

# CAMP PLENTY vs. CAMP TOO LITTLE

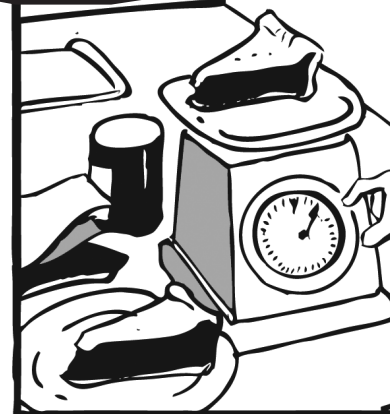


A FRIEND TOLD ME THAT WHEN SHE WAS YOUNG, WHENEVER HER MOTHER BROUGHT HOME A PIE OR ICE CREAM FOR DESSERT...

SHE AND HER BROTHER WOULD FIGHT OVER WHO GOT THE BIGGER PIE.



TO STOP THE FIGHTING HER MOTHER WOULD KEEP A SCALE NEAR THE DINING TABLE AND WEIGH OUT EACH PLATE OF DESSERT TO MAKE SURE IT WAS EVEN TO THE GRAM.



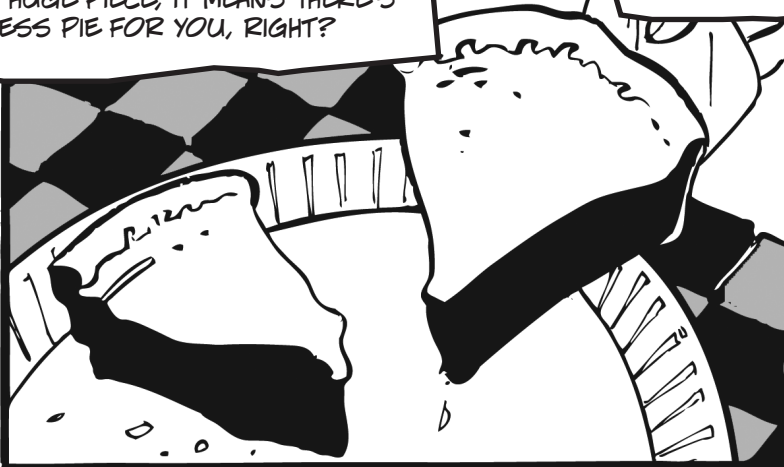
THAT WAS THEIR FAMILY POLICY FOR YEARS.



IT'S EASY TO SEE LIFE AS IF THERE'S ONLY SO MUCH 'PIE' TO GO AROUND.

FOR EXAMPLE, IF YOUR MOTHER OFFERS A PIE FOR DESSERT AND FIRST GIVES YOUR BROTHER A HUGE PIECE, IT MEANS THERE'S LESS PIE FOR YOU, RIGHT?

OF COURSE, THAT IS ACTUALLY TRUE WHEN IT COMES TO PIE ...



BUT THAT'S NOT THE CASE WITH MOST OTHER THINGS IN LIFE.

**THERE'S A TENDENCY TO BE EITHER A BELIEVER IN "TOO LITTLE" OR IN "PLENTY."**

# IF YOU'RE IN CAMP TOO LITTLE...

YOU BELIEVE THAT THINGS LIKE LOVE, IDEAS, OPPORTUNITIES, IMAGINATION, AND RESOURCES ARE LIMITED.



GOTTA GRAB IT BEFORE IT'S GONE!

EACH OF THOSE THINGS IS LIKE A PIE THAT IS BEING SLICED UP.

IS THAT ALL I GET?



AND EVERY TIME SOMEONE GETS A PIECE OF ONE, THERE IS LESS LEFT FOR YOU.

AS YOU CAN IMAGINE, THERE IS VERY LITTLE GOODWILL IN CAMP TOO LITTLE.

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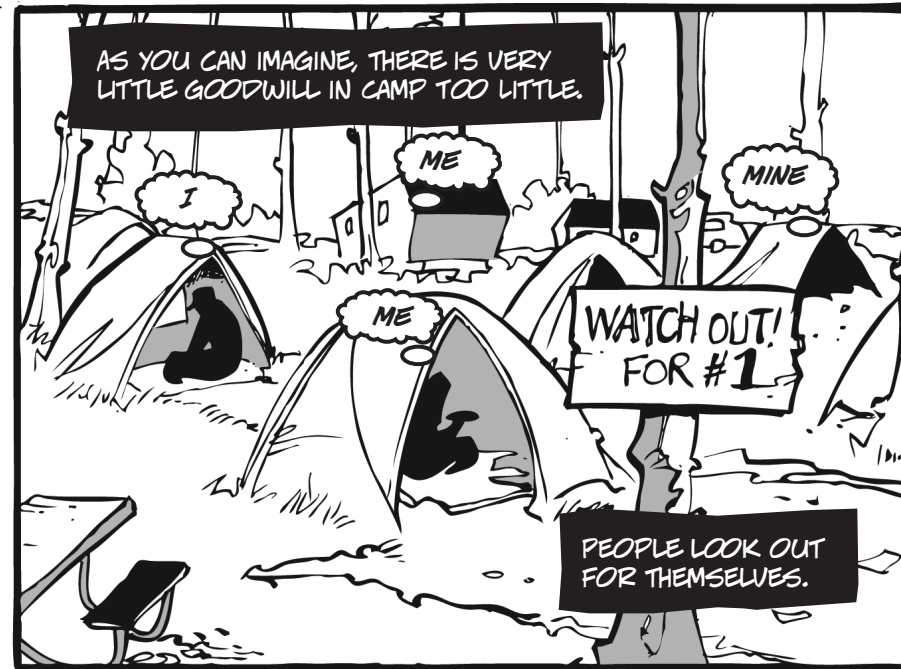
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WATCH OUT! FOR #1.

PEOPLE LOOK OUT FOR THEMSELVES.

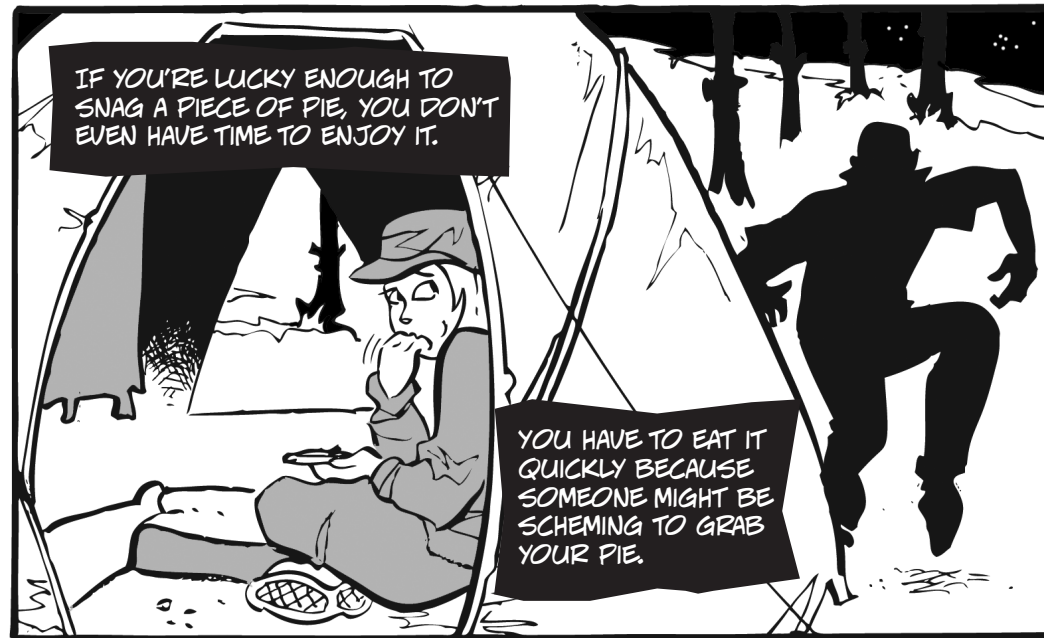


PEOPLE AREN'T AFRAID TO SNATCH A PIECE OF PIE FROM SOMEONE ELSE,



BECAUSE IF YOU DON'T FIGHT FOR YOUR PIECE, YOU MIGHT NOT GET ANY.

IF YOU'RE LUCKY ENOUGH TO SNAG A PIECE OF PIE, YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE TIME TO ENJOY IT.



YOU HAVE TO EAT IT QUICKLY BECAUSE SOMEONE MIGHT BE SCHEMING TO GRAB YOUR PIE.

**CAMP TOO LITTLE SOUNDS SAD, DOESN'T IT?**

# CAMP PLENTY IS A TOTALLY DIFFERENT CAMP.

IN CAMP PLENTY, EVERYONE SHARES THE BELIEF THAT LOVE, IDEAS, OPPORTUNITIES, IMAGINATION, AND RESOURCES ARE *LIMITLESS*.

WOW! ALL THIS FRUIT!

HMM ... WHAT DO WE DO WITH IT?

PIES! WHAT ELSE?

RECIPES ARE SWAPPED, IMPROVED, AND CUSTOMIZED.

GOOD IDEA...

IN THIS CAMP, THERE IS A LOT OF CELEBRATION.

HERE'S TO ANOTHER YEAR OF PIE!

PEOPLE ENJOY PIE ALL OVER THE PLACE.

WHEN SOMEONE FINDS A GREAT PIE SHOP, THEY RECOMMEND IT TO EVERYONE INSTEAD OF TRYING TO KEEP IT A SECRET.

PIES

AND IF YOU THINK MY PIES ARE GOOD, WAIT UNTIL YOU EAT HERE!

ONE THING IS CERTAIN IN CAMP PLENTY: NO ONE IS EVER GOING TO RUN OUT OF PIE!

AND WITH YOUR SUPERB COOKING TALENT...

IN FACT, MOST PEOPLE SHARE THE BELIEF THAT THE BEST PIES ARE YET TO BE CREATED, YET TO BE ENJOYED, AND YET TO BE SHARED.

IT REALLY IS A FUNNY THING, BECAUSE IN CAMP TOO LITTLE THERE ACTUALLY *DOES* SEEM TO BE LESS AND LESS PIE.

EVERYONE IS WORRIED ABOUT THE DAY WHEN THE LAST BITE OF PIE WILL BE EATEN.

ONLY TWO?

SEE? SOON THERE WON'T BE ANY.

WHAT THEN? WILL IT BE THE END OF HAPPINESS AND GOOD THINGS?

BUT IN CAMP *PLENTY*, NO ONE FEARS RUNNING OUT OF PIE.

THERE IS AN UNDERSTANDING THAT "EVERY GOOD AND PERFECT GIFT COMES DOWN FROM THE FATHER OF LIGHTS, WITH WHOM THERE IS NO VARIABleness OR SHADOW OF TURNING."

YAY, MARA!

OUR PIE QUEEN!

SEE, SON? GOD ALWAYS SUPPLIES!

NO ONE WORRIES THAT ONE DAY GOD IS GOING TO DECIDE THAT HE'S GIVEN OUT ALL THE PIE HE'S EVER GOING TO GIVE.



# YOU HAVE THE POWER TO DECIDE WHICH CAMP YOU WANT TO LIVE IN.

THE ABOVE PIE STORIES SHOWCASE TWO EXAMPLES THAT YOU CAN MODEL YOUR LIFE AFTER—

AND WHICHEVER EXAMPLE YOU ADOPT WILL BECOME YOUR REALITY.

THE BIBLE SAYS "BUT THIS I SAY: HE WHO SOWS SPARINGLY WILL ALSO REAP SPARINGLY, AND HE WHO SOWS BOUNTIFULLY WILL ALSO REAP BOUNTIFULLY. ."<sup>2</sup>

WOULD YOU RATHER A CAMP WHERE YOU'RE ALWAYS ON THE BRINK OF FAMINE, WITH DWINDLING LOVE, IDEAS, RESOURCES, AND OPPORTUNITY?

OR A CAMP WHERE THE GREATEST OPPORTUNITY, BEST IDEAS, RICHEST RESOURCES, AND DEEPEST LOVE IS YET TO COME, WITH ENOUGH TO GO AROUND FOR EVERYONE?



## CHOOSE YOUR CAMP (OR SHOULD I SAY, REALITY) CAREFULLY.

### Footnotes

<sup>1</sup>James 1:17 KJV

<sup>2</sup>2 Corinthians 9:6 NKJV

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