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PEP

UP!

The Scar

A little boy invited his mother to attend his elementary school's first teacher-parent conference. To the little boy's dismay, she said she would go. This would be the first time that his classmates and teacher met his mother and he was embarrassed by her appearance. Although she was a beautiful woman, there was a severe scar that covered nearly the entire right side of her face. The boy never wanted to talk about why or how she got the scar. At the conference, the people were impressed by the kindness and natural beauty of his mother despite the scar, but the little boy was still embarrassed and hid himself from everyone. He did, however, get within earshot of a conversation between his mother and his teacher, and heard them speaking. "How did you get the scar on your face?" the teacher asked. The mother replied, "When my son was a baby, he was in a room that caught on fire. Everyone was too afraid to go in because the fire was out of control, so I went in. As I was running toward his crib, I saw a beam coming down and placed myself over him trying to shield him. I was knocked unconscious but fortunately, a fireman came in and saved both of us." She touched the burned side of her face. "This scar will be permanent, but to this day, I have never regretted doing what I did." At this point, the little boy came out running toward his mother with tears in his eyes. He hugged her and felt an overwhelming sense of the sacrifice that his mother had made for him. He held her hand tightly for the rest of the day. Lih Yuh Kuo

Lesson: Have you ever sat and thought what your mother means to you? Have you taken some moment to say thank you to her for all the sacrifices for your sake?

FAQS by YOUTH

Q. Can a young person live a holy or a saintly life here on earth?

Thank you for this crucial question. In St. Mathew Gospel we read: “Be perfect [holy] as your heavenly father is perfect.” (Mat. 5:48) Thus, the call to holiness is for all Christians regardless of age or life status. In fact, St. Paul in his letters refers to Christians as ‘saints.’ Have you not seen living saints in your neighbourhood? In my life, I have known many young people who live saintly lives. But the question is, ‘what qualifies a person to be called a saint?’ Does a saintly person commit sins? It is possible for any young person to become a saint if he/she wishes. We must understand that saints are made and not born as saints! That is to say, we become saints, we are not born saints. Living a saintly life, does not mean living free from sin. In simple terms, being a saint consists in living our Christian life fully. Mother Teresa of Calcutta teaches us that holiness consists in doing ordinary things in an extra-ordinary way. That is doing wholeheartedly whatever we do. St. John Bosco, the father and teacher of youth gives us seven ways of being holy as young people.

They are: 1. Cerebrating life in Happiness, 2. fulfilling our daily duties. 3. Acceptance of our daily Crosses. 4. Being in union with God through Prayer. 5. Taking life as a mission and vocation 6. Being part of the Church 7. Being involved in social and political life.

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BIBLE

Child talk to God

One day the child asked God, "They tell me you are going to send me to earth tomorrow but how am I going to live there being so small and helpless?" God replied, "Among the many angels, I have chosen one for you. She will be waiting for you and will take care of you". "But said the child, "tell me here in Heaven I don't do anything else but sing and smile. That's what I need to be happy!" God said, "Your angel will sing for you every day. And you will feel your angel's love and be happy". "And, said the child, "How am I going to be able to understand when people talk to me, if I don't know the language that men talk?" "That's easy", God, "Your angel will tell you the most beautiful and sweet words you will ever hear, and with much patience and care, your angel will teach you how to speak". The child looked up at God saying, "And what am I going to do when I want to talk to you?" God smiled at the child saying, "your angel will place your hands together and will teach you how to pray". The child looked up at God saying, "And what am I going to do when I want to talk to you?" God smiled at the child saying, "your angel will place your hands together and will teach you how to pray". The child looked sad, saying, "But I will always be sad because I will not see you anymore". God hugged the child "Your angel will always talk to you about me and will teach you the way to come back to me, even though I will always be next to you". At that moment there was much peace in Heaven, but voices from earth could already be heard. The child in a hurry, asked softly, "Oh God, if I am about to leave now please tell me my angel's name!" God replied, "Your angel's name is of no importance... you will simply call her MOMMY!"

The Bank Account of Life!

1. Imagine there is a bank that credits your account each morning with \$86,400.
2. It carries over no balance from day to day.
3. Every "evening" deletes whatever part of the balance you failed to use during the day.
4. What would you do?
5. Draw out every cent, of course!!!
6. Each of us has such a "bank". Its name is Time.
7. Every morning, it credits you with 86,400 seconds.
8. Every night it writes off, as lost, whatever of this you have failed to invest to good purpose.
9. It carries no balance.
10. It allows no overdraft.
11. Each day it opens a new account for you.
12. Each night it burns the remaining of the day.
13. If you fail to use the day's deposits, the loss is yours.
14. There is no giving back. There is no drawing against the "tomorrow".
15. You must live in the present on today's deposits.
16. Invest it so as to get from it the utmost in health, happiness and success.
17. The clock is running.
18. Make the most of today.
19. To realize the value of one year...ask a student who failed a grade.
20. To realize the value of one month...ask a mother who gave birth to a premature baby.
21. To realize the value of one week...ask the editor of a weekly news paper.
22. To realize the value of one hour...ask the lovers who are waiting to meet.
23. To realize the value of one minute...ask a person who missed the train.
24. To realize the value of one second...ask a person who just avoided an accident.
25. To realize the value of one millisecond...ask a person who won a silver medal in the Olympics.

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SITE

SEEING

A Motherly Site for the Young

This website provide you with lot of materials on our Blessed Mother Mary. Here Our Lady will lead you to overcome fears and embrace love. This is the perfect love that will cast out all your fears—the fears that cause you to cling to your current self-image. The purpose of this website is to help you rediscover and accept the spiritually abundant life. Let your Divine Mother – represented in this age by Mother Mary – show you how to receive and manifest the abundance of your Divine Father.



LAST

DROP

M - O - T - H - E - R

space “M” is for the million things she gave me,
space “O” means only that she’s growing old,
space “T” is for the tears she shed to save me,
space “H” is for her heart of purest gold;
space “E” is for her eyes, with love-light shining,
space “R” means right, and right she’ll always be,
Put them all together, they spell
“MOTHER,” A word that means the world to me.

By Howard Johnson

“Anyone who
doesn’t miss the
past never had a
Mother.”