

“LOVED ONES”

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Synopsis

A mother is temporarily reunited with her daughter after a tragic accident. Through ensuing dialogue we learn they are both deceased. Due to her daughter's lifestyle, the mother thinks her daughter can't get into Heaven, however to the surprise of the mother, she realizes that she is the one who can't enter Heaven, not her daughter.

Scripture:

Romans 3:20; 10:9

Ministry Lesson:

Salvation is not based on who we are, how nice we are, or what we do. Salvation is based solely on our faith in Jesus Christ.

Ministry Focus:

Salvation

Genre: Drama

Cast:

Daughter (Tonya) - Teenager
Mother - 35-40
Grandmother - 55+

Props:

Wide black ribbon

Time: 5 mins.

Sound Effect:

None

Costumes:

Tonya - Jeans and tee-shirt
Mother - White Dress
Grandmother - Light-color dress

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EXTERIOR - HEAVEN'S GATE

THERE IS A WIDE RIBBON ON THE FLOOR/STAGE TO SEPARATE THE MOTHER AND DAUGHTER. NEITHER CAN REACH ACROSS THE LINE TO TOUCH EACH OTHER. THE MOTHER IS STANDING CENTER STAGE RIGHT OF THE DIVIDING LINE (RIBBON) WAITING FOR HER DAUGHTER. SHE IS FANNING HERSELF TO KEEP COOL.

MOTHER

I thought I would have seen my baby by now. (*strains to look around*) There are so many people here, we're probably just missing each other. I can't believe I'm so nervous about seeing my own daughter. We never really talked much when she was home. But now that our lives have changed we'll be much closer.

DAUGHTER ENTERS. SHE IS UN-NOTICED BY HER MOTHER. TONYA IS GLAD TO SEE HER MOTHER BUT HOLDS BACK HER EMOTION.

TONYA

Hi, ma.

MOTHER

(holding back tears)
Oh Tonya. It's been nearly a year. You been okay? Everything all right? (*ad-lib*).

TONYA

Yeah mama, I'm fine.

MOTHER

Well, aren't you glad to see me?
(*awkward silence*). Well uh, you really look...good.

TONYA

(trying to open up)
I like your dress.

MOTHER

Really! Your father bought this for me
(*modeling dress*).

TONYA

(shocked)
Dad went shopping?

MOTHER

And in a woman's store no less!
(*emotional*) He really tried to comfort
me after you... (*struggles to say word*
"died", *then changes*) left. I never
knew he loved me so much.

TONYA

(hinting)
Everyone needs to know they are loved.

MOTHER

Oh baby, I loved you more than anything
else in the world.

TONYA

(Hurt)
Why didn't you tell me before my
accident? (*pause*) It was all so fast.
My friends and I were driving home from
the movies when the car hit us head-on.
We never had time to get out of the way.

MOTHER

(Grieved)
I know. A drunk driver took your life
from us. Isn't it ironic, the same
thing happened to me.

MOTHER(cont'd)

(Beat) But we're together now Tonya.

(holding out arms) Baby, I just want to be with you again.

TONYA

(steps back) That's not possible.

MOTHER

Yes it is baby. I've waited so long to talk to you and tell you how sorry I am.

TONYA

I know but...

MOTHER

But now we will be together forever.

TONYA

You don't understand. I can't come over to you, and you can't come over to me. We can never be together.

MOTHER

But why? You mean, you're in... No! No! You can't be! Why didn't you listen to me?

TONYA

But Ma...

MOTHER

All my life I tried to teach you right from wrong, but you just wouldn't listen. You just wouldn't listen.

TONYA

I know I made a lot of mistakes in my life, but you have too.

MOTHER

Well, I may not have been perfect but look where I am and look where you are.

TONYA

That's my point

MOTHER

Point. What point?

TONYA

(painfully)

Mama, remember Grandma's funeral about 3 years ago?

MOTHER

Of course, I remember.

TONYA

I loved Grandma, and I was really sad when she died. I remember the preacher saying that Grandma was saved and if we ever wanted to see her again, we must be saved also.

MOTHER

Tonya, that's what preachers get paid to say.

TONYA

I really didn't understand it, but I gave my heart to Jesus during Grandma's funeral.

MOTHER

That was nice of you.

TONYA

I thought you would do the same.

MOTHER

Well, I thought about it, but I was so hurt. I mean, that was my mother lying there. No one knew how I felt.

TONYA

God knew.

MOTHER

Now you sound like your Grandmother.

(thinking) Oh my goodness, what is she going to think when she sees where you are?

TONYA

She was happy to see me.

MOTHER

(perplexed)

Happy. Tonya, what are you saying?

GRANDMOTHER WALKS UP TO JOIN TONYA. THEY HOLD HANDS. MOTHER IS SHOCKED TO SEE HER.

TONYA

When I accepted Christ, Jesus saved me.

When I died in the accident, Jesus

called my name. Grandma was here

waiting for me. *(Grandma hugs Tonya).*

MOTHER

If you're in Heaven, *(looks around)* then

where am I?

- End of Preview -

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