



“MR. B GOES TO HEAVEN”

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Bill Bodell: Ex-sixth grade terror, former student of Baxter

Lauren: Baxter’s best student who later strayed from the Lord

Tom: Custodian at Sunday school where Baxter taught

SETTING: Heaven (simple, white background. Cast should wear white clothing)

(Enter stage left Mr. Baxter, amazed with heaven and singing)

MR. BAXTER:

(singing) Heaven, I'm in heaven and my heart beats so that I can hardly speak ...

(Speaks to himself with exuberance)

Heaven is great! I'M LOVIN' IT HERE!

What's not to love about this place? Paulie was so right. 'No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love Him'.

Wait a minute. Is that who I think it is? No it can't be. There's no way in heaven that little Billy Bodell is up here.

(Enter stage right Billy Bodell)

BILLY:

Mr. Baxter I'm Bill – Billy Bodell – remember me?

MR. BAXTER:

Remember you? I was nearly in therapy over you. You were the terror of my sixth grade Sunday school class. How'd you get in?

BILLY:

You know the answer to that one. I put my faith in Jesus Christ. In fact, it was you who lead me in the prayer where I asked Jesus to be my Lord and Savior. My family moved away shortly after that, so you never got the chance to see how it changed my life. As you can see, it also changed my eternal destination. I'll be forever grateful to you for that. Thank you.

Hey, see you around... and sorry for that little incident with the ketchup packets.

MR. BAXTER:

My fault, I should have known better than to wear a \$500 suit to a class with you in it. See you around.

(Billy exits stage left)

MR. BAXTER:

Wow, how gratifying was that? And to think, I tried six ways to Sunday to get out of teaching that year. I'll have to thank Diane for refusing to take no for an answer.

(Enter stage right Lauren)

LAUREN:

Hey Mr. B, remember me ... Lauren McDonald?

MR. BAXTER:

Why of course I remember you. You were my all-time best student. Now you I knew would be up here.

LAUREN:

Well that's nice and all, but what you don't know is that I fell away from the Lord when I was in my early twenties. After my father died, I was real angry with God and started running with a pretty tough crowd. My friends were really pressuring me to do something that I knew was totally wrong. I was on the verge of making the biggest mistake of my life when a verse that you had us memorize in Sunday school suddenly came back to me. It was James 4 verses 7-8:

“Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come near to God and he will come near to you.”

In that moment, God was telling me, ‘You don't have to do this. Your dad may be gone, but your heavenly Father has never left your side. I love you Lauren ...I'll always love you. Come back to Me’.

I did come back to Him and went on to graduate from med school to become a doctor. God used scripture that you had us memorize to get my life back on track. God's word is (emphasis on “is”) living and active. I'm so grateful to you for insisting that we memorize scripture.

Take care and God bless you Mr. B. You made a difference.

MR. BAXTER:

You're totally welcome Lauren, thanks for sharing that with me.

(Lauren exits stage left)

(Enter stage left Tom)

CUSTODIAN (TOM):

You're George Baxter right?

MR. THOMPSON:

Yes, aren't you Tom? Wow, is this a Sunday school reunion or what? You used to join our class from time to time. You were our custodian and if I

remember correctly, a Yankees fan (*“Yankee’s fan” said with disdain*).

TOM:

Yeah, that’s right. I used to work on Sundays. In fact you were one of the few people in that place who actually talked to me. Everybody else was so busy running around that no one ever gave me the time of day.

But you ... you were different. I wasn’t just “the custodian” to you. I was Tom, the guy you talked sports with and invited in at snack time. You know, I used to listen in on your classes ...those kids really loved you. And the kicker is, I asked Jesus into my life during one of those prayer sessions that you closed every class with.

You walked the talk Mr. B. I got to know Jesus by your example. You’re alright for a Red Sox fan. Thanks.

(Tom exits stage left)

MR. BAXTER:

Reflects for a moment. “Hmmm. Praise You Lord. Let everything that has breath praise You. Now I have a better idea about what You meant by laying up treasure in heaven. (reflective pause) This place just keeps getting better all the time. I’M LOVIN’ IT HERE!

(Baxter exits stage right singing)

Heaven, I’m in heaven ...

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