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Kieryn:

I'm Kieryn.

Eve:

I'm Eve. This is Kitchen Table Cult.

Kieryn:

Where two quiverfull escapees talk about our experiences in the cultish underbelly of the religious right.

Eve:

Hi.

Kieryn:

Hi.

Eve:

How are you?

Kieryn:

I am doing pretty well. I'm only slightly jet lagged, because I'm on the East Coast today.

Eve:

Well, I don't know. Is Ohio in the East Coast [crosstalk 00:00:41]?

Kieryn:

I mean, not East Coast, Eastern Time, whatever. It's not-

Eve:

I still can't believe Ohio is stuck on Eastern Time.

Kieryn:

It doesn't make sense to me.

Eve:

That must suck.

Kieryn:

It's weird.

Eve:

How was your Christmas?

Kieryn:

I spent most of it packing, because I had a red eye at midnight on Christmas. So it was fine. I dropped off my cat with a friend the day before, which was sad because now I miss my cat. How was your holiday?

Eve:

To our listeners, if you don't deal with descriptions of vomiting, please just skip the next 10 seconds. So I had norovirus and I haven't been that sick since, maybe it was food poisoning. Either way, I was sick for two and a half days and the worst of it was Christmas Eve, middle of the night. Well, actually early Christmas morning. I was doing that thing where you're sitting on the toilet trying to aim for the bathtub, because it's coming out of both ends.

Kieryn:

That's the worst.

Eve:

I haven't had that happen since Peace Corps. When I got super bad food poisoning from some old meat at a guesting, is what they call a party. I came back to my host family's house the next morning and was so sick that I was puking in the yard and then running to the outhouse. It was just so bad. So it's been almost four years since I've been this ill, so that's nice.

Kieryn:

Yeah. That's a good span of time.

Eve:

It's a good span of time. Yeah. So slowly on the mend, finally.

Kieryn:

Yay, that's good.

Eve:

So it was actually pretty quiet. So Christmas day I was just mostly resting and I watched all of The Witcher and drank tea and laid in bed.

Kieryn:

Smart. Good decisions.

Eve:

It's good. Warning, The Witcher is super ableist.

Kieryn:

That's what I heard. I really wanted to watch it and then everyone is like, "Oh my God, it's ableist." I'm like, "Mmm."

Eve:

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It's a really good story, but it's predicated on, the disabled character can't succeed at her future until she's fixed.

Kieryn:

That's bullshit.

Eve:

She's evil and it's because she was disabled, that's a whole other thing.

Kieryn:

Of course.

Eve:

It's complicated. If you can set that aside, it's mostly good, but whatever.

Kieryn:

Speaking of-

Eve:

Good sickbed watching.

Kieryn:

Yeah.

Eve:

Speaking of-

Kieryn:

Speaking of terrible things-

Eve:

Our transitions are getting worse and worse. Speaking of terrible things, have you heard of Matt Shea?

Kieryn:

I hadn't heard of him until recently and then I did a lot of internet digging and I feel like we're on a theme of cult followers/leaders this month, because what the hell.

Eve:

I mean, isn't that what we always talk about?

Kieryn:

I mean, it is. It's in the name of our podcast.

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Eve:

So we were digging through this and every article on this guy just has all of these dog whistles, all these phrases that are indicative of hardcore white supremacy politics and hardcore Christian theocracy tied to the KKK kind of-

Kieryn:

Yeah. There's no mask, it's not not hiding, it's just there.

Eve:

It's not clean and simple KKK, it's diluted and niche concentration with weird, weird, weird ideology, it's not simple.

Kieryn:

No.

Eve:

It's redirected and it's very strange.

Kieryn:

Yeah. His whole thing is, he is very much-

Eve:

Wait, wait. Who is he first?

Kieryn:

He's a representative in the fourth district, in the Washington State House.

Eve:

Right. He's in the middle of his sixth term, his district is this straight right up the middle of Washington state and a little to the eastern side, but not totally all the way. His district has been red, red, red, forever. It's not one of those districts that voted for Obama and then Trump, it's-

Kieryn:

It's solidly red.

Eve:

We're only red.

Kieryn:

Yeah. Which is the weird thing about the eastern side of Washington state honestly, it's so, so red.

Eve:

Well, I mean, like Northern California-

Kieryn:

Anywhere that isn't a city.

Eve:

Rural Northern California and rural Oregon, we run into this all through there. That brings me to the Redoubt Movement, which I think predates all of us, so we got to talk about that. I remember hearing about the Redoubt Movement when I was a teen blogger.

Kieryn:

Yeah. It sounded familiar, but I couldn't remember why.

Eve:

I feel some of our revolution people were Redoubters.

Kieryn:

I'm sure.

Eve:

I feel that was a forum topic. So how would you define Redoubt?

Kieryn:

Well, in this context it's a metaphor for having a defensive position and fortification with you and your like-minded friends, to prepare for the culture war and learn how to do all the things, like I don't know, militia training.

Eve:

So the word itself implies these earthen fortifications that you throw up for a siege. The actual term specifically refers to this concept of the Pacific Northwest, the rural Pacific Northwest area being this space that would be safe to survive global apocalypse. So people who are hardcore preppers, usually Christian theocratic hardcore preppers have been moving there over the last decade-ish. I think it started in 2008, 2007, somewhere in that and getting themselves set up. I mean, I don't know if we've really gotten into the homesteading movement, we've directly-

Kieryn:

Yeah. We've mentioned it, but we haven't gotten a whole ton into it.

Eve:

This is like that on steroids. So there's a lot of people who moved there and taught themselves how to ranch or farm and have been training with arms and stockpiling arms, and food, and supplies. Just setting themselves up for when nuclear apocalypse hits us, we're going to be safe here and will survive. Which I think is ridiculous, because you're going to prolong, prolong your suffering for two months.

Kieryn:

Right. Yeah. Then you will be the fallout ghoul and no one wants that.

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Eve:

In the zombie apocalypse, you are the zombie.

Kieryn:

Right. Exactly.

Eve:

It's actually kind of interesting, because there's been some studies into where a lot of the nuclear targets would be from, I don't know, Asia and it's in that region. It's entirely in that region.

Kieryn:

Entirely the West Coast.

Eve:

So they're definitely not as smart as they think they are. But when you hear about the Bundy family, Cliven Bundy and company, that's what you should be thinking of when you think of the Redoubt Movement.

Kieryn:

Well, also Matt Shea, who has just gone out whenever the Bundy's have standoffs with the Bureau of Land Management and has been like, "No, the FBI and the BLM is so bad, because these people just don't want to pay their taxes and that doesn't mean their property should be seized."

Eve:

Which gets us to his theology, but that's all theological based argumentation. But for quick pause, in this episode, when we say the BLM, we're going to be referring to the Bureau of Land Management, not Black Lives Matter.

Kieryn:

Right.

Eve:

Which is key for understanding this whole thing.

Kieryn:

Yeah. Two very different things.

Eve:

God, where to start? I'm like, there's so much.

Kieryn:

This is the problem.

Eve:

So recently Matt Shea has been making headlines, because there's a four page document, it's an outline of what appears to be a sermon that got released recently or leaked to the media perhaps, is a better term for it and it's called... What is the specific title?

Kieryn:

The Biblical Basis for War.

Eve:

The Biblical Basis for War and what is this restoration document that's paired with it? So that's an eight page-

Kieryn:

That's the thing that comes right after you establish the war. It's for how you-

Eve:

How you rebuild society.

Kieryn:

How you rebuild life after you win the war.

Eve:

So four pages for destruction of society, eight pages for the restoration of society. It's a pretty detailed fucking plan. There's also this 108 page report that got released, it's an independent report commissioned by the Washington State House of Representatives. Started in July and it was just a fact finding mission to kind of discover what the fuck his affiliations are, what he's been doing. To see if there's a credible basis to call him a domestic terrorist or inciting domestic terrorism. In this 108 page report, they basically conclude, yeah, there's a pretty good basis for that. So the coincidence of these things coming out around the same time is pretty interesting and there's authorities in Oregon are basically saying, "Yeah, we could probably prosecute him on these terms."

Kieryn:

Washington?

Eve:

Yes.

Kieryn:

He hasn't hidden it, he hasn't been shy about it. He's been very vocal about all of his beliefs really.

Eve:

Right. Now of course, on Facebook he's he's taking the Trump stance of like, "Well, this is not an authorized investigation, because it's a private company. They don't represent the government, they

have no authority." Which that's the point of an investigation, honey. Just deflecting on it's bias, you can't take it seriously.

Kieryn:

Says the may who is literally calling for the death of gay people.

Eve:

Do you want to start by just covering the basis for war document? I feel that's probably a good-

Kieryn:

So the way it's written is literally just bullet points. So I'll just read it because there's no explanations, it's just one.

Eve:

For clarification, you guys, this is so familiar. Is there anything in here that surprises you, that you hadn't heard before?

Kieryn:

No, this is all expected.

Eve:

Honestly, there are a couple things in here that I would argue. He would hate this. If I'm taking the side of this mindset, I would argue that this doesn't go far enough, if you want to be actually biblical. I would argue if you want to be actually taking biblical theocracy to a fucking literal level, he is taking on a whole bunch of Roman Empire ideas, to modernize the biblical concepts behind this. So I would say that this is not theologically sound. It would be the term that you would use and I'll chime in when we get to those points.

Kieryn:

All right. So again, this is literally written just as a list. So it goes one. Well, the title is, The Biblical Basis for War, it's all bold, it's underlined. One, God is a Warrior. Two-

Eve:

Capital W.

Kieryn:

Yeah. When is the time for war? When God says it's time... Prayer council.

Eve:

Pause. So that warrior thing is going to, in that sermon you know he's going to go into the names of God. That's going to be a whole, we're going to talk about the different names for God used in the Old Testament.

Kieryn:

Right. Which we should explain at some point after this. All right. Three, fight to win so you don't have to fight again. Four, four things to stay within God's will. A, holy cause. B, holy leader. C, holy army and D, holy camp.

Eve:

So this goes to our discussion of just war theory, which if you haven't run into that before, we did an episode about it before.

Kieryn:

Yeah. We'll link to that one in the show notes. Five, four ways to know it's time to fight. A, God reveals his will to the leader. B, leader inquires of God... prayer council. C, God puts it on the hearts of the people or four, God starts the fight.

Eve:

This is so Judges, this is so textbooks taken from the book of Judges.

Kieryn:

Yeah. It is literally, I'm reading this and I'm like, this is literally Judges and Leviticus. He just copied and pasted the Bible into the thing.

Eve:

I want to know what he thinks about Deborah.

Kieryn:

God, I don't even. Anyway, six, things for a Holy Army. Holy and army are both capitalized. A, sacrifice/worship/prayer. B, circumcision/saved.

Eve:

You know this guy is going for it.

Kieryn:

Yeah. C, vow in parentheses, consecration to the Lord.

Eve:

That means unix. Sorry.

Kieryn:

D, trumpets/arc, which I guess is their fortified bunker or whatever.

Eve:

No, I'd argue the covenant.

Kieryn:

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Right. Yeah.

Eve:

No. That's like a temple. That's establishing a place of worship/bringing worship into the battlefield.

Kieryn:

Right. Which is why there's trumpets, of course. E, atonement/money and F, praise to God before/during/after.

Eve:

And there you have the book of Joshua.

Kieryn:

Yeah. Seven, five facts of war. A, war is a fact of life. B, God is with us and the battle is his. C, numbers are inconsequential. All right. There's Joshua again. D, armaments are inconsequential, again Joshua.

Eve:

Well, that's also like Elijah.

Kieryn:

Elijah. Yeah. E, Isaiah 57:1, why righteous men are killed... He doesn't put the verse or anything, so we could look that up if we wanted to.

Eve:

I don't want to.

Kieryn:

I don't either.

Eve:

Basically, I mean, I assume it's one of those righteous men are killed when they're not obeying God's orders to go to war.

Kieryn:

Yeah. If you're really curious about it, go look up Isaiah 57:1.

Eve:

Go see if I'm wrong.

Kieryn:

It's fine.

Eve:

Go see if I'm wrong.

Kieryn:

Sorry. We're on number eight-

Eve:

Eight. Four qualifications-

Kieryn:

Four qualifications of a warrior. One, 18 years or older, because he just arbitrarily decided that's the age of whatever.

Eve:

Well, no, there's actually... Well, this is where I want to get into the whole, this is not as biblical as he thinks it is.

Kieryn:

Right. Exactly.

Eve:

So the Israelite census for able bodied men who were drafted into the army in, I guess it's Leviticus, started at age 17.

Kieryn:

Right. That's why I was like, 18 is not the thing.

Eve:

No, that's an Americanization.

Kieryn:

B, able bodied men is underlined and capitalized.

Eve:

Which is so-

Kieryn:

Well, you couldn't have women because that's against the Bible.

Eve:

They're not able bodied, they bleed once a month.

Kieryn:

Right. That makes them impure and terrible and they have to go sit on a dry rock. Anyway.

Eve:

Outside the [crosstalk 00:19:08].

Kieryn:

Yeah. C, single minded in battle and D, stable home.

Eve:

This means that none of your children are in rebellion. This is the qualifications for a pastor and this is going back to Timothy, I think 2 Timothy, where it's talking about, none of your children have fallen away from the faith and all your children are [crosstalk 00:19:28].

Kieryn:

Right. So our jobs would be disqualified.

Eve:

So then there's also this whole thing about King Saul and part of why... No, Samuel and why Samuel was made the prophet, because his predecessor, I forget his name. His predecessor had sons who were not following God's law and they were sleeping with prostitutes. Apparently eating the sacrifices at the temple and taking them home for dinner, which I think that's supposed to be normal in a certain way, but they were transgressing somehow. So his sons were disqualified and so he was disqualified, because he couldn't keep his sons in line.

Kieryn:

Right. Nine, five exemptions from service. A, training family-new home. B, newly weds-new wife. C, farmer-new crops. D, sacred-fear means-

Eve:

No. Scared.

Kieryn:

Scared, sorry. I can read. Scared, fear means a lack of faith. Parentheses, offered to leave or E, priests duty to ministry in the temple.

Eve:

I love the implication that the Mennonites and Quakers have a lack of faith and are scared.

Kieryn:

Right.

Eve:

That's really what pacifism is all about.

Kieryn:

It's just being scared. I mean, that's honestly what I was told about pacifism growing up, was like, "Well, they're just cowards."

Eve:

Right. Obviously.

Kieryn:

Cool. All right. We're making it to the fun meets the Biblical Basis for War, which is number 10, rules of war and there are multiple levels of indentation on this.

Eve:

Can I interrupt real fast?

Kieryn:

Yes.

Eve:

One of the theological thinkers that helped transform my ideas of what Christianity was supposed to be in college. I mean, I don't agree with his teachings now, but he helped me move to the left a little bit, was Iain Duguid. Who was a professor at Grove City at the time, he's a Old Testament scholar and he was talking about... What was he talking about? Going to the doctor, rather than praying for healing and-

Kieryn:

Slander.

Eve:

Vaccinations as opposed to trusting in God. And he was talking about how our job as Christians is to be restoring creation to its place and order. So whatever we can do that eliminates the effects of death on society, we should do.

Kieryn:

Fascinating and blasphemy.

Eve:

So modern medicine is good, because it reduces the effects of the curse.

Kieryn:

Fascinating.

Eve:

So when this guy argues for war is just a part of life, he is directly countering that theological idea of, we are supposed to be countering the effects of the curse. War isn't affecting the curse, you shouldn't just accept it. You should try to prevent it, because then you are preventing the death and destruction. You

are moving away from a fall and toward a restored order. Anyway, this is my, he's not Christian enough kind of argument here, but keep going.

Kieryn:

All right.

Eve:

Rules of war.

Kieryn:

Rules of war. A, conduct a census of all able bodied males in parentheses, 18 to 45. I identify exemptions parentheses, see above. So he does Roman numerals, so it's one, two, they're both Is. Then we go into actual numbers, letter, so it's going to get confusing.

Eve:

Wait, wait, wait. So he says appoint captains of tens, fifties, hundreds, and the thousands, which is Roman, not biblical.

Kieryn:

Yep. B, we're out of the indentations. Avoid bloodshed if possible.

Eve:

I'm sorry. Have you read the book of Judges?

Kieryn:

Right.

Eve:

Read the book of Joshua. Excuse me. No.

Kieryn:

C, make an offer of peace before declaring war. I-

Eve:

Also have you read the book of Joshua?

Kieryn:

Right. Not a negotiation or compromise of righteousness. Two I's, must surrender on terms of justice and righteousness. Now we're in another level of indentation. One, stop all abortions.

Eve:

These are conditions of surrender?

Kieryn:

Yeah. Terms of justice and righteousness. Two, no same sex marriage. Three, no idolatry or cultism. Four, no communism and five, must obey biblical law. Let's go onto the Communism-

Eve:

Communism, where's that in the Bible. Wait, Jesus is a communist, fuck this guy. I'm sorry.

Kieryn:

No, it's so bad.

Eve:

He's so, this is what they call cherry picking, where you're using the Bible to back up your ideology rather than vice versa. He's not a good faith believer. Sorry. Keep going.

Kieryn:

No. He's not a real Christian. All right. We're back out of the number indentation.

Eve:

I mean, not that we're going to open that can of worms about what is a real Christian, but he is not acting in good faith with how he interprets the Bible.

Kieryn:

Absolutely. He's a war hungry, fascist who is using the Bible to justify this. Anyway-

Eve:

Cute.

Kieryn:

Three I's. If they yield, must pay share of worker taxes.

Eve:

But I thought taxes weren't biblical.

Kieryn:

Aren't taxes communism. Anyway.

Eve:

Wait. Jesus said to give taxes, nevermind.

Kieryn:

IV, if they do not yield, kill all males.

Eve:

Can't you just castrate them?

Kieryn:

Nope. You have to murder them.

Eve:

I'm more in favor of the 100 foreskins, but that's fine.

Kieryn:

D, we're out of the separate number of indentation-

Eve:

I'm sorry for my penis having listeners, for that graphic image, it's a reference to king David and it's a bad joke.

Kieryn:

Yes. D, war is not waged against nations, but against man. In parentheses, no scorched earth or Sherman's March to the Sea.

Eve:

So this is interesting, because one, this is again, what the fuck, have you read the book of Joshua. Two, Sherman's March to the Sea, yes, was brutal. Yes, all the things, but this is actively aligning himself with Confederate sympathies.

Kieryn:

Yeah.

Eve:

That's just like, if that's your go-to example, these are people who are immersed in the south shall rise again kind of thinking, this is dog whistle or shorthand.

Kieryn:

Yes. Yeah, absolutely. I mean, we've talked about this a lot before. How white supremacy is really the undercurrent that binds all of this together and this is no exception.

Eve:

Well, why do you think that this fucker... I'm sorry. These fuckers, the Redoubt Movement, now he's not isolated, are moving to the Pacific Northwest? If you remember, the history of the Pacific Northwest is that most of those states were established as post-Civil War white only enclaves. You've heard of sundown towns, they were sundown states. A lot of the problems that exist in that region with racism directly tied back to that, because so many people moved there for that and passed that down. That ideology doesn't just dilute itself when your school system and your neighborhoods are all set up and arranged around, let's protect the white people from those scary Black people.

Kieryn:

Yeah. Everyone is so confused about why Portland has such a big group of white supremacists. It's like, because that's the entire reason the city exists.

Eve:

Yeah.

Kieryn:

It was designed that way.

Eve:

Yep. This is intentional.

Kieryn:

All right. Back to the list.

Eve:

All right.

Kieryn:

E, cut down only non-food trees necessary for supplies. Parentheses, safeguard production over politics or retribution.

Eve:

Why the fuck is this in there?

Kieryn:

I don't know. I guess-

Eve:

This is such a non-

Kieryn:

To fill catapults or something. I don't know. F, do not attack or kill productive citizens. They are your base of support after the enemy is defeated.

Eve:

Define productive, bitches.

Kieryn:

Right. Yeah, I feel like this is really, really-

Eve:

That's Nazi ideology there. That is straight up Nazi ideology there.

Kieryn:

It is.

Eve:

That's like, okay. We're going to get rid of the queers. We're going to get rid of the Jews. We're going to get rid of the Black people. We're going to get rid of all immigrants-

Kieryn:

Anyone who's disabled.

Eve:

We're going to get to kill all the disabled people after we do experiments on them. Wait, that is a dog whistle for Nazi ideology.

Kieryn:

Yeah. G, is really great. It is lot of booty. That is it. Then we go into the Is again. So one I, half went to those who fought. Two I's, half went to those who didn't. Three I's, divide evenly to the individuals, each gives tribute to the Lord. We're in a another layer of indentation. One, tithe to church and ministry. Two, none to government-removes temptation to fight. Three-

Eve:

Sorry. That second phrase, removes temptation to fight. I can't make sense of that.

Kieryn:

I have no idea. I don't get it. If anyone else has an idea.

Eve:

Yeah. I'm just-

Kieryn:

I don't understand that.

Eve:

Who would fight? Is the government fighting or are we going to fight the government again? What?

Kieryn:

This is assuming they won-

Eve:

Also, a temptation. So it is implying that fighting is a sin, but what is this whole document?

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Kieryn:

The Biblical Basis for War. So the case where it's not a sin, anyway.

Eve:

The implications are very strange.

Kieryn:

Three, may use your part to give to those who helped.

Eve:

Helped what?

Kieryn:

He doesn't say, just helped. Four, commanders receive the same portion, if a greater portion than they would have an incentive to fight. So everyone, how is this not communism?

Eve:

Well, I think this is implying that after they have a military coup and take over the government, then we're going to prevent another military coup to take over our government. I think that's kind of what's going on here.

Kieryn:

Yeah. I think that's what he's trying to convey in these bullet points with no explanation.

Eve:

We're going to skip 11, because it's basically a repetition of the Roman organizational structure for a militia.

Kieryn:

Yeah. It's just all of the ways you can have captains.

Eve:

And a militia.

Kieryn:

Yeah. And militia. 12, Biblically dealing with tyranny.

Eve:

Keep going.

Kieryn:

Tyranny is never a divinely appointed means of government, says the tyrannical fascist. B, a tyrant is someone who rules without God.

Eve:

So that's why. That's why it's not. So then he's not, a fascist isn't tyranny, because the fascist is a Christian fascist.

Kieryn:

Right. Yeah. You're only a tyrant, if you're not this particular strain of Christian.

Eve:

Damn, I've been defining tyranny and tyrants wrong my entire life.

Kieryn:

Yeah. See, tyranny is not a lawful form of government.

Eve:

Great. Let's overthrow the government now.

Kieryn:

D, and this is a quote from-

Eve:

Saint Augustine.

Kieryn:

Yeah. Saint Augustine.

Eve:

I'm mispronouncing that, it's probably Augustine, but I hate the fucker.

Kieryn:

Godless civil rulers are no more than bands of robbers. Sure. E, when the rule of law dies as sin prevails throughout the land, tyranny is not far behind. I don't know how that's dealing with tyranny, that's just explaining stuff.

Eve:

The whole thing is just very, remember why Rome fell, they weren't Spartan enough.

Kieryn:

Yeah. They were ruling without God obviously.

Eve:

They were indulging the lusts of flesh. That's tyrannical.

Kieryn:

Yeah. F, book of Judges minus sin equals tyranny or no, that's a dash. Sorry. So it's book of Judges-sin equals tyranny. G, Deuteronomy 28:1-Blessings for obedience. H, Deuteronomy 28:15-Curses of disobedience.

Eve:

Isn't this just like the children versus, I don't think this applies to a nation.

Kieryn:

Yeah. So the fun thing in here is, one of the things that happen if you're a disobedient child in the book of Deuteronomy, is you get stoned to death.

Eve:

Yeah. That's cute. Rebellious stoning for rebellious children. Where have I heard that before? Yeah, fucking Rush Duty.

Kieryn:

Yeah. Sidebar, did your parents ever try to justify their punishment of you by saying, "Well, we're not stoning you."

Eve:

I can't recall. That might have been a joke that was thrown around by other parents in our church or in conversation with my parents. Those parents talking to parents about their parenting things like, "Oh, you know, we're doing this, but at least we're not doing that." I can't directly recall being told that myself, but I definitely had thoughts of, well, at least it's not as bad as these other things.

Kieryn:

At least I'm not literally being murdered for sighing too loudly.

Eve:

Rolling your eyes. Rolling your eyes is the ultimate sign of disrespect when-

Kieryn:

Yes.

Eve:

A hothead spirit.

Kieryn:

Yes. Clearly bad and you should die because of it. Anyway.

Eve:

I mean, it's like, what is it? Elisha and the children who mocked him for being bald and the bear came and killed them. So at least that's not happening to you.

Kieryn:

Right. Yeah. See, it's all good. I. Judges 3-The Lord will test you to see if you obey him.

Eve:

Sounds like an abusive boyfriend.

Kieryn:

Yeah. J, no such thing as quote, "Rebelling against tyranny." End quote. In all caps, restoration.

Eve:

See the other document.

Kieryn:

Yes. That is the other document. K, Deuteronomy 4:34-God brings his people out of tyranny and now we're in another level of indentation. One I, God doesn't use majority as the majority is usually wrong. Two I's, Hebrews-

Eve:

Tell that to Constantine.

Kieryn:

Yeah. Right. Hebrews 11:32-Here is a faith that conquered tyrants. L, options and now we go into another multi-level indentation.

Eve:

Which is?

Kieryn:

I, use of deception. One, not generally speaking, only very specifically and he gets into no details about what that means.

Eve:

I mean, he's probably referring to things like the lefthanded. Who was like, "Cool. I'm going to pretend to be right-handed, but actually I'm lefthanded and I've got sword on other side. By the way, speaking of swords on the other side. That whole thing with his wife and making her walk on this one side of the street.

Kieryn:

Yeah. My dad did that too. This is a sidebar.

Eve:

Yeah. Total sidebar. Matt Shea got divorced and his wife, I guess, had been a foster kid and had been married twice before and so he was like, "Clearly she's the problem." But-

Kieryn:

Definitely what you want in your marriage relationship.

Eve:

Definitely, but the thing is, she wasn't the problem. He was, because he was abusive and I went and probably believed in spanking of wives-

Kieryn:

I'm sure.

Eve:

As a theological thing, not as a kinky thing, as a punitive thing. That exists, look it up or don't. So sorry. But he made his wife walk on his left hand side when they walked together out in public, because if he had a sword. This is a direct quote, "If he had a sword, it would be on his right side." So he needed to be able to access it.

Kieryn:

Right. Even though he wasn't carrying a sword at the time, because he didn't have one.

Eve:

Because that's not a thing that normal people do. But your dad made your mom do this too?

Kieryn:

Well, yeah. So my dad also made my ex abide by this as well, where it was basically... It wasn't because of a sword, it was the girl should always be walking on the inside of the man. That way, if a car comes or something, then the dude dies instead.

Eve:

Right. Yeah. No, my ex-husband did that too. I always had a side of him that I was supposed to walk on.

Kieryn:

So I obviously always walked on the outside.

Eve:

It wasn't articulated so clearly with my ex, as one of these kinds of things, it wasn't as much of a logic. It was more of a habitual tick for him, he was more comfortable that way. So have one success of the other. Okay. So anyway, deception.

Kieryn:

Yeah. Two, avoiding being and accomplice to sin, as a way you can be deceitful.

Eve:

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This is like, I'm going to report to your pastor if you're not following the Billy Graham rule. You're being alone with a woman in public, I'm going to tell your pastor, because otherwise I'd be an accomplice to sub. I'd be angrily betting.

Kieryn:

Yeah. Three, do not owe the truth to someone who will abuse it. Now we-

Eve:

That's just, there's so much there.

Kieryn:

There's so much there and I don't really want to unpack it.

Eve:

No.

Kieryn:

Two I's, avoidance. One, this does not mean cowardice. Two-

Eve:

Wait, what about those people who are conscientious objectors?

Kieryn:

That doesn't exist. Two conflict with tyranny is also... No. Conflict with tyranny also is preventing wickedness from harming property, is first. Lives, second. Family, when you don't have the strength or resources to overcome.

Eve:

Lend me a good capitalist.

Kieryn:

Yeah. Three I's, assassination and sabotage. One, assassination to remove tyrants is just, not murder. Two, 2 Chronicles 23:12- Dietrich Bonhoeffer-plot for Hitler.

Eve:

Easter egg.

Kieryn:

Remember how we talked about him two or three episodes ago?

Eve:

Didn't we just get into this?

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Kieryn:

Yeah. Go back and listen to the one where we talk about the dude who wrote that book.

Eve:

The dude who wrote that book.

Kieryn:

I don't, Metaxas.

Eve:

Eric Metaxas.

Kieryn:

Yeah. That one.

Eve:

Sorry. I'm just, the dude who wrote that book.

Kieryn:

The dude who wrote the book.

Eve:

Which one, Kieryn?

Kieryn:

I know. IV, armed resistance and guerrilla war and that's all there is to that bullet point. There is no further explanation.

Eve:

You know they're talking about like, "Is this how we won the revolutionary war?"

Kieryn:

Yes.

Eve:

That's exactly what they're talking about there.

Kieryn:

Yeah, that is. M, we're back out of the indents and then we go right back in. M, considerations before beginning war-prayer and contemplation. I, strengthen resources. Two I, ability to go-

Eve:

But hey, Kiernyn, strength doesn't matter, because God will come in and cast darkness and extend the sun.

Kiernyn:

Yes. But apparently you still have to think about it. Anyway. Two I, ability to go full scale on a long-term basis to win. Three I, not a temporary action based on emotion. So you have to be sure that you want to go to war on this and not just be angry. IV, review the declaration of causes and necessity.

Eve:

I'm sure there's another document that [crosstalk 00:40:37]-

Kiernyn:

Yeah. I'm sure that's somewhere, but we haven't seen it.

Eve:

Yeah. I would like to see that.

Kiernyn:

Yeah. V, reasonable hope of winning. God is on your side, if not, wait. VI, is God directing? And then we get to Exodus-

Eve:

Passages from Exodus and 2 Chronicles, referencing Gamaliel.

Kiernyn:

Yeah. Gamaliel.

Eve:

Who is a prophet, it's a whole story.

Kiernyn:

V with two I's, people are tired of tyranny and sin with heart said on freedom or people accustomed to tyranny and don't know who God is?

Eve:

And freedom, by the way is capitalized.

Kiernyn:

Yes, clearly. V with three I's, Micah-Patriots who want to serve God, not "Libertine" and "Libertine" is in quotations and Micah is the prophet, right? That's who he's referring to.

Eve:

There's a book in the Bible.

Kieryn:

There's a book called Micah.

Eve:

That he supposedly wrote. Last page.

Kieryn:

Yes. Finally, we're getting to the end of this shit. 13, warrior priests. A, living sacrifice. B, intercession through prayer and action. C, Adam was told to tend and guard, in parentheses and then quotes, "abad and shamar."

Eve:

I don't know who that's referencing.

Kieryn:

I don't either, actually. So I'm not sure.

Eve:

I'm sure this is like, "We're going to get into the Hebrew words for tend and guard." That's my guess.

Kieryn:

That's probably what it is. Yeah. If anyone has a King concordance and feels like looking that up, go for it. I don't want to. D-

Eve:

It was too heavy to take when I got divorced.

Kieryn:

This thing's way fucking fat, it's so heavy.

Eve:

They were largely the tool of my non-corporal punishment. So it was like, "Go and look up this word in the concordance and write five pages about what you find there. Look at every verse that's referenced to it."

Kieryn:

As a sidebar, what is a concordance?

Eve:

It's an index of every key term listed in the Bible.

Kieryn:

It also has what that word is in Hebrew and Greek or whatever and then you can go look that up.

Eve:

My eyes are rolling so far back into my head right now.

Kieryn:

Yeah. So anyway, that was definitely used-

Eve:

It's useful if you really care, but I-

Kieryn:

It's also used as a punishment and it's really irritating. D, warrior equals guardianship.

Eve:

That's the whole husband thing of-

Kieryn:

Yeah. The umbrella's.

Eve:

Yeah. You're supposed to tend things. I love how it's not, I don't have... This whole, it's just so violent. It's just so violent.

Kieryn:

Yeah. E, 2 Chronicles 23 versus 8 and 9, armed guards and weapons in the tabernacle. F, prayer humili... No, hold on. Prayer, humility, wisdom, courage and protection. Prayer, humility is-

Eve:

Missing a comma.

Kieryn:

Yeah. There should be a comma, but there's not. G, James 4:8, draw near to God and purge double mindedness.

Eve:

It's like getting rid of a cold.

Kieryn:

Yeah. H, James 4:17, not doing the right thing is sin.

Eve:

Oh my God, I forgot about that verse. That is a huge source of guilt for Christians, that passage is so layered. I mean, it's basically the whole, no choice is a choice for the oppressor, but it's layered with, if

you know to do the right thing and you don't do it. It doesn't mean you're actively doing the wrong thing, you're just not doing the right thing.

Kieryn:

Not doing the right thing, that's just as bad.

Eve:

That's just as bad as actively doing the wrong thing.

Kieryn:

Yeah. It's like not stopping someone from murdering someone, but you saw someone murder someone, is just as bad as actually doing the murder.

Eve:

Right. So therefore it's your fault.

Kieryn:

Right. Despite that you could have also been murdered if you'd gotten involved.

Eve:

Yeah. But the murder is your fault, you are the murderer.

Kieryn:

Yep. Same level. The last one on this warrior priests bullet point is Proverbs 21:31 quote, "Prepare your horse for battle, but the battle is the Lord's." End quote.

Eve:

The last point is just this beautiful platitude and it says, freedom is in Jesus Christ, where the spirit of God is there's Liberty and Liberty is capitalized.

Kieryn:

Yes. This is the Biblical Basis for War. So you just have to go through this list and ask yourselves these questions.

Eve:

Got it guys. Now you're ready to go to war.

Kieryn:

And now you're ready, if your answer is, yes, that you are ready to go to war and it is not a sin-

Eve:

Beautiful.

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Kieryn:

Or bad, or unnecessary bloodshed. So that's the first thing that's been going around.

Eve:

It's just a thing that happens guys, it's just a thing.

Kieryn:

War is a perfectly normal, everyday thing that occurs, that people don't have a choice about whether it occurs, it just does, it's like a hurricane.

Eve:

Yeah. So we're going to make those a two parter, because we want to get through the restoration bit and more into the actual history of what he's been doing. So we're going to end this here.

Kieryn:

Yes. But if you want to go look up all the verses that he quoted, you totally can, you can Google it.

Eve:

I'm so bad. So bad.

Kieryn:

Anyway, Matt Shea is really, really bad. Really, really bad. So bad and he's coming for everybody and there's a reason that he's being not allowed to be representative anymore, hopefully.

Eve:

I mean, you don't know that they're going to find him guilty.

Kieryn:

Right. I said hopefully.

Eve:

Remember all of those state senators in Oregon who just ran off.

Kieryn:

Yeah.

Eve:

That could happen again and by the way guys, those state senators pretty much were all aligned with Redoubters.

Kieryn:

Yeah. Shea is the person who has gone and done those things with those people as well.

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Eve:

He's like hardcore supporting them.

Kieryn:

He's gone to every Bundy bullshit related stuff. He is hardcore into making the theocracy a real thing. He is the conspiracy.

Eve:

I mean, one of many.

Kieryn:

One of many. The conspiracy is real part nine.

Eve:

I mean, we should have just titled this podcast, The Conspiracy is Real.

Kieryn:

We really should have.

Eve:

Kieryn, I know you need to run. So finish this up here and reset and restart with part two later.

Kieryn:

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Eve:

On the Twitter site.

Kieryn:

On the Twitter site, we're Kitchen Cult Pod.

Eve:

The site that shall not be named.

Kieryn:

Yes. Tune in next time when we'll go into even more detail, we'll get into his restoration document, which is boy, it is a thing. This may wind up being a three parter, there's just so much here.

Eve:

It is spicy. We have so many little things, little Easter eggs left for you. It's going to be really good.

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Kieryn:

Yeah. It's going to be good.

Eve:

All right. The music on this episode is from the band, the Heavens and their album [Sunazo 00:48:37]. Thank you so much for sharing that with us. Our producer is Dave the great, as always, we are grateful for your assistance to make us sound, at least if not sane, clean.

Kieryn:

Yes.

Eve:

Thank you for listening and we'll be back soon.

Kieryn:

Bye.

Eve:

Bye. (Music)