

RESPECT

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FADE IN:

INT. HOSPITAL ROOM - DAY

A gloomy afternoon. The hospital room is openly divided into two sections with beds on each sides of the room and two chairs beside them. Two kids around the age of ten, AIDEN and WILLIAM, are dressed in hospital garments while laying on the beds. With a sad look, Aiden's mum, MARY sits on the chair next to his bed and holds his hands while William's mum, CHLOE sings to him.

AIDEN

Mum, am I going to die from cancer?

MARY

With tears in her eyes...

No, Aiden. You won't. You shall get healed from it. Let's wait for the new test results.

AIDEN

Amen, I hope so. I don't want to leave you.

MARY

Amen? You promised me never to use that word.

AIDEN

I'm sorry, mum. I just can't cease to believe in the power of God's healing.

MARY

God's healing? Where was His healing power when you father was fighting for his life? I knelt down and cried unto him, but He still took him from us.

She sniffles and grabs a bottle of water as Aiden stares at her and smiles.

AIDEN

It is well, mum.

INT. HOSPITAL ROOM - CONTINUOUS

William is singing happily with his mother while she arranges some bags and clears the table. After a while, William looks towards the right side of the room then suddenly stops.

WILLIAM

Hey, mom. Why do they look sad?
(Pointing at Aiden's side of the room)

CHLOE

I don't have an answer for that, Will.

WILLIAM

Ohhh, all right. Do you think I can go pray with them?

CHLOE

No, Will. You should respect people's boundaries.

WILLIAM

All right, mom. What time are we leaving?

CHLOE

As soon as the paper works are done.

WILLIAM

Would we be visiting the church after getting home? I would like to thank the Lord.

CHLOE

All right, Will. I need to get the paper works sorted.

Chloe gets up then walks out of the room. William continues looking towards the right side of the room, while Aiden looks towards the right side of the room. They smile at each other as their eyes meet.

William gets up from his bed, and runs towards Aiden's bed holding a nerf gun.

WILLIAM

Hey, you good? My name is William. I caught a flu and got admitted here. I came to say "hi" since I will be

leaving today and haven't had the chance to since I got admitted to this room.

AIDEN

Hi, my name is Aiden. Thanks (Smiles)

Mary looks at Aiden, then at William.

MARY

Hey, boy. Wouldn't your mother get angry that you aren't in your side of the room?

WILLIAM

No, ma'am. I just came to say "hi" before leaving today.

MARY

Oh, I see. Thank you. How about you return to your bed before your mom gets back.

WILLIAM

Sure.

William looks at Aiden and smiles, then proceeds to the direction of his bed when he suddenly stops and turns back to Aiden and Mary.

WILLIAM

I saw you crying a while ago, I hope everything is okay. My mom always tells me to pray whenever I am worried or sad.

William walks towards Mary and stand in between she and Aiden as he holds their hands. Mary looks at him with anger building up.

WILLIAM

I would like to pray with you since my mom always tells me to pray for my friends and enemies, as said in the Bible.

Aiden smiles at William and hold his hand tightly while Mary looks at them and lets go of William's hand as she storms up from her chair.

MARY

Didn't your mother teach you to respect people's boundary?

WILLIAM

I am sorry, I just want to pray for my new friend and his mum.

MARY

Thank you, but you can leave now.

Chloe walks into the room and sees William walking towards his side of the room with a gloomy face.

CHLOE

Will, my boy. What's wrong?

William walks towards his bed while narrating what had transpired earlier between him and Mary to Chloe.

CHLOE

I am sorry, Will. I had asked you to respect boundaries though.

WILLIAM

Yes, mom. I am sorry.

CHLOE

It's fine, Will. Give me a second before we leave.

Chloe walks up to Mary with a smile on her face.

MARY

I hope you aren't here to also pray.

CHLOE

I am sorry about Will, he is just a kind boy always ready to help.

MARY

Okay. He should learn to respect boundaries though.

Chloe tries to walk away when Aiden holds back her hand.

AIDEN

Please, ask Will to come pray with me. I love Jesus.

Chloe smiles. Mary looks at Aiden with a frown, but Aiden smiles back. Mary then looks at Chloe with a forced smile.

MARY

That's fine. That's fine. Let's get this over with.

Chloe looks at William who has been watching and smiles as Will walks towards Aiden's bed. They hold hands and close their eyes and open it after a while.

AIDEN, WILLIAM, CHLOE

AMEN.

William and Chloe smile and wave as they walk away to grab their bags and head out of the room. TING! Mary looks at her phone, scratches her head then holds her forehead as she scrolls through her phone. She closes her eyes, sighs, then clicks on her phone as she opens her eyes.

MARY

God is good!!! God is good!!!

Aiden looks at her with his eye wide open.

AIDEN

That's weird. What happened?

MARY

The test is negative, Aiden. It is. (Tears roll down her cheek)

Mary hugs Aiden, and they both smile. Mary stops for a second and stare at Aiden.

MARY

I need to thank that little boy.

Mary rushes out of the room.

FADE OUT.

FADE IN:

EXT. HOSPITAL CAR PARK - DAY

It beginning to look nice out. Chloe and William are at the

car park loading some bags into the boot. Mary runs towards William and lifts him up the ground with a bright smile on her face. Chloe stares at her as she puts William back on the ground. She bends to be heights with William as she looks at him in the eye.

MARY

Thank you, William! I believe that Aiden's two results came back negative because of your prayers, because I've been told earlier that I might lose him. I apologize for my behavior, I will be more respectful and accommodating to people.

Chloe looks at William expectantly as they smile at each other.

WILLIAM

I'm also sorry for not respecting boundaries. Thank God for Aiden.

FADE OUT.