

Another Good Samaritan

SCENE 1

(Jay-C is sitting on a chair in the living room while he and Grandma listen to a pastor give a sermon on the television)

- Pastor:** *(off stage)* "When we feed our minds with the teachings of Jesus, there will only be room for righteousness. No need to fear, worry, or envy. Jesus' love will conquer all".
- Grandma:** "Did you hear that Jay-C?"
- Jay-C:** "Yes Grandma! I heard it."
- Grandma:** "You did? Well then what did the pastor say?"
- Jay-C:** *(Scratching his head)* "Ummmh, love is in the air with Jesus!"
- Grandma:** "Jay-C!"
- Pastor:** *(off stage)* "And so what does the love of Jesus mean? It means kindness, humility, helping those in need and loving—even those who hate you!"
- Jay-C:** "If someone hates me, I would consider them my enemy. Does he mean that we should even love our enemies grandma?"
- Grandma:** "Yes it does, but do you have any...enemies?"
- Jay-C:** *(Laughing)* "Well, none that I know of."

(As the scene closes, Jay-C slumps further into the chair and listens quietly as the sermon fades away.)

- Pastor:** *(off stage)* "Many times we know the right thing to do and the right thing to say. but when actually faced with a critical situation, it is our character, our beliefs, our convictions that drive our decisions. So remember, the love of Jesus is the answer...."

SCENE 2

(Well dressed Michael is waiting for his date to enter while he talks with the girl's father)

- Father:** "Michael, I hear your family is active in the Foundation for Abusing Children."
- Michael:** *(Laughing)* "Sir, it is called the Foundation for "Abused" Children. We help find new homes for the children, or if they are young adolescents, we help them get a good education. I help by getting donations."
- Father:** "I'll donate. Maybe when you guys get back tonight, you can tell me more about your foundation. We are blessed with so many good things, it won't hurt us to share some of our good fortune."
- Michael:** "Thank you Sir. We want to make a difference in our society. Helping the children in this way is a good start."

(Daughter enters quickly)

- Daughter:** "Enough about charity talk, I AM in need right now too. Michael, we're going to be late for the charity banquet!"

(Daughter grabs Michael and walks towards door. Father looks proudly at Michael.)

SCENE 3

(Jay-C and grandma are back in the living room)

Jay-C: "Grandma, I'm going out!"

Grandma: "When will you be back?"

Jay-C: "I'm 21 now, do I have to tell you that again!"

Grandma: "Well, be careful coming home late at night. Don't take shortcuts coming home in some dark alley downtown."

Jay-C: "You worry too much. I'll be back at a decent hour, maybe! By the way, can you spare me a few dollars?"

Grandma: *(Smiling)* "The last time I gave you money, you put a tattoo on your arm and you have not ever paid me back"

Jay-C: "Grandma, my tattoo makes me look like a real man, you know, macho!"

Grandma: "Macho! You're a beanpole, how about spending your money on real food?"

(Grandma hands out a few dollars and Jay-C gives her a hug and exits)

SCENE 4

(Jay-C is walking home when he sees a man hurt and lying on the ground moaning.)

Hurt Man: *(Moans a few times and speaks weakly)* "Help me. Someone help me."

Jay-C: *(Kneeling down at the man)* "Oh no! You need help! But I don't have a cell phone."

Hurt Man: *(Moaning)* "Please, just help me get to the hospital."

Jay-C: *(Looking around)* "There's a church with the lights on, I'm sure I can use their phone."

(Jay-C runs over to the church and knocks)

Pastor: "Hey it's late, what do you need?"

Jay-C: "There's a man down the block, he's hurt and I need to call an ambulance!"

Pastor: *(Looking Jay-C up and down a few times)* "Nice try, punk. Go away before I call the police."

Jay-C: "But the man is hurt badly; he might die!"

Pastor: "I don't care, do you think I'd believe you. Look at yourself, you look like one of those drug addicts. Now go on!"

(Jay-C walks away as as well-dressed Michael and his date walk by.)

Jay-C: "Hey, can you help me? There's a man hurt over there and I need a phone."

Michael: *(Looking Jay-C up and down in disgust)* "I would be glad to help, but we are running late."

Jay-C: "But a man is bloody and dying over there!"

Michael: "Sorry. Why don't you find one of your kind to help. Like that guy lying next to the trash can over there. I'm sure he wouldn't mind getting dirty. Now get out of our way!"

Trash Guy: *(Getting up from behind a trash can)* "Hey, what's going on buddy?"

Jay-C: *(Speaking quickly)* "There's a guy hurt over there! I need to call 911. Say, I'll give you \$20 bucks if you'll just watch him for a minute while I go find a phone?"

Trash Guy: "Hey, keep your money. I'll be happy to help. By the way, there's a phone just around that corner."

(Trash Guy walks over the hurting man and kneels down as Jay-C turns towards the audience)

Jay-C: *(Looking up)* "Now who is my enemy, Lord?"

(Jay-C runs off stage)