

## The Note

My friends all know that I'm a big Christmas movie buff. Recently, I watched the movie "The Note" on TV. The movie follows the story from the book of the same name. It is a touching fictional story of a quickly scrawled note that was written by one of the passengers on an airplane that was doomed to crash. A newspaper reporter tries to determine who wrote the note and who the intended recipient was so she can deliver it to them.

The Note impacts everyone who comes in contact with it including the reporter who originally only sought to deliver it and write about that process in her newspaper column. The amazing part of the note is it contains only 7 little but powerful words, "All is forgiven. I love you, Dad".

This simple but universal expression of forgiveness reminds us that we are all in the process of seeking and granting forgiveness.

Now some of this applies to how we look at the bible.

We can look at this book as a rule book, a text book, or perhaps a work of fantasy or fiction. We can view it like the comedian WC Fields who on his death bed was caught reading it, much to the surprise of one of his friends. You see WC Fields had always openly criticized the bible and Christianity. When asked for an explanation of why he was reading it he said, "I'm looking for loopholes."

God's word does not seek to add burden to our lives but to lift the burden.

MT 11:28-30 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

It does not seek to make us feel guilty but to lift our guilt. It does not seek to entertain us but to admonish us.

The reality is this book is a love story. Its message is summed up in the message of the Note: "All is forgiven. I love you, your Creator".

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