

LOTR: Road Trip

Week 8: Wednesday July 8<sup>th</sup> Foley, MN

God Builds Faith in Us Through Baptism

(all riding in van, kids quiet or sleeping)

TY: So what made you decide to get into working with kids at church?

REBECCA: Well, I was going to go to college for elementary ed...but I found myself feeling like you're limited in what you can teach. I don't know that I could disguise where my values come from very well. And now you can't say much about your faith or you rock the little boat you're rowing. How about you?

TY: The church is the only place that would hire me after my release from prison.

REBECCA: Shut up! Can't you ever be serious?

TY: Okay, seriously...my life was a mess...not quite, I guess I was just floundering. I had a business degree and was working in sales at an appliance store. Then my longtime girlfriend and I split up and I started wondering if I really knew who I was. I probably would've fallen into a deep hole of depression, but a buddy of mine finally talked me into going to church with him. God grabbed a hold of me that day and hasn't let go since...and I've just kinda followed where he lead me. I never dreamed that I would have gone back to school or that I'd be bold enough to tell kids like these the truth about their life found in Christ.

REBECCA: So you've found it fulfilling?

TY: Sometimes...sometimes not. I guess it has nothing to do with that for me. I find my relationship with this great, powerful, loving and merciful God to be what is fulfilling. My work as a youth leader is a blessing to me...that God would use me to reach out to those He loves so much, it's just amazing.

VEGAS: Are we there yet?

REBECCA: It'll be another half hour I think.

VEGAS: I wish we could've stayed longer with the horses. I really liked Red Arrow. I kinda feel like we bonded.

SAUL: I feel like I bonded with the ground! No one told me Elmer was a bucking bronco!

ALICE: I don't know what you're talking about. I'm pretty sure Elmer came from a horsey nursing home.

MOOSE: Yeah...member when his teeth fell out?

SAUL: Ha ha very funny...but my tail bone's not laughing. And this van is not helping.

JEFF: Yeah, it's making my bladder feel woozy...are we there yet?

VEGAS: I kinda gotta go too...can we stop somewhere?

REBECCA: There's an exit up ahead. I'm sure there's a gas station or something...Can we take that one Ty?

TY: Sure. I should probably gas up anyway. And maybe fill the van while I'm at it.

MOOSE: No more beef sticks and twinkies for you Ty. Bad combo.

TY: Awww...but they taste so good...

ALICE: There's a Holiday over there!

JEFF: My bladder rejoices!

VEGAS: There better be more than one bathroom or you're going to have to fight me for it.

SAUL: Fight fight fight fight...

ISAAC: (waking) What's going on?

REBECCA: We're stopping at a gas station. If you need anything, now's the time.

TY: But nothing to drink for any of you, or will never get to Foley!

ALICE: Like you don't have to go...

TY: I'm a camel. (ALICE gives him a confused look and ALL but TY go offstage)

(TY begins filling gas, watches as a young man in a tuxedo begins filling a gas can)

TY: Getting gas for the lawnmower, James Bond?

DUSTIN: I wish...for my car. I ran out of gas on the highway.

TY: You always dress this way? You look like you just got married.

DUSTIN: Actually today is our third wedding anniversary...

TY: Our? Where's your wife?

DUSTIN: She's waiting for me in the car...in her wedding dress...stupid fuel gauge – I shoulda had it fixed.

TY: So do you do this for every anniversary? Not the running out of gas part...the dressing up thing.

DUSTIN: No...I was just trying to be romantic or something I guess. We're heading up to the place we spent our wedding night and I thought it would be great to wear our wedding clothes...I feel a little silly now.

TY: Where's your car at? We can give you a lift.

DUSTIN: If you have time...it's a couple miles up ahead on the highway...

TY: No problem. My name's Ty Brunk. I'm a youth leader for a church and I've got a van load of teens with me...but we'll squeeze you in.

DUSTIN: Dustin Gillman (handshake)...my wife is Danette. She'll appreciate it!

TY: I'll go in and pay and get the kids...what do you got there? I'll pay yours, too...

DUSTIN: You don't have to do that...

TY: Wedding present. (smiles and goes offstage for a bit)

DUSTIN: (pulls out cellphone) Hey...yeah I'm getting a ride back soon. Nice guy...even paying for the gas. Sorry to start off this way...yeah I know it's kinda funny. Least it's not raining...like our wedding night, remember? That was crazy! We had fun though...You doing okay? Gotta be getting warm in that dress...I'll be there soon my beautiful bride. Alright. Bye!!!

(ALL COME OUT OF THE STORE)

ALICE: This is gonna be so much fun!

VEGAS: I love weddings!

(DUSTIN somewhat taken aback by their exuberance)

SAUL: Can I be the flower girl?

MOOSE: That's so wrong.

REBECCA: Hi Dustin! I'm Rebecca...Ty told us about your situation. The kids decided that they wanted to send you off like you just got married. You won't mind will you?

DUSTIN: Not all that's great! Danette will love it!

TY: Let's see what we got here...flowers, silly string, champagne (holds up Mt. Dew) and wedding cake(holds up Twinkies). Alright everybody in! (ALL CLIMB IN FADE LIGHTS TO NEXT SCENE)

DANETTE: You are all so sweet! Angels on the road...

ISAAC: Okay everybody pull in close for a picture! (all comply...takes picture with cellphone)  
Awesome! This is going on my Facebook page when we get back!

VEGAS: You two look stunning. I have never seen a more beautiful roadside wedding couple!

ALICE: Your dress is so pretty...and you like nice, too.(motions to DUSTIN)

TY: My the power vested in me by really no one...I now pronounce your car ready to go. You may kiss it if you really want to.

DUSTIN: Hey thanks so much guys...you made something good out of something...not so good...you are some pretty cool people.

DANETTE: Yes, thank you so much.

REBECCA: Enjoy the rest of your anniversary!

DUSTIN and DANETTE: We will! Thanks again!!! (Go to get in car, all keep waving saying goodbye)

JEFF: (begins singing with guitar? Saul plays percussion on the silly string can)

REBECCA: Well that was a God thing, don't you think?

MOOSE: We were at the right place at the right time...all because Vegas has a small bladder.

VEGAS: Hey!

TY: God blessed us with an opportunity to show His love and care to others. It's important for people to be reminded that God cares about. Sometimes God uses His people to do that.

ALICE: It feels good to do good.

SAUL: (stops drumming) But what if no one had helped them? How would they know God cares about them? It could be pretty easy to think just the opposite...I'm not trying to be negative. But if you don't have support from people, then how does God let you know He's with you and cares?

REBECCA: Well...he's like Dustin...taking time to remember the relationship. God keeps assuring us of His love through reminders like Communion and your Baptism. And you can celebrate His commitment to you by taking part and remembering everyday that you are His love.

TY: Amen, sister. Beef stick?

REBECCA: No thanks...I don't wanna remember that.

JEFF: song finishes out...maybe others join in singing?