

## **Crossroads Café**

Below is one of the plays I wrote for our church.

**The Setting:** Eating place that people in the neighborhood frequent each day. Consist of proper signs, Four tables setup, Microwave, Coffee pot, Cash Register, Toaster, Ice Chest, service bell, and dressed to fit the scene in such a cafe and any other backdrops or signs to make it realistic.

**Narrator:** Each day of our lives we are faced with crossroads or decisions. Our responses to the crossroads in our life affect others either positive or negative. We never know, until it is sometimes too late. “Crossroads Café” is a short play about real life and how a life can be changed to add joy and meaning in our lives each day. Those in the play are in the Sunday School Class with the help of several other actors.

### **Parts:**

**Big Jim** – The short order cook (Has good and bad days)

**Kitty** – Waitress (A happy very friendly person even with all her problems.)

**Sue** – Waitress (Likes to gossip and likes to create problems at work.)

**Mary** – The Dishwasher and Cleanup worker. (A Christian and has a sick mother.)

### **Customers:**

**Mrs. Busybody** – Always finding fault in other people and at Church when the doors are open.

**Willie** – Always in trouble and never attends Church

**Miss Dotson** – A pass it on and make it bigger when it comes to gossip or fault

**John Smith** – Deacon in the Church and even attends sometimes, overall a good man.

**Maude**– A widow lady with a golden heart and always trying to get people to think positive.

**Sara** – A sweet young lady that never complains about anything and others take advantage of her.

**Lily** – The talk of the town. Not a nice person at all on the surface. Very rich and shows it off.

*Italicized sections are for actions or cues and normally not read*

## **Scene 1: Getting ready to open Friday morning.**

*Big Jim is working in the kitchen*

*Kitty is putting silverware on the tables and the music is real loud*

*Sue is putting Salt, Pepper and Ketchup on the tables*

*Mary is sweeping the floor.*

**Big Jim: (shouts) Could someone turn that music down. I've got a real headache.**

**Sue: MARY, MARY you missed that spot and another one over there. What will the customers think?**

**Mary: Thank you Sue for showing me, I'll be sure to get them in a minute just as soon as I turn the music down.**

**Kitty: Sue, why are you always picking on poor Mary. You know she had to stay up all night with her sick child. If you had any concern you would be thankful that you do not have the many problems that face Mary every day.**

**Big Jim: Mary can you get me some potatoes out back.**

**Mary: Right away Big Jim**

**Big Jim: You all 'bout ready out there, it's almost 6:00am and time to open.**

**Sue: Yep we are ready as we will ever be. By the way Kitty did you hear about Lily? Well a good friend of mine said his brother in-law had heard that Lily had been seen with the new preacher at the church downtown and not once but lots of times in the last month. You just never know do you?**

**Kitty: That's great, maybe she is using some of her money for a project the church is involved in.**

**Sue: Oh come on now.**

**Kitty: No I mean we cannot judge folks, our job is to feed them, right Big Jim.**

**Big Jim: Yea, you all quit talking and open up out there *now*.**

**Kitty: OK**

*They open the door (put open sign up)*

*The customers enter:*

**Kitty goes to Willie's table:**

**Kitty: Willie I believe its going to be a great day, what can I get you this morning?**

**Willie: What do you mean a great day, I got stopped on the way here an got a ticket for running a stop sign I didn't even see. The Law around here is out to get me for every little thing. Just bring me some coffee with cream and a couple of donuts for now.**

**Kitty: Thank you. (she walks away and shouts) Need a White Joe and warm sweet tires side by side.**

**Miss Dotson comes in with Mrs. Busybody and seat themselves:**

*Sue waits on them*

**Sue: Good morning ladies. Oh did you hear about Lily and the preacher downtown? Well they have been seeing each other pretty regular you know. By the way what do you want this morning?**

**Mrs. Busybody: Well I think I will have some toast and jelly with a glass of orange juice.**

**Miss Dotson: Just bring me a ham biscuit and black coffee.**

**Sue: OK (she walks away and shouts) Need two burnt with jelly and a big orange, a backside biscuit and a Black Joe.**

**Miss Dotson: By the way Mrs. Busybody I heard that Lily and the preacher downtown had been seeing each other for over a year and he is married you know. I'll tell you these days people do anything they want.**

**Mrs. Busybody: You are right Miss Dotson and I'm sure they are up to no good. Did you see Kitty's hair this morning and that cheap pair of earrings she has on? She probably thinks they are pretty, don't you recon?**

**Miss Dotson:** I am sure she does. I wouldn't be caught dead with them on me. It takes all kinds.

**Big Jim:** (*hits the bell and shouts ORDER UP*)

*Kitty picks up and takes it to Willie*

**Kitty:** Here you go Willie, just what the doctor ordered.

**Willie:** Don't talk to me about doctors. Mine is upset with me because I haven't been taking my medicine and both my blood pressure and cholesterol are way up. Thanks anyway.

**Kitty:** Willie why don't you join my husband and I and come to Sunday School with us. I know you would enjoy it and we learn a lot of things that help us every day in our lives.

**Willie:** Kitty I appreciate your asking but maybe some other time. Wheee!! this is hot coffee.

*John Smith comes over and asks Willie:* If it is OK to sit at this table:

**Willie:** Sure John rest your bones. What you been up too anyway?

**John Smith:** You know same O, same O. Trying to stay out of trouble.

**Willie:** Me too but I must not be very good at it cause somehow trouble seems to follow me around.

*Maude enters and goes to a table. (Sue comes over and gives her a Menu and Glass of water and leaves)*

**John Smith:** Maude you doing ok? Why don't you join us, there is plenty of room.

**Maude:** Well if its OK. I don't like to eat by myself and you are so kind to ask John.

**Willie:** John hasn't ordered yet anyway and I am almost thru. Come on over and join us.

*Maude takes her menu and water and goes to the table with John and Willie.*

*Kitty comes over to get their order*

**Kitty:** What can I get for you folks this morning?

**Maude:** I would like a bagel toasted with cream cheese and a cup of tea please Kitty. You are looking so nice and cheerful today, like you always do. Your solo last Sunday Morning was wonderful and a real blessing to me. Thank you so much.

**Kitty:** You are so kind, I am not a singer but I do love to make a joyful noise for my Lord for the many ways he helps me and my family every day. John what can I get for you?

**John Smith:** I'll have the same as Maude, 'cept I want coffee.

**Kitty:** Thank you I'll be hopping back in a minute and give you folks a chance to visit.

*Kitty walks away and shouts:* Need a solid tire with cheese, leaves in hot water, another hard tire with cheese and a Black Joe.

**Big Jim:** *(hits the bell and shouts)* ORDER UP

*Sue picks up and takes to Mrs. Busybody and Miss Dotson.*

**Sue:** Did you see what Kitty just did? She stole my customer, Maude. Maude always tips real good and I know that's why Kitty grabbed her. She is always doing that.

**Miss Dotson:** I sure did Sue. You should tell Big Jim and he can straighten it out for you.

*Sue leaves.*

**Mrs. Busybody:** Sue is always stirring up trouble isn't she. She doesn't even have to work you know with her daddy owning the Ford Dealership, and I know he makes tons of money the way he charges for his used cars. They say he charges 23.9% interest to those that don't know any better. Sue doesn't have room to talk Miss Dotson.

**Miss Dotson: This is the toughest ham biscuit I have ever eaten and the coffee isn't hot enough. It taste like dishwater. I just don't know why I even bother to come in here anyway to eat.**

**Mrs. Busybody: I'd send it back if I were you.**

**Miss Dotson: No I just tell everybody I know how bad the food is here.**

**Big Jim: *(hits the bell and shouts)* ORDER UP**

*Kitty picks up and takes to Maude and John.*

*Sara walks in and finds a table. Sue jumps to take her a menu and glass of water.*

**Sara: Sue I would appreciate a orange juice and a ham biscuit and that will be all for now.**

*Sue walks away and shouts backside on a biscuit and a big orange.*

*Willie excuses himself and leaves.*

*Lily walks in and goes to Sara's table and tells her she is at her table.*

*Sara excuses herself and moves to another table. Sue immediately runs to give Lily a menu and glass of water. She hollers for Mary to get out here quick and wipe Lilly's table.*

**Sue: Lily sooo glad to see you. Every thing going all right with you today so far. You look wonderful today and I really like your outfit. What can I get for you today?**

**Lily: Just some coffee and Danish this morning. I was up so late last night I am not really awake yet Sue.**

**Sue: Everything downtown working out?**

**Lily: I don't know what you are talking about unless my new Office building I bought yesterday.**

*Sue walks away and shouts: Sweet one and a Black Joe.*

**Big Jim:** *(hits the bell and shouts)* **ORDER UP**

*Sue picks up and takes it to Lily.*

*As each finishes their food Mary cleans up and leaves the tip on the table.*

*Sue Jumps to get hers and tells Kitty: You should get Maude's tip because that was you customer. Kitty cheerfully gives her the tip from Maude.*

## **End Scene 1.**

**Moderator:** Did you see any one you know or yourself in this scene? How did you feel about the character parts? Is this the best our world can be? Are they what Jesus expects them or each of us to be and do?

**Let's sing the first verse of "Just A Closer Walk With Jesus"**

## Scene 2                      Saturday Lunch

*Maude, Willie, John, and many others are in the café and things are a buzzing.*

*50's music is playing in the background.*

**Big Jim:** *(hits the bell and shouts ORDER UP)*

*Kitty picks up and takes food to Willie and John,*

**Kitty:** Here you go Willie, 2 hot dogs and a coke with some potato chips, just for you.

**Willie,** we really have a great lesson this Sunday. Bill and I would be honored to take you with us this Sunday.

**Willie:** Can't this Sunday, Sam and I are going fishing at the lake; thanks for asking anyway.

**Kitty:** John, here is your order, soup and salad with coffee. Enjoy! By the way don't forget Sunday is Deacon's meeting.

**John:** I'll be there, UNLESS something else comes up Kitty. Is Bill coming to the meeting?

**Kitty:** Sure, He would not miss it for anything. He always looks forward to it.

**Big Jim:** Mary get back here the dishes are piling up, they need washing now.

**Sue:** Mary clean up that table!

**Mary:** I'm on my way now.

**Big Jim:** *(hits the bell and shouts) ORDER UP SUE.*

*Sue Starts to pick up order but Lily walks in and sits down. Sue rushes to wait on her.*

**Sue:** Good afternoon Lily. How are you today? What can I get for you?



**Lily: The usual, of course.**

**Sue: Someone told me they saw you and the preacher from downtown at the “Stay a while Motel” the other evening.**

**Lily: They did.**

**Sue: Yes.**

**Lily: Get my food, I’m in a hurry, I am meeting someone in 30 minutes.**

**Sue: Right away.**

**Big Jim: *(hits the bell and shouts)* ORDER UP SUE NOW!**

**Sue: You sure are crabby today Big Jim.**

**Sue picks up order and takes to Maude.**

**Sue: Here Maude, I’ll check back later.**

*Sue goes over to Miss Dotson.*

**Sue: Well, it must be true about Lily and the preacher. She didn’t deny that they were at the “Stay A While Motel” last evening. Can I get you some more tea?**

**Miss Dotson: No, I’m fine thank you.**

*Sue rushes back to pick up and tells Big Jim, Lily is in a hurry and wants her food now.*

**Big Jim: What does she want Sue? I don’t have her order.**

**Sue: Oh, I forgot, her usual lunch.**

**Miss Dotson:** Mrs. Busybody, I'll bet Lily and that preacher have been going out for the last month or more. Why else would they be at the "Stay A While Motel every evening.

**Big Jim:** ORDER UP SUE!

*Sue takes salad and Coke to Lily.*

**Sue:** Lily, I'm sorry Big Jim is so slow today.

**Lily:** It's about time, I don't really have time to eat now. *Lily leaves after a bite or two.*

*The place starts clearing out.*

*Mary continues cleaning tables.*

**Sue:** Mary, you didn't pick up any of my tips did you?

**Mary:** No Ma'am, I left them all on the table as I cleaned up and reset.

**Kitty:** There you go Sue blaming Mary for your poor service and few tips. How you always look on the negative. My! My! be happy you have a job and get to meet these fine folks.

## **End Scene 2**

Things are not looking good in river city right now. Did you see anything you have seen before? What will happen next? In just a minute or two we will find out. Things get worse before they get better.

Let's sing the first verse of "Serve the Lord With Gladness"

## **Scene 3 Saturday, Supper Time to Closing**

Customers eating, Mary cleaning the empty tables Sue is complaining about not getting the tips she feels she should get and Kitty is telling Sara how nice she looks and how she always enjoys

how she contributes to the Sunday School Lesson every Sunday.

*Miss Dotson and Mrs. Busybody are talking about all the gossip they had heard at the beauty shop and eating their meal.*

*Maude is eating and putting the final touches on her Sunday School Lesson she has to teach in the morning.*

*Willie enters and sits down at a table. He looks very depressed and troubled. Kitty notices that he had been crying and she walks over to him and sits down herself.*

**Kitty:** Willie, what is wrong. You look as if you have lost your best friend? Are you OK? Is there something I can do to for you?

**Willie:** *(In a pitiful voice says)* Kitty, I just found out Sam is dead, he died about 3:00pm with a heart attack when he was getting up hay in the field. Sam has always been there for me when I have problems and I wasn't there for him when he needed me Kitty. It hurts so bad.

**Kitty:** *(Puts here arm around Willie and holds him tight.)* Willie, Sam was a good man and a Christian. He is in heaven now with our Savior. You always meant a lot to Sam and I know he would not want you to feel guilty, that's the way friends are Willie. Be thankful you had such a friend for the many years.

**Willie:** Kitty would you and Bill stop by and pick me up in the morning. I need to make some changes in my life and I will need some help.

**Kitty:** Willie we will be honored to have you come with us to Church in the morning. Bill and I both have prayed for a long time for you to join us in Sunday School. As a matter of fact the lesson tomorrow is all about the Love of Jesus and his Love for you, Sam, and all that will believe and follow him.

**Willie:** You and Bill are my good friends and I will never forget that, Kitty. Thank you for being there when I need you.

**Kitty:** OK now how about something to eat. Maybe a salad and sandwich with some coffee. It's on the house.

**Willie:** Sounds good. I appreciate your thoughtfulness.

**Mrs. Busybody:** Wonder what kind of trouble Willie has gotten into now. Miss Dotson you know Willie is always into trouble.

**Sue:** *(Walks over to Miss Dotson and Mrs. Busybody's table)* Well, did you see that? Kitty over there hugging up on Willie. She's more than likely trying to get him to go to Church. Can't you just see Willie in Church? The steeple would fall off the roof if he stepped thru the Church Doors, I'll bet. I doubt if he even has clothes fitting to go to Church in.

**Miss Dotson:** Now, now Sue, I'm sure he has a clean pair of overalls somewhere. Ha Ha Ha

**Maude:** Kitty, Kitty can you get me some water please.

*Kitty leaves Willie and gets a glass of water for Maude and takes it to her.*

**Maude:** Kitty, Willie looks really down in the dumps. Is there any thing I can do to cheer him up?

**Kitty:** You may not have heard that Sam had a heart attack and died this afternoon. Sam was Willies best friend and always got him out of trouble. Willie is very depressed and need our love more now than ever. Maude something wonderful has happened. Willie is coming to Sunday school with Bill and I tomorrow, I just can't wait. You may want to pray about this and consider it as you teach the lesson. I feel this is God's plan. Willie has been at the crossroad for a long time you know.

**Maude:** Thanks for letting me know. I certainly will pray that tomorrow's lesson will be a special blessing to Willie and help him in many ways to understand God's love for him.

**Kitty:** Thanks Maude

**John Smith:** Hey look who is coming in. Why it's Lily and the preacher from downtown.

**Miss Dotson:** Well I never! They sure are not hiding it anymore are they!

*Lily and the preacher come in and sit down:*

*Sue goes to the table and gives them a menu and some water.*

**Sue: I'll be back in a minute to get your order.**

*John walks over to the table and asks if everything has worked out as they planned.*

**Lily: Yes John, with the preachers help over the last month everything has been put to bed.**

**John: That's great. When are you two moving in?**

**Lily: Next week, right preacher?**

**Preacher: If everything goes as planned, that's our intent.**

**Mrs. Busybody: Did I hear what I think I heard? Yes I did. The Preacher and Lily moving in together next week. I feel so sorry for his wife. You just don't know about anybody anymore, do you?**

**Miss Dotson: I told you this would happen, didn't I? I sure did. Think of how that church is going to have to deal with this.**

**John: Are the kids going to be there next week too?**

**Lily: We hope so. We really look forward to them you know.**

**Preacher: That is if they get the fence up next week and the playground complete.**

**Miss Dotson: He's bringing his children too! They have no shame, no shame at all.**

*Mrs. Busybody shrugs her shoulders and clears her throat with a grufffff.*

**Preacher: (*stands up and gets everybody's attention*) Now that every thing has been finalized I can tell you as I plan to in Church tomorrow. Lily has been so generous and wanted to do this for such a long time but could not find the right place and time to do it. She has prayed that a place would become available to purchase for a day camp for all the children in the town. God has provided the place and Lily ask our Association to manage it for the town. The association ask me to work with her and help in any way possible to make this dream of hers a reality. At a great deal of expense on Lily's part and with help from an attorney in the Association the "Stay a While Motel" and the surrounding property will become a place our children can attend free of charge and get excellent training and fellowship. The town owes Lilly a lot of thanks in making this town a better place for the future. All the Churches in town will be allocated time and space for use of this camp.**

**Sara: (stands up and says) Let's hear a big round of applause for Lily and the Preacher.**

**APPLAUSE:**

## **End Scene 3**

**Narrator:**

**The sign "Stay a While Motel" came down and was replaced with a new sign that read "Just for Kids Day Camp"**

**Willie was converted three weeks later.**

**Sue's attitude changed and she became a better person**

**Miss Dotson and Mrs. Busybody volunteered to work at the day camp.**

**John Smith started attending Church regular and coordinates brotherhoods in maintaining the playgrounds at the day camp for the children.**

**Maude and Sara continued to be the wonderful people they were**

**Kitty became Willie's closest friend**

**Mary's mother is better and helping Mary take care of her son.**

**Big Jim gave everybody a raise and closes early on Wednesday to go to prayer meeting**

**Lily used her money to make sure each child had food and an education**

## **The End**

**We hope you have enjoyed our attempt to bring this play to you. You have been very kind**

**Change the "Person-#" below to the real person playing the part:**

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**Person-2: Big Jim – The short order cook (Has good and bad days)**

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**Person-10: Sara – A sweet young lady that never complains about anything and others take advantage of her**

**Person-11: Lilly – The talk of the town, Not a nice person at all on the surface. Very rich and shows it off**

**Person-12: Downtown preacher**

**Customers: Second and Third Scene (Sitting at tables talking and eating.)**

**Table A: Person-13 and Person-14**

**Table B: Person-15, Person-16 and Person-17**

**Sue will serve in the second scene and Kitty in the last scene**