

Pew Bibles & The Power of God

(Exodus 4:2)

- Introduction:
1. God can use ordinary people and ordinary things to accomplish great things.
 2. Therefore, our own commonness is no excuse.

I. My Bible and a Pew Bible

A. My Bible.

1. Goatskin leather with perimeter stitching and cost nearly \$200.
2. The spine has five raised spine hubs and the pages are Smyth sewn.
3. The pages have art gilding gold edges and has just the right amount of gutter and yap.
4. The pages are line matched to prevent ghosting, and the 36 GSM European paper does not bleed through with a fine micron pen.
5. I could go on to prove I'm a Bible connoisseur, but such should suffice.

B. A Pew Bible

1. A pew Bible can be purchased for \$9.99.
2. The cover isn't goatskin, calfskin, bonded leather, faux leather – it's cardboard, and the binding isn't stitched; it's glued.
3. No one shows this Bible to their friends or displays it on your desk or bookshelf.
4. In fact, it spends most of its time in a pew, backseat of a car, or a drawer in a motel room.
5. Nobody will ever pass this Bible down to their children.
6. **But this Bible has a role to play.**
 - a. This Bible is most often given to unbelievers.
 - b. It is handed out in fairs, and with bags of groceries.
 - c. It is most often shipped overseas and handed out in jails.
 - d. More sinners have read this Bible than its counterpart.
 - e. This Bible will reach more people in more places than its goatskin counterparts.
 - f. Though poorly made with its cover frequently coming off; though being used as a coaster, dropped, and tossed around in classrooms –
 - g. This Bible has the words of eternal life! People will be in heaven because in the commonness of a pew Bible, it played the role it was given.

II. It's Not Just Pew Bibles

- A. (Exodus 4:2) Moses and his rod.
- B. (Judges 15:15-17) Samson and a jawbone of a donkey.

- C. (1 Samuel 17:40) David and a sling.
- D. (1 Kings 17:9-16) Widow of Zarephath.
- E. (John 6:9-14) The Lad with 5 loaves and 2 fish.

III. Then There's Your Story

- A. (Ecclesiastes 9:10) Whatever your hand finds to do; do it with all your might.
- B. (Colossians 3:23-24).
- C. (1 Corinthians 10:31).

- Conclusion:
- 1. Friends, our commonness is not an excuse to be inactive and unproductive in the kingdom of God.
 - 2. Remember the simple pew Bible, and fulfill your purpose.