



"A Life That Matters"

(2010 Community Performance)

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Puppets

1. Boy 1
2. Boy 2
3. Girl 1
4. Girl 2
5. Lady
6. Twilight Man
7. Rasta Man

PEOPLE

1. Worship leader.
2. Grandpa

PROPS

1. Stage
2. Fog Machine.
3. Angel Wings

SOUND

1. Ripples Theme
2. Twilight Zone rift

ACT I

Sound – “The rainbow Connection” Sung by Tad

Sound – “I Got You Babe” boy/girl puppets

Sound – “Ripples Theme” Sung by Rasta Man

ACT II

Director – Today we live in a world that worships at the altar of fame and fortune. It is easily to believe we are irrelevant in a world of “superstars”. It is a world that warehouses us when we have reached a point of being inconvenient. And yet, even then, God has a use, even a purpose for us.

Is it any wonder that so many have lost heart? Do you find yourself thinking that the best years have passed? That God has forgotten you? Where does your joy come from?

As the years take their tole on our bodies, they also eat at our happiness. Fortunately, we have a heavenly father that sees beyond the surface and looks to our hearts. We can take comfort, that the God of all comfort has not forgotten us.

Today we will visit one man who is about to learn that very lesson.

Sound – “Twilight Zone Theme”

Twilight Man – (In the style of the old "Twilight Zone") Submitted for your approval Grandpa is coming to the end of a long and uneventful life.

Grandpa - (reading the paper) I feel like I am coming to the end of a long and uneventful life.

Twilight Man - Grandpa feels as though his life has been wasted.

Grandpa - My life has been wasted.

Twilight Man - He feels as though he hasn't had any impact on the world.

Grandpa - I haven't had any impact on the world.

Twilight Man - He feels as though his life doesn't matter.

Grandpa - My life doesn't matter.

Twilight Man - Is there an echo in here?

Grandpa - (*Shakes his head no.*)

Twilight Man - Grandpa is about to find that there is more than meets the eye in this life in.... The heaven zone.

Music - *Twilight Zone* rift.

Grandpa – I am so tired. I can't believe that it will be much longer before I get to go home and be with the Lord.

But I am so sad. My life has been a waste. I have never built any great monuments. I didn't cure any diseases. I wasn't famous. I didn't write the great novel. In fact, when I think of it, I haven't done much at all.

I live here now all alone. I don't have much and my bank account is nearly empty.

God, I just don't know the point of it all. I have tried to be faithful, but my life doesn't seem to have mattered - doesn't seem to have counted for anything. (*Drifts off to sleep.*)

Scene - *Fog rolls in and angel comes in.*

Angel - Grandpa. Grandpa wake up!

Grandpa - Who are you?

Angel – It is not important who I am. I am here to talk about you?

Grandpa – Me? Why have you come to talk to me? You're not the ghost of Christmas past are you?

Angel – No, I am not the ghost of Christmas past. But the great I AM thought you might need to hear this right now.

Grandpa – Why are you speaking in riddles? I am an old man and I don't have time for riddles.

Angel – Oh, my dear Grandpa, I think this will actually solve a riddle or two for you.

It is my understanding that you feel as though your life has been wasted.

Grandpa – How did you know that?

Angel – Oh I know so much more than that. But I have something that I think you might want to see.

Scene – Girl puppet comes up.

Grandpa – What is the meaning of all of this?

Angel – Oh, it is just a few folks we thought you might like to meet.

Girl 1 – Hi Grandpa.

Grandpa – Who are you?

Girl 1 – I used to come over to your house for lemonade.

Grandpa – Oh, now I remember you. You were always thirsty. We would have cakes and lemonade in the garden and you would always ask me a million questions about God. Did any of the answers I gave you help?

Angel – They more than helped Grandpa. It was your faithful sharing of the Gospel that planted the seed. At 16 she accepted Jesus as her Lord and Savior.

Grandpa – Whatever happened to her anyway?

Angel – Just days after her 16th birthday, she was killed by a drunk driver.

Grandpa – Oh, I am so sorry.

Girl 1 – Don't be sorry grandpa. Without you telling me about God and His forgiveness, I wouldn't be here.

Thank you so much Grandpa.

Scene – Girl goes down and boy comes up.

Boy 1 – Hi Grandpa!

Grandpa – You look familiar. But I don't know from where.

Boy 1 – You served me dinner at a shelter once.

Angel – You did more than serve him dinner Grandpa. You saw that he was crying and so when you finished serving you came over and talked with him.

Grandpa – Oh, now I remember. Both your mom and dad were homeless and you were sad that you had no place to stay.

Angel – Do you also remember what you told him?

Grandpa – I think I told him not to worry. That God says in His word that He provides for the birds of the air and He will take care of you too.

Angel – Your memory is improving. You did tell him that very thing. And your faith in God was always on his mind. You'll be happy to know that when you prayed to God that his parents would find jobs that God answered your prayers and this boy credited his rescue to God. Later, he accepted Christ and is here because of you today.

Boy 1 – Thank you Grandpa.

Scene – Boy 1 goes down and girl 2 comes up.

Girl 2 – Hi Grandpa!

Grandpa – Hi! I remember you.

Girl 2 – You let me stay with you.

Angel – Yes Grandpa. For a while, you were a foster parent and you took her in when she lost her parents.

Girl 2 – I watched you and listened to your prayers and I admired you. It was your faithful example that helped me know that God was real.

One night while you were sleeping I prayed that God would give me a faith as strong as yours.

Angel – He listened to her prayer and she has touched so many lives because of you and is here in heaven.

Girl 2 – Thank you Grandpa!

Scene – Girl 2 goes down and boy comes up.

Boy 2 – Hi Grandpa!

Grandpa – I know you! You used to live next door to me.

Boy 2 – Yeah, you gave me clothes.

Grandpa – Oh I remember the tatters he used to run around in. His parents were so poor that they could not afford new clothes for him.

Angel – and so you would give him the clothes your son used to wear.

Grandpa – They weren't doing me any good.

Angel – Yes, but it was how you gave them to him. You would tell him that God had blessed you and now you wished to bless him back.

Grandpa – I remember that.

Boy 2 - Because of the generosity you showed me Grandpa, I began a clothing outreach when I got older. We have provided clothes and shoes for thousands of the poor and orphans all over the world. It was your example that made me want to help those in need.

Angel –He has helped so many because of you.

Boy 2 – Thank you Grandpa! (Sits down.)

Scene – Boy 2 goes down and lady comes up.

– Hi Grandpa!

Grandpa – I don't remember you.

Lady – You came to me in the hospital, you were a volunteer. I was very sick.

Of all of the people I met in the hospital during my final days, you were the most loving. Most of my family was too busy to come and see me, but you were there for me.

Grandpa – I am sorry you were sick.

Angel – Don't be sorry for her. She is in the arms of Jesus now and it because you prayed with her that she is there. If you had not shared the love of God with her, she would not be here today.

Lady – Thank you Grandpa.

Scene – Lady goes down and Rasta comes up.

Rasta Man – Hi Grandpa!

Grandpa – You look vaguely familiar.

Rasta Man – You came to me in prison. I had done some bad things.

Grandpa – Oh I remember that place. It was so awful and so sad. God seemed more real to me there sometimes than anywhere else – so many lost souls.

Rasta Man – And I certainly was a lost soul. But you saw past my rough exterior. It was a wall I had built to keep out a world that had hurt me so much.

You showed me a love that I had never known. It was a love that didn't want anything in return.

I am so grateful for you man.

Angel – And you shared with him at his most desperate moment that God was a God of forgiveness. That God would forgive him for all of the things he had done. He took that step of faith because of you and many others were lead to Christ by his example while he was in prison.

Rasta Man – Thank you Grandpa.

Scene – Rasta goes down.

Angel – So you see Grandpa, your life has not been a waste in the eyes of God. In fact it has been a magnificent triumph of faith. This is only a small portion of the rewards that are waiting for you.

Please do not lose heart. God does not see success as the world does. He has great love for you and there is an eternity waiting for you to see that your life does matter.

He still has work for you to do. The people you touch, touch others. You reward in heaven is greater than you can possibly imagine.

Scene – Angel drifts away and Grandpa falls back to sleep.

Grandpa – (Mumbling in his sleep) ...possibly imagine. (waking up) Oh, what a glorious day! I have a lot of work to do. After all, I am living a life that matters. (walks down)

Twilight Man – Submitted for your approval. Grandpa does live a life that matters. For God sees the world and the things in it differently than we. So remember, keep the faith and someday you too may join him in the... "Heaven Zone!"

Follow-up – In The book of Matthew Jesus tells us, beginning in verse 34 - Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.'
"Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink?
When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You?"

Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?
And the King will answer and say to them, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did *it* to one of the least of these My brethren, you did *it* to Me.’

(Adlib – encouragement for those who feel they don’t have a purpose any more)

ACT III

Scene – Audience participation karaoke song

Song – “Amazing Grace”

Closing Prayer / Encouragement

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