

Christmas Special 2007

Coaching Point: Sacrifice of Love

Adapted from: "The Gift of the Magi" (1906)

Author: O'Henry (1862-1910)

One cold winter Christmas Eve, there was a family who lived in the slums of Brooklyn. The family lived in an old run down apartment, that was really only suitable for rats.

The wife wanted to buy a chain for her husbands damaged watch, but did not have enough money. She was frantic and overwhelmed with panic. She did not know what to do. Her Christmas would be ruined! She thought and thought, until she came up with an idea. She decided to sell her hair at the local salon.

She entered the salon and was quickly examined by the stylist. The hair stylist was astonished in not finding damaged or liced hair. The wife and the stylist bargained and bargained. It resulted in the wife receiving \$20.00 for her hair, which was just enough to buy the chain. She looked at herself and saw that she looked hideous without hair, but she did not care and cloaked her head with a shawl.



She quickly searched and purchased the desired chain and left for home. She wrapped the chain in newspaper and sat quietly awaiting her husband's return from work that afternoon.

When the husband got home and entered the house, the wife could see that he had a grin on his face. After dinner, they sat next to the stove for warmth. The wife then pulled out the gift and gave it to the husband. The husband looked confused, but opened it. He was in tears when he saw the gift, because he had sold his watch to buy a gift for the wife. He pulled out his gift, which was a set of hair brushes for his wife's delicate hair. The wife and husband cried and wept together. The love that they had for each other proved that they would sacrifice

anything it took to see happiness upon their partner.

I am sure that most of you are familiar with; "The Gift of the Magi." No matter how many times it is told around Christmas each year, it is a story that never seems to grow old. Through the selfless example of the love and devotion of a couple for one another, we are brought back to the true meaning of Christmas.

Through the celebration of the birth of Christ at Christmas time, we are reminded that love came here to save us.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year everyone.

~ *James Ladd*



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