



TRAFFIC COURT - NO U-TURN

Sign: No U-Turn

Characters: Show Host, Judge, Bailiff, Longing Lucy, Officer Con Viction

Props/Costumes: Judge can wear a graduation gown, gavel

Theme: Our decisions affect others; don't return to your old ways.

Verse: "...forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." (Phil. 3:18-19)

Script

Show host: Welcome to Judge (*Judy*) Traffic Court. Today's show will feature our defendant, Longing Lucy. Longing Lucy has been ticketed for making a U-Turn where it was not allowed. Now let's join our show.

Bailiff: All Rise. The (*date*) session of Traffic Court is now in order, the Honorable Judge (*Judy*) presiding. (*Judge walks in*) You may be seated. Your Honor, our plaintiff today is Longing Lucy.

Judge: I see from the officer's notes that you were on Highway 7 to Eternal Life. You had just passed thru Tribulations Township—and I happen to know from experience that there is a very obvious "No U-Turn" sign in that place.

Lucy: Well, yeah! I saw it. I'm sure I'm not the only one wanting to turn around there! It was like a desert that day. I found myself longing for a fruit smoothie like that I used to drink every day back where I came from.

Judge: Thinking back is always dangerous. And where did you come from?

Lucy: I was raised in Only Me, which is a suburb of Worldly Pleasure.

Judge: Oh yes, I know of the place. Fruit smoothies from Worldly Pleasure? You know they don't compare to all the refreshments made with Living Water along this road. I know you've tasted drinks that were much more refreshing since you've been on this road trip!

Lucy: Well, maybe so. But the road had been hard....and I hadn't had any Living Water for a while...

Judge: And whose fault was that?

Lucy: Mine, your Honor. But...

Judge: (*rudely interrupts her excuse*) So, you saw the sign which said "No U-Turn" and yet you made one anyway. What is your excuse?

Lucy: Well, the road had been so rough for so long. I guess I didn't really think it through, but you know that there are all sorts of billboards along this road advertising the city of Worldly Pleasure. I guess my focus got off of my destination on this road trip to Eternal Life, and those fruit smoothies with some of my old friends sounded so good. Nobody else was around. I thought I could make a short trip back, and no one would care.

Officer Con Viction: Nobody around...

Judge: Did you have a comment, Officer Con Viction?

Officer: She said nobody was around...but she wasn't alone. First of all, she had her children and her best friend in the car with her.

Judge: And did you think that your "short trip" (*very sarcastic*) back wouldn't affect your children or friend?? They were watching, you know.

Lucy: Well....

Judge: Admit it, you weren't thinking of what was best for them. You were only thinking of yourself. Were you going to add something else, Officer Con Viction?

Officer: Yes. She thought her decision was a private one that would affect only her. But I was about a half mile behind her, and noticed at least two other cars who followed her in making that erroneous U-turn. And one of those actually had a pretty serious accident.

Lucy: No way, Your Honor. I would never tell someone to follow me. If they made that U-turn, it was their own choice!

Judge: Do you understand that your decisions—every choice you make, DOES affect others? You may not know that others--who have not been on their road trip as long as you have--are following your example! And did you think that U-turn would solve all your road trip problems?

Lucy: Well, Your Honor, I guess I didn't think it through...

Judge: That's right, you didn't THINK...

Lucy: BUT, yes, I did think that things had to get better. And I was wrong... After I made the choice to turn around, I could see the highway to Destruction on ahead. And it was so dark...I had forgotten how dark it could be.

Judge: Why didn't you turn around immediately?

Lucy: Judge, it was like I had a tailwind behind me! I was speeding in that direction toward the highway to Destruction and it was almost out of my control.

Judge: What made you finally stop?

Lucy: Well, this officer had been following me since my illegal turn, and I finally stopped to hear him out. He reminded me that all I had to do was call First John 1:9 on my cell phone, and I would get help in getting back to the right road.

Judge: Finally, a right decision. Well, you do understand that there are consequences to your actions. You're headed the right way now, but because of your bad decision you've lost some ground. You're just very fortunate that you listened to Officer Con Viction in time, before something worse happened. I hope you have learned that your longing for the sins of your old life put you and others around you in danger.

Lucy: Yes, Your Honor.

Show host: The enemy has ways of enticing us to return to our old ways. We have been saved from that old life, and set on the path to Eternal Life. We are not to look back. Nothing that Worldly Pleasures has to offer compare to the joy of being on the Road to Eternal Life!