GRANDPA MOSES' BAKERY



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Grandpa Moses was a kind man who owned a small bakery. But a long time ago, when he was young, he was part of a bad gang. He hurt people and took their money. One day, he was caught and sent to prison. While he was in there, he found a Bible. As Grandpa Moses read it, he realized that he had done many bad things. But he also learned something amazing—Jesus loved him and had died for his sins! So, in prison, he prayed and decided to follow Jesus. When Grandpa Moses got out, he left the gang, went to baking school, and opened a bakery in a small town. He made delicious bread and helped at church. His biggest dream was to meet Jesus one day and share his best bread with Him.

One night, Grandpa Moses had a dream. Jesus appeared to him and said, "Tomorrow, I will visit your bakery. Please prepare your best bread for Me." When he woke up, he was so excited! He got up early, mixed the dough, and baked three of his most delicious loaves. Then, he waited for Jesus to come.

As the morning passed, two children in ragged clothes came into the bakery. They were orphans from the village. They had only a few coins and asked if they could buy some bread. But Grandpa Moses had only made the special bread for Jesus, and it was too expensive. Even with their coins, they couldn't buy it. So, he told them there was no bread for sale and sent them away. But as he watched them leave, he remembered how Jesus loved little children. His heart softened, and he called them back. "Here, take this," he said, giving them one of the special loaves for free. The children were so happy and thanked him over and over before leaving.

Later, around lunchtime, a tired young mother walked in with her little daughter. The mother was sick and couldn't cook, so the child hadn't eaten anything that day. "Do you have any bread for us?" she asked. But now, only two loaves were left for Jesus. Grandpa Moses hesitated, but then he remembered how Jesus, seeing the hungry crowd, did not want to leave them without food. Jesus performed a miracle, feeding 5,000 people with just five loaves of bread and two fish. Inspired by this,



Grandpa Moses called the mother back and gave her one loaf. She cried tears of joy and thanked him over and over.

Now, only one loaf was left. Grandpa Moses told himself, "At least I still have one to give to Jesus." He kept waiting. Evening came, and the sun was setting. He started to think maybe the dream wasn't real. Just as he was about to close the shop, a young man walked in. "Do you have any bread?" he asked. Grandpa Moses explained that he had only made a few loaves that day. The young man looked very sad. He had just been released from prison and was traveling to see his mother for the first time in years. "My mother loves bread," he said. "I wanted to bring her some as a gift."

Hearing this, Grandpa Moses suddenly remembered his own time in prison. He saw himself in this young man. Then, he recalled Jesus' words: "Do to others as you would have them do to you." He knew what he had to do. Smiling, he handed over the last loaf and said, "Take it. It's a gift." The young man was so grateful that Grandpa Moses prayed for him before he left.

That night, Grandpa Moses went to bed feeling disappointed that Jesus had never come. But then, he had another dream. In the dream, Jesus appeared again and smiled. "Thank you for the wonderful bread! It was delicious!" He said. Grandpa Moses was confused. "But Jesus, I waited all day. When did You come?" Jesus answered, "I visited your bakery three times—once as two orphaned children, once as a hungry mother and her child, and once as a lonely young man. When you shared your bread with them, you were sharing it with Me."

Grandpa Moses woke up with a joyful heart. He realized that by helping others, he had truly served Jesus.

Matthew 25:40: "And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, in as much as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.' "

Dear children, do you want to give a gift to Jesus? You don't have to wait to see Him in person! If you share what you have, forgive others, and help those in need, it's like giving a gift to Jesus. One day, He will say to you, "Thank you! That was for Me!" Let's all be kind and loving so we can hear Jesus' praise, just like Grandpa Moses. Let's pray.