

"What to Say!?"
Luke 21:12-15
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"You will have opportunity to testify before kings and governors. Do not prepare your defense in advance for God will give you the words to say."

Gramma Potato Head came over to watch Polly and Haman last night while their parents went to the movies.

"Time for bed," said Gramma Potato Head.

"Tell us a story!" begged Polly. "Yeah!" said Haman. "Tell about the good old days!"



"Ahh, the good old days were not always so good," said their Grandmother.

"Oh, oh, oh! Tell us about the SCARY days when you and Grandfather lived in a paper bag!"

"Oh my, I've told THAT story to you a lot of times. Let's see, once upon a time there was a couple of nice young potatoes, just married in fact and they moved into a paper bag at the top of the basement steps. It was kind of like a potato condominium, because there were already lots of other potatoes living there.

"All was fine. Perhaps the other potatoes were a bit smelly, but the two young potatoes were always kind and never complained about the bad odor. But one day when they sniffed each other and they found that they too had begun to smell. They began to look more closely at the other potatoes in the bag and realized that some of the potatoes were wet and juicy and had white foam coming out their sides! They were living with ROTTEN POTATOES!

"AGGGG!" cried the couple! "This is dangerous! We may become rotten also! We must prepare to leave!"

"At that very moment the basement door opened and they heard the human say "What is that terrible stink!" And then the whole bag lifted from the step and was carried to the kitchen sink."

Polly and Haman crept closer to Gramma because they know the story gets scary here.

"A human hand reached into the bag and lifted out each potato saying "Look at you, you rotten potato! What have you to say for yourself?" The young potato couple could hear water running and a terrible grinding noise as the human turned on the garbage disposal!"

"We are doomed!" cried the young couple. "What words can we say in our defense when we are lifted from the bag?!"

You know, sometimes in real life there ARE dangerous times and bad things can happen all around us. At times like that, what CAN we say in our defense?

In today's lesson, Jesus told his followers not to worry about "what to say". Be strong and endure. God will be with you and He will give you the words to say. And not one hair on your head will perish."

Gramma continued "The potato couple prayed as hard as they could and they kept their faith. The human hand lifted them out of the bag and said "Look at you, you rotten potato!"

Then God gave these words to the potato couple:

"HAVE MERCY ON US DEAR LORD!
THINK ON YOUR PITY NOT OUR DESERVING!
REMEMBER YOUR PROMISE TO LOVE AND BE FAITHFUL TO THOSE WHO SERVE YOU!
HAVE MERCY ON ALL OF US FOR WE HAVE ALL MADE ROTTEN CHOICES."

Then Gramma Potato Head ended the story as she always does by saying "We were saved that day. And my husband and I went on to have a wonderful son who grew up and got married to a sweet potato and now I have you two wonderful Tater Tots! Praise The Lord!

GramSma Potato tucked them into bed and kissed them goodnight! They love that story!

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