

No Matter What

Value: God's Faithfulness



Rose was a beautiful little girl who always loved to go to Sunday school because of how much she learned every week from Mrs. Randolph her Sunday school teacher. She was always happy to sit in the front row of the class so she could see better and she didn't want to miss hearing one word.

Rose was a really good girl and she would tell all her friends at school during the week all about the different things that she learned in Sunday school the weekend before.

At school, Rose's friends all believed in God and loved talking about Him to other classmates like Rose did. One day a new girl started at school named Molly.

Molly didn't know too much about God because she didn't go to Sunday school and her parents didn't go to church or know too much about God, the Bible, or about Jesus.

Rose and Molly became friends and for a couple of weeks Rose would tell Molly about what she had learned about in Sunday school the weekend before.

No matter how hard that Rose tried, she couldn't get Molly to go to Sunday school with her. "That's ok," Molly would say, "My parents have a real large boat that we take out on the weekends and have lots and lots of fun so I don't have the time to come to your church for Sunday school".



Ron and Stephanie were Rose's parents. They knew how much love that Rose had in her heart for God and what a good child she was so they always trusted her.

One Saturday Molly was over at Rose's house and they were playing on the swing set. "We're going out on my parents boat tomorrow," Molly said, "would you like to come along. It will be lots of fun".

"That would be nice but tomorrow is Sunday, the day of worship, and I would miss Sunday school too," Rose said with a little sadness in her voice.

"Well, no one would have to know," Molly was quick to answer. "Where my parents keep their boat at is two blocks from your church. My parents won't mind, and you don't have to tell your parents, so they will think that you are going to Sunday school. Just tell them that you are coming over to my house afterwards, and no one will ever know."

"That sounds ok," Rose said, "and sounds like a lot of fun, but I just don't feel right about it". Rose thought about it for the rest of the day and finally made up her mind.



"Ok," she said, "I go tomorrow with you".

The next day, Rose left her house like she was walking to Sunday school like she did every Sunday and her parents left a little later to go to church. "Don't forget," Rose said to her parents as she went out the door.

“I’m going over to Molly’s house right after church, so I won’t be right home”.



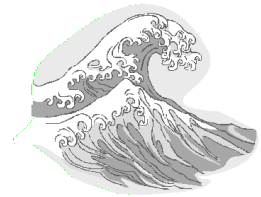
Rose felt terrible inside for not telling her parents the truth. She also felt bad because she had always been faithful to God in her worship and in going to Sunday school every Sunday.

Rose met Molly and they went to her parent’s boat. “Come on aboard,” they said to her, and Molly’s parents untied the boat and they were off.

At first it was a lot of fun, but Molly keep thinking about what she had done and it bothered her more and more.

About that same time, the waves started to get a little higher and a little rougher. “Well,” Molly’s father said, “I think it’s about time to head back to the dock before it gets much rougher out here”. So he turned the boat around and headed back to shore.

As they headed back, all of a sudden, the engine stopped running. “What’s wrong?” said Molly in a scared voice.



“The engine quit running and it won’t start,” said her father as he called for help on the radio.

Rose tried to comfort Molly and they said a prayer together that God would help them and would keep them safe. Shortly thereafter, the Coast Guard showed up and towed the boat back safely to shore.

Rose ran home and told her parents all that had happened.

“I am so sorry Mother and Father. I knew that I shouldn’t have done that. How can God ever forgive me or will He still love me after what I did,” said Rose.

Ron and Stephanie gave their daughter a big hug. “We’re disappointed in what you did Rose, but we still love you and we’re glad that you are safe,” her parents said. “In the same way Rose, God loves us because we are his children too. God never changes and loves us even when we do things sometimes that He might not like. God is always faithful to us even when sometimes we are not faithful to Him, and He will always forgive us if we ask him and really mean it”.



“Oh Mother, Oh Father, I am so happy to be home, and I am so happy that God is always faithful to us with his promises. I believe that I am going to go right upstairs and say a prayer to God right now and thank him for loving me so much and being faithful to me, even when I wasn’t as faithful to Him,” Rose said, and she hurried up the stairs to her room where she could talk to God in private.