

"The Stranger"

Romans 12:9-21

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Elizabeth had heard on the news about Hurricane Harvey and the floods in Texas. She asked her Aunt Gertrude what she could do to help.

"I heard that the helpers in Texas said they have enough clothes and shoes for now. The man on the TV said what they needed most was money. But I don't have money to send to Texas."

"Maybe, Child, it is time to think of a way to raise money to send." said her aunt.

So, Elizabeth went over to Barabas's house with an idea! "We could have a lemonade stand and send the money to Texas!"

So, they ran in to ask Uncle Floyd to help them set up a stand, which he did. And Aunt Gertrude helped them make the lemonade.

So, yesterday morning Barabas and Elizabeth sat in the cold rain at their lemonade stand and they had zero customers. Well, except for Uncle Floyd and Aunt Gertrude.

"I reckon a nice cup of hot coffee would sell better here." said Uncle Floyd.

The coffee got a few more customers, like Mr. Potato Head and the Tater Tots. They now have four \$1.00 in their basket.

Then Elizabeth noticed that guy that looks like Barabas, but is not Barabas. He was watching from a distance. "He seems a little creepy," Elizabeth thought to herself.

The guy came over to their stand and Barabas found himself face to face with the "stranger" who looks like himself.

"\$1.00 for coffee" said Barabas bravely. "The money goes to Texas to help the people there in the flood from Hurricane Harvey."

"Thanks" the stranger said as he put some money in the basket and smiled, a nice smile at that.



And by then, well, it started to pour rain! So Barabas and Elizabeth hurried into the house with Uncle Floyd. And they counted their money.

"We have four \$1.00 bills and a \$20.00 bill!" said Elizabeth. "Wow!"

"He must have put \$20.00 in the basket for one cup of coffee!" said Barabas.

"I reckon he put \$20.00 in the basket to help the people in Texas," said Uncle Floyd. And they all appreciated what the "stranger" had done!

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