along, but he would only read just a little sliver of the Bible, and I just didn't really understand it.

**Dan and I moved down to that little church.** It is a wonderful community where everybody knows your name. I became very involved in that church for about 15 years. We raised our son there and over time, the church began to change, steadily. It wasn't for the good. Tamie just talked about music. I'm so thankful that she talked about that, because that was one of the issues I started realizing. First of all, I am from a rock 'n roll age. Let's just get that out in the open. I know worldly music. I know it and it's very different than hymns. It's different from Godly music. One thing I loved about church. I'm sure those people thought it was funny, because when I picked up that hymnal, I loved to read it. Just reading the hymns were, to me, like prayers to God, without all the distractions.

**I love to sing to the Lord.** To me, going to church was all about giving praise to God and the worship of Him. I became part of the choir. I loved all that, because I love to sing to the Lord. He's just put a song in my heart all the time. Those hymnals were very special to me. There was this lady in the choir, named Barbara W. She was an elderly woman. She had been in the church all her life. That woman knew every hymn and all the verses. I'd look over to her and say, "*Barbara, do you know that one?*" She'd say, "*I sure do.*" She didn't have to look at her hymnal. I'm going, "*Wow, what does that mean?*" And it was just amazing to me because the hymnal has always been precious to me.

**So this church pretty much went that way.** It was the elder group of people and that was exciting. But, over time, we all of a sudden had to have a "praise team." I didn't even know what that was. They said, "*We want you to be a part of that.*" I thought, "*Well, I love to sing to the Lord so, okay, I'll do that.*" And I said, "*But we're just an intimate group like this. We can all sing the hymns.*" But it's about these four people in the "praise team." They said, "*We just want everybody to follow along.*"

**What I'm trying to say is that the church began to change, and I didn't understand it.** I didn't even know what apostasy was. I only thought that there were two Bibles: there was the NIV and the King James Bible. All the churches would encourage you to use the NIV. As a small community, it was a very, very wonderful place to be as far as fellowship with the people. But it became very unsettling. It wasn't edifying. Because, all of a sudden, we are now bringing in guitars and drums.

**I'm in the choir and from the rock 'n roll age.** The music sounded so much like the world that it was unnerving me. Music is a very addictive thing. I liked rock 'n roll. I liked it, so when I came into church, that music had to be purged out over time. It was in my heart, but I didn't need the church bringing it to me. I'm thinking, "*How am I worshiping the Lord in that way, because I'm tapping my foot?*" I think that's just a distraction. It wasn't worshipful. These were the little things.

**Then a new agenda came into town.** It was people like me that didn't know what it was. I never could put my finger on what was going on with our church. It was just changing a lot. Then, all of a sudden it started going the Rick Warren way--"*The Purpose Driven Life,*" and all of that. It became very unsettling. Church was not edifying. It became very difficult to attend, because there were so many distractions. We'd have six or seven solos, where we used to have only one solo. I did sing them at times. But the preaching got down to 15 minutes. It used to be at least 30. We started at 10:30 and would get out

at noon. But I didn't really grab anything. It was difficult, but I was determined to be there to give back to my God and to worship Him. I would literally just close my eyes and say, "*Okay Lord, I'm just going to sing to you in spite of these lights and distractions.*" I wanted to grow spiritually and learn His ways of truth, but our church didn't really disciple its congregation to do that.

**At this point I began to certainly pray and ask God to reveal truth and to give me discernment.** All of a sudden my church was not becoming very edifying. We, as people in church, are the sheep. The pastors are the shepherds, and we trust them. We trust them, but I said to my husband, "*Honey, there's something wrong. I don't know what it is. I can't put my finger on it.*" So one Sunday morning, my pastor was giving a very short sermon to the graduating class of seniors. Then all of a sudden he started referencing and quoting out of something called *The Message*. I didn't even know what *The Message* was. That's how you know I'm a babe in Christ. I'm still trying to seek the Lord. I'm trying to read His Word, but other than just getting what little we're getting on Sunday, there was not much going on.

**The pastor didn't make it clear that it was *The Message* was a Bible translation.** When he began quoting from it, all of a sudden it began to sound a little familiar. Just a little, but the words were very different. This is what he quoted out of Proverbs 9 and 11. This is what grabbed me, he said, verse 10 says, "*Skilled living gets its start in the Fear-of-God, insight into life from knowing a Holy God.*" Then in verse 11, "*It's through me, Lady Wisdom, that your life deepens, and the years of your life ripen.*" Well, I'm telling you right now, I'm thinking, "Skilled living"? "*He's teaching these kids to go to skilled living? What does that mean?*" I know a lot of skilled living people in life. Sometimes they might even have a good reputation, but they don't have good character. You can be a con artist, and have skilled living. So, I just thought, "*That's not what that Scripture should say. If that's what he's talking about in the Bible.*"

**I took notes and was writing all this down.** I was baffled when I heard all this. I thought, "*My Bible says something different.*" But he didn't even refer back to that. Even the NIV didn't refer back to it. So after church, I went home and compared the words. I was just stunned. Stunned because they are not from the NIV. I started realizing there are so many differences of these Bibles now, I'm going to go back to the King James Bible, because this is the one my husband said that he started on. So verse 10 says, "*The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,*" not skilled living. "*And the knowledge of the holy is understanding. For by me thy days shall be multiplied, and the years of thy life shall be increased.*" For by me thy days shall be multiplied, not Lady Wisdom. Who in the world is making Lady Wisdom--God--a female? The Holy Spirit a female? What is that?

**I was stunned. I was feeling betrayed.** I didn't know what was going on. I was thinking, "*Now wait a minute, this comes back to if I'm going to learn the Bible, I've got to learn which Bible I'm supposed to be learning from because now I'm really confused and I want to learn.*" I asked God to etch His Words on my heart. But which Word is it going to be? So I realized that all these words in other Bibles have actually changed the meanings.

**I went back to my pastor after that and asked him a question.** I said, "*Can you tell me why we use all these different Bibles? Tell me what the differences are. Why don't we use the King James Bible?*" He just looked at me. It seemed like a very hard question for him. He wasn't really answering me. He said: "*There is not much difference. They just basically took the thee's and the thou's out of it for the NIV and then replaced them with some modern words.*" So I was led to believe that the King James Bible and the NIV were the same doctrinally.

**God knew my heart and my frustration and brought me a "Philip."** Praise God! It was about five years ago. One day, shortly after all this, I had a fellow Sunday School member come into my

workplace. I work in the school district in Mount Vernon, Texas. There are only about 5,000 people in this town. Everybody knows everybody and I know a lot of people. This lady came in. Her name was Kala. She had something on her heart and mind. She's feeling really guilty. She's said: "*Lorri, I'm so sorry. I'm so sorry. I ran into an old friend of yours.*" I said, "Okay." She said, "*You haven't seen her in probably over 20 years.*" I said, "Well, okay." She said, "*But Lorri, I had this card and I just never gave it to you.*" She said, "*I met her at a conference in Dallas.*" We're about 1 ½ hours away from Dallas. She met her up here in this huge Dallas, Texas, at some kind of vendor's conference. She said the lady was asking her where she was from. Kala said, "*I'm from Mount Vernon, Texas.*" My friend remembered me and said, "*Well, I remember a friend of mine that moved up to Mount Vernon.*" She said, "*But I don't expect that you'd know her.*" She said, "Who is she?" She said, "*Her name is Lorri Agee.*" She said, "*She's in my Sunday School class.*" She said, "*Would you give her this card and have her, if she feels led, to call me. I'd like to talk to her.*"

**Kala had forgotten that card.** Three months passed by when she came across that card. She's been feeling guilty and convicted about it. She said, "*You know, Lorri, please forgive me.*" I was shocked and surprised when I saw the person's name on there. I said, "*Don't worry about it, Kala. Thank you so much.*" I did call that friend who will be here later today. Her name is Theresa M. She became a "Philip" to me. God put her into my life.

**It was so long ago that we were friends.** I had just gotten married and had become a Christian. We worked together at a place in downtown Dallas for many years. She was a Catholic. I didn't know what the difference was between a Catholic and a genuine Christian. But she did. We still love each other very much. I moved away from her. When I called her, she told me immediately: "*Lorri, I became a Christian.*" I said, "*You did? Praise God!*" We talked about many things. We just picked up where we left off so many years ago. But this time, it was about the things of the Lord and His Words. It was such a kinship that we now had. We just picked up where we left off many years before.

**Then she started expounding on the truth about the King James Bible and why we must use it and defend it.** I wanted and needed some guidance about this. I, too, like the eunuch said, "*Tell me more.*" So she took the time to share with me the truth about the modern versions which are really perversions of God's Words of truth. She revealed to me translation differences and the need to use the most accurate English version Bible that is available. So for her, she had a journey of her own coming out from being a Catholic. She had done her homework and she was comparing all of it. It was just such a blessing, because she told me about Dean Burgon and who he was. She even told me about the Dean Burgon Society. She told me about Pastor D. A. Waite of the Bible for Today Baptist Church. We live out in the country and we didn't have many sound churches. They are on every corner but they're not sound.

**She was talking to me about apostasy and things that were ecumenical.** These were things that I had never heard about because these preachers are not talking about it. So it was quite amazing that she led me to understand these things. We have kept in contact since that day. We don't talk all the time but we email and talk that way. God put her back in my life as a "Philip." It has been through the DBS that only now do I understand that there are 8,000 differences between the King James Bible and the NIV (and the other modern versions). I also understand that there are over 365 doctrinal passages that are different. I didn't even know what that meant. But I know now that there are definite doctrinal differences like about the Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ. It was very shocking for me to understand, but I needed somebody to help me to understand some of this to get the right Word of God. Which one is this supposed to be? I understand that they have a Queen James Bible now that blends in with the homosexuals' sins. That's how bizarre and off track it is.

**Ladies, our King James Bible is over 400years old, but it's still reliable and readable.** We need to share these truths with others. There are many people that don't know this. Because of this, the churches are going astray. They are more concerned about music. We all need to realize that we're God's instruments. He can use us like "Philip" if we'll abide in Him and trust in His truth. You're a "Philip" to us, too, Tammy. You have a lot of knowledge and it's good to understand it. This didn't all happen overnight. This has been going on a long time. I was smack dab in the middle of all of that. God wants to reveal truth to each one of us. I don't care what kind of mess we're in or what kind of church is trying to lead us astray, if you're seeking Him, He'll bring you a "Philip" or guide you into the truth by His Holy Spirit.

**So I am thankful for my King James Bible.** It's the one I'm really seeking to read every single day until the day the Lord puts me into that casket, unless He raptures me first. I pray for that. Share these truths that you learn. They are hard to absorb sometimes. There is a lot of information you're going to get. I kind of glazed over the first time I heard about these things. There is so much. It's wonderful. God will tuck them in your heart. I pray that we'll share them with someone else and that whomever we share it with, they'll go on their way rejoicing. It has been a wonderful journey going with the right Bibles.

**Thank you for this Dean Burgon Society.** That was a long travel for you and all these people that are coming. I'm glad the meetings can be seen on the Internet all over the world. It's necessary. It's needed. We need to defend the King James Bible. Many churches have been led astray. We need sound churches who are led by Biblical and sound pastors. I'm thankful that you have invited us to your church today.