

# Is it time to run for your life like a cheetah?

You probably have seen the great chase. No, I am not talking about COPS, or an episode of greatest police chases. I am talking about the cheetah in pursuit of the gazelle. The cheetah will stalk its prey and as if out of nowhere in a few strides it will be at top speed and in fast pursuit.

It reminds you of your track days doesn't it? Anyway, the gazelle will then take off, and will bob, weave, and make 90 degree turns at full speed to avoid its enemy. Usually the show puts some intense music to the scene. As you sit on the edge of your couch watching this event of nature you may be saying "Get him" or "Run for your life!"

Well, if I can use that analogy I want to encourage you to run for your life. Not from the cheetah, but from something else.

We have been in a series from



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the book of Corinthians here at Calvary. If you are familiar at all with the book, the Apostle Paul in chapter 10 is dealing with the subject of Christian liberties. For the Corinthians that specifically meant eating sacrificed to idols, and hanging out in idol temples for social activities.

In United States church history Christian liberty issues have been things like dress, places a person may go, and entertainment. I am sure you could make your own list of things that you think churches stand for, or perhaps maybe we

However, that is another article for another time.

The Corinthian mindset of the day went something like this, "If the Bible didn't say you shouldn't do something then that meant it was ok to do it."

Paul challenges that assumption. Just because you have the right to do something, you need to throw a few other things into the mix before you run off and do it. First, you have to cover it in love. Then you need to ask yourself the question if you do this will it cause someone else to stumble. Finally, will it weaken

someone else's faith?

In 1 Corinthians 10:14, Paul tells them to run for their life. He says, "Therefore, my dear friends, flee from idolatry. I can hear it already as you slip back in your easy chair on this Friday afternoon."

"Steve, here's the deal. I am not seeing many idols or idol temples in Northwest Kansas. I haven't bowed down to any stone rock or chanted some mantra to a wooden image. I am not seeing this being a very practical article today." Stick with me friends.

I believe the real issue Paul is getting after for all of us is this. What do you value most in your life? Whatever you value most in your life is the driving force of your life. So what is in the driver's seat? If you value your liberties more than God, then that will be the driving force in your life. What you value most

will determine your decisions, not to mention your destiny.

So let me ask you a hard question, and respond to yourself honestly. What do you value most in your life? You can value good things, but those good things can be the wrong thing. Here is the reality. If we value anything more in life than our walk with God, then we have become an idolater.

An idol doesn't have to be some carved image out of stone or wood. Idols come in all shapes and sizes. It can be money. Maybe for you life is about the pocketbook. It can be popularity. That is what some people bow down to. They worry about what people think of them, and want to make a name for themselves. What about pleasure? T.G.I.F. right, people live for five o'clock Friday!

An idol is anything that controls

our life — to be it money, popularity, pleasure, immorality, fashion/label, relationships, or music/tv.

There are all kinds of idols, and Paul says, "Flee from idolatry."

Next week I want us to look at the tragic results of allowing something or someone besides God to become the primary focus of your life.

I want to leave you with a question. The question isn't, "Do you love God?" The question is, "Do you love Him more than anything else in life?"

My prayer for all of us is that we would love Him like He loves us!

Have a great weekend, and make church a part of it.

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## Members attend seminar in Hastings

Members of the Goodland Jehovah's Witnesses congregation attended a one-day Bible seminar Sunday at the Hastings, Neb., City Auditorium.

The speaker, L.C. Cotton, a staff member of the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society, talked on "We Are the Clay - Jehovah is Our

Potter."

Two sessions, "Not Fashioned After This System of Things" and "Be Molded by the Great Potter," showed parents and kids how to face challenges that threaten the family. Dan Lucas, presiding overseer of the Goodland congregation, said in all, 979 members attended.

## Reporter, author to speak in Colby

Investigative reporter and author Ted Gup will give the Dr. Max Pickerill Lecture at Colby Community College at 6 p.m. (Mountain Time) Tuesday at the Cultural Arts Center.

Gup has written two books about intelligence and the culture of secrecy. His latest, "Nation of Secrets: the Threat to Democracy and the American Way of Life," talks about the causes and casualties of obsessive secrecy.

He argues that the growing preoccupation with secrets in many institutions (not just government) undermines the the values in whose name secrecy is invoked.

His first book, "The Book of Honor: Covert Lives and Classified Deaths at the CIA," uncovered some of the CIA's secrets, including names and stories of undercover operatives killed in the line of duty.

Gup is the Shirley Wormser Professor of Journalism at Case Western Reserve University in Ohio and a former staff writer for *The Washington Post* and *Time* magazine. He has been a Pulitzer Prize finalist, a Fulbright Scholar, a MacArthur Grantee and a Guggenheim Fellow.

For information, call Tom Moorhouse at (785) 460-5534.

## matters of record

**Sherman County Bastille**  
The following people were booked into the Sherman County Bastille:

**April 6** — 8:24 a.m., Rebecca Medlin Herl, 22, Colby. Arrested by deputy sheriff for driving under influence, second conviction. Time served.

6:38 a.m., Brinda Colleen Wescott, 43, Goodland. Arrested by city police for obstruction of legal process. Time served.

8:04 p.m., Jose Riojas-Gonzalez, 30, Goodland. Arrested by city police for aggravated burglary and obstruction of legal process. Court pending.

**April 9** — 7:03 p.m., James M. Barrera, 21, Goodland. Arrested by deputy sheriff for probation violation. Court pending.

7:35 p.m., Anthony L. Dawdy, 25, Kingman, Ariz. Arrested by deputy sheriff for a worthless check of unknown value. Court pending.

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Wednesday: Royal Rangers Missionettes 6:30 p.m.  
Adult mid-week service: 7:00 p.m.  
Youth @ the Rock House: 7:00 p.m.  
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Evening Service: 6 p.m.

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Pastor: Clifford Middlebrooks  
Fifth & Broadway  
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Sunday: Sunday School: 9 a.m.  
Morning Service: 10 a.m.  
Evening Service: 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday: Evening Bible Study: 7 p.m.

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Sacrament Meeting: 10 a.m.  
Sunday School: 11:15 a.m.  
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Sunday: Sunday School: 10 a.m.

**United Methodist Church  
Brewster:**  
Pastor: Dorine Chambers  
Worship Service: 10:45 a.m. CST  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. CST  
Winona:  
Minister: Sheryl Johnson  
Worship Service: 9 a.m. CST  
Sunday School: 10:15 am CST

**First Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ)**  
Pastor: Rev. Ted Amos  
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Sunday: Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.  
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Sunday: Sunday School: 9 a.m.  
Worship Service: 10:15 a.m.

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Pastor: Bob Willis  
Third & Caldwell  
899-2080 or 899-3797  
Sunday: Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service: 10:50 a.m.  
Evening Service: 6 p.m.  
Wednesday: Evening Service: 7 p.m.

**First United Methodist Church**  
1116 Sherman 899-3631  
Pastor: Rev. Kasey Crosby  
Saturday: Worship: 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday: Adult Classes: 9:15 a.m.  
Worship: 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday: Wednesday Nite Live 5:45 - 6:45 p.m. Simple Supper "Free will Offering 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Classes for all ages

**Goodland Bible Church**  
109 Willow Road • 899-6400  
Pastor: Chad DeJong  
Sunday: Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship: 10:45 a.m.  
Evening Worship: 6 p.m.  
Wednesday: AWANA (Winter) and prayer: 7 p.m.

**First Baptist Church**  
Pastor: Travis Blake  
Bateman's Funeral Home, 211 E. 11th  
890-3450  
Sunday: Sunday School for all ages: 9:30 a.m. (Child care provided)  
Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.  
Thursday: Bible study 9:30 a.m.  
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104 E. Hwy. 24 • 890-7918  
Pastor: Brian Fugleberg  
Sunday: Worship: 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
Wednesday: Junior high 6:30 p.m. at Fugleberg's, 708 Washington Senior high 6:30 p.m. at church

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1160 Cattletrail  
Pastor: Mike Larson  
Saturday: Sabbath School: 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service: 11 a.m.

**Emmanuel Lutheran Church**  
13th & Sherman • 890-6161  
Sunday: Christian education/fellowship: 10:15 a.m.  
Worship Service: 9 a.m.  
Wednesday: Confirmation: 6 p.m.

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