

CONVENTION SKETCH – Albuquerque - 2017 “Jesus Christ Above All”



Props: A sign with “Albuquerque or Bust”, binoculars, some LWML product, like two (2) LWML flags or flag pillows, etc.

Scene: Two women walking to Albuquerque with LWML flags in hand and a sign which says “Albuquerque or Bust.”

Joy: Boy, am I hot and tired from walking. You know we missed the bus because YOU just had to get a drink and now we have to walk this last five miles to the convention, and boy, am I tired.

Elaine: You know that I didn’t make us miss the bus. The line to the drinking fountain was really long and I couldn’t help it. You wouldn’t want me to cut in line because ... we’re LWML women and that’s not what we do. It wouldn’t look good for the LWML; I’m just sayin’.

Joy: Alright, alright. But I didn’t expect all these mountains around here. There are a lot of them.

Elaine: Well, I think one of us needs to climb one of these mountains to take a look and make sure we’re heading in the right direction. After all, we could totally bypass Albuquerque and not even know it and miss the convention completely.

Joy: Well, you know how I am with heights. I can’t climb any mountain. No, it’s just something I can’t do. So Elaine, you’re just going to have to do it. I’ll stand right here and holler up my support.

Elaine: Ok, but I’m not a very good climber. Promise me you’ll stay right here while I climb. (*Elaine goes into a climbing mode and makes comments along the way.*) It’s pretty high. I’m think I’m getting altitude sickness. It’s kinda scary.

Joy: I don’t know why you’re scared. After all, Jesus Christ is above all. And He’s our Comforter and Protector and He’s always there above all.

Elaine: Right, I KNOW that. But it was the climbing that scared me, remember? (*Elaine gets out her spy glass and looks out over*

audience. She stops dead still.) You won't believe what I'm seeing. You just will NOT believe it!

Joy: Well, what is it? What? What? What do you see?

Elaine: If you can believe this — there are balloons, balloons everywhere, balloons in the sky, all colors and shapes. Is this for our welcome?

Joy: Really Elaine, the altitude is getting to you. You know Albuquerque is famous for its hot air balloons, so they're not just for us.

Elaine: *(Elaine looks around again, sweeping the landscape. She stops and looks totally amazed.)* Purple; I see the color purple.

Joy: The color purple? It's Whoopi Goldberg?

Elaine: No, silly, it's a sea of purple. Purple everywhere, like a wave of purple. Purple flooding the city. Albuquerque is being invaded by purple people eaters!

Joy: Elaine, come down from there right now! The altitude has affected your brain.

Elaine: Wait; let me look again. *(Elaine takes another long look.)* Wait; it's not space invaders, it's our own LWML! I see Ida Mall; she's the keynote speaker. And there's Deaconess Betty Knapp; she's doing the Bible studies. There's Jan Struck! She's being Katie Luther at the convention. Look, the ladies, they're coming in waves! They're coming on planes, trains, buses, vans, whatever! They're filling up the city!

Joy: So they're all coming to see what happens when Jesus Christ is above all! He is above all creation — rivers and lakes, those beautiful balloons floating in the clouds, and the mountains all around us — but His name means our salvation comes from Him. HE is above all! C'mon, get down off that mountain and let's go join the excitement!

Both women exit stage talking and are excited about LWML at Albuquerque.

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