

# STORY 3 ON CHARACTER

## A MOTHER'S LOVE DISPLAYED

A MOTHER'S SACRIFICIAL LOVE DISPLAYED sketch by Lizzy Beckett



Reminds me of a story of something happened in a city nearby. Some years ago a mother had sent her girl away to college. Her name was Mary.

And when she come home... **She'd learned so much. She used to go to church, but when she come back, she just knowed so much she didn't want... Oh, she was just a smart-aleck. That's about what the whole lot of it learns, too.**

So when she come back, she brought a little girl home with her. And her mother was standing out on the ramp with a--to meet her.

And so the girl was a fine girl when she left home. She'd... **Her mother had washed over a washboard, and so forth, to--to pay her way through college.** And one day she went to visit home. **And she'd got mixed-up out there with a mixed class of people. And she got in fellowship with an unbelieving girl that was very worldly and ungodly.**

And when she drove into the station, she had a--brought young girl with her, and she'd got away from God and away from church. The young girl was with her. And the young girl setting in the--the train looking out in the... **There stood her mother on the outside; she was all scarred up.** And the young girl was looking at her from the train, finally said, **"Look at that old haggly looking woman." That was the girl's mother. Said, "Isn't she horrible? My, wouldn't you hate to have to set at the table with her to eat?" That was her girlfriend. Now, instead of the girl speaking up,** she turned her head. And when she got off the train, this old wrinkled woman run up to her, and threw her arms around the girl, and kissed her. And the girl was so repulsed. And she'd got away from her, got away from church and God. And she was so cold; **she turned her back** to the lady.

She said, "My, darling, my darling, what's happened to you?" And she was so embarrassed 'cause of her girlfriend.. **The little Mary was ashamed to admit that was her mother.**

**And there happened to be a conductor** standing there, and he jumped on this box, and he said, "Wait a minute." And he attracted the attention of all around. He said, "You child of misery, **how could you turn your back on your own mother because of that little flip that's with you? Aren't you ashamed of yourself, Mary?"**

Said, "I happen to know the case. Listen here, young woman," to the other girl that had made the remark about it. Said, "That's her mother. **And Mary will never see the day that she was half as pretty as her mother.** I knew her when she was young." And said, "She was happily married. And she had this little baby, Mary. And she was upstairs, and she had the windows open so that the--the breeze would... And the little cradle up there." And said, "She went downstairs and was doing her washing, hanging them up in the backyard. **And fire caught in the house. And before she knew it, the house was all aflame,** the neighbors running. **And when**

Mary's mother come around, said, she said, 'My baby! My baby, it's upstairs!' And the firemen said, 'The house is out of control. There's no way to get to it now.' But what did she do? She grabbed her little apron off of her, that was wet with wash water, and wrapped it around her face, and run through those blazes. And the policemen trying to stop her. She run up the stairs real quick. Why? Her loving baby was laying there. And she grabbed the baby, and she thought, "The wet garment protected me. But now if I take the baby back through, it'll cut it to pieces, those flames." So she wrapped the baby in her own wet garment, held it in her bosom, and run through the blazes. And they tore the meat from her face."

Said, "That's the reason she's ugly. She's ugly, that you might be pretty. And you mean you'd turn your back on your mother that made such a sacrifice?" (And then you're ashamed of her.")

In shame she bowed her head..

#### QUESTIONS:

#### 1. WHAT HAD HAPPENED TO MARY SINCE SHE WENT AWAY TO COLLEGE?

. Mary went to college and got under wrong influences...e.g. an unbelieving friend/ friends.

She learnt too much ..... education.

She got away from church and godly influences.

When she returned home on holiday with her friend, she was ashamed of her mother , who looked ugly and scarred and turned away from her. Because of her friend Mary was disgusted by her mother's appearance.

#### 2. WHAT DOES ASHAMED MEAN?

Mary was embarrassed or felt bad that she had such an ugly looking mother..... She didn't want to say or acknowledge her as her mother. She was ashamed of her mother's scarred face and body. She even turned away from her mother, showing to her friend from college, **her disgust for this scarred faced woman.**

3. WHAT HAD MARY FORGOTTEN? Mary had forgotten her mother's sacrifice many years ago. How **her mom saved her when her life was in danger.** Her mother also prevented the flames from burning Mary's body and face by wrapping Mary in the wet clothes which were on herself, when she rushed into the house.

4. WHO REMINDED MARY OF THIS? **A conductor at the station, who knew what had happened when Mary was a baby.**

5. WHAT DID MARY'S MOTHER DO FOR MARY WHEN HER LIFE WAS IN DANGER?

Mary's mother **saved baby Mary when a sudden fire broke out** in their home one day. She did not spare herself and rushed into the flames to save her baby

6. **WHAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN MARY'S RESPONSE, WHEN SHE SAW HER MOTHER AT THE STATION?**

She should have been **thankful to her mother for the saving her life and her face from the being burnt** and scarred when she was a baby. And also happy to introduce her mother to her friend.

7. **WHO TRIED TO STOP HER FROM RUSHING INTO THE FLAMING AND BURNING HOUSE?** The neighbors and **the firemen who thought it was useless or too late.**

8. **INSTEAD OF BEING ASHAMED OF HER MOTHER'S APPEARANCE, THE CONDUCTOR POINTED OUT THAT MARY SHOULD BE ASHAMED OF HER OWN UNKIND BEHAVIOUR.....**

Scriptures to read..... ISAIAH 53:1-6.....

**Learn & memorize these verses. ....** **see how many verses you can learn in a week.**

**ISAIAH 53:1 Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?**

**2 For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.**

**3 He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.**

**4. Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.**

**5. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.**

**6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.**

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