

Illustrated Message – Loved Not Their Lives

Actors:

- Wrunken – A young girl in the 15th century
- Johanka – The lady who runs the orphanage
- Mrs. Frans – The wife of Mr. Frans the brick layer
- Mr. Frans – Brick layer
- Isabella – A young girl from the orphanage
- Inquisitor – A man sent by King Philip II and the Duke of Alba
- Official – The man sent with the Inquisitor by King Philip II
- Gabriel – The angel

Description of Wrunken;

- A young girl, between 13-15 years old, a servant of the Mayor Brugge in Flanders which is located in modern day Belgium, she has a Bible in her possession which by law of King Philip II, is not allowed to be read or to have in her possession.

Description of Johanka;

- The owner of an orphanage where Wrunken was left at by her father.

Description of Mrs. Frans;

- The wife of Mr. Frans, a brick layer, she initially favors the rule of King Philip II, but has a change of heart as she learns of Wrunken and Isabella's faith.

Description of Mr. Frans;

- A brick layer by trade who's a Christian and is forced by the Inquisitor to hue out a hole in the city wall to bury Wrunken alive in.

Description of Isabella;

- A young Christian orphan with the same heart for God as Wrunken

Description of Inquisitor;

- Sent by King Philip II with the Duke of Alba to Flanders to investigate who was reading the Bible in their own language, he's ruthless and doesn't care who he has killed or tortured to stamp out Protestantism and destroy Bibles being written in the people's language.

Description of the Official;

- The man who tries to get Wrunken to repent from owning and reading the bible.

SCENE

THE INQUISITOR WITH WRUNKEN BEHIND THE CARRIAGE ARRIVES AT THE PLACE AT THE CITY WALL THAT HAS BEEN HUED OUT. THE GUARDS UNCHAIN WRUNKEN FROM THE BACK OF THE WAGON AND PULL HER TO THE HOLE IN THE WALL. THEY'RE ROUGH AND BRUTISH IN THEIR ACTION WITH NO REGARD OF HER BEING A YOUNG GIRL TO THE POINT THAT THE CROWDS ARE ALMOST SHOCKED AT HOW HARD THEY ARE ON HER. IT'S A QUICK TRANSITION.

INQUISITOR

(Speaking to Mr Frans the Brickie) Well, what are you waiting for, start bricking her in.

THE BRICKIE IS OVERWHELMED WITH WHAT'S HAPPENING THAT HE'S SHAKING AND TREMBLING AS HE PICKS UP A STONE AND MORTAR. HE LAYS THE FIRST STONE AT HER FEET.

WRUNKEN

(Looking at Mr. Frans) The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner. Jesus was rejected and so I am rejected.

CUT TO SHOT OF JOHANKA, ISABELLA AND THE ORPHANS ARRIVING TO THE WALL. THERE IS AN EYE TO EYE CONNECTION WITH WRUNKEN AND ISABELLA. WRUNKEN GIVES THEM BOTH A NOD OF RECOGNITION.

JOHANKA

Isabella, Wrunken was an orphan in our home, like you are. She loved Jesus with all of her heart. (Looking at Isabella)
Like you Isabella.

WRUNKEN LOOKING AT MR. FRANS AND AT THE ORPHANS SHE WHISPERS TO HERSELF.

WRUNKEN

These are who Jesus died for and it is He who I die for today.

AS MR. FRANS IS LAYING THE STONE, HE LOOKS UP AT THE ORPHANS, BARELY ABLE TO CONTAIN HIS EMOTIONS. HE'S VERY HUMBLLED AS HE SEES WHAT'S REALLY TRANSPILING WITH WRUNKEN'S DECISION. HE HAS A FLASHBACK TO HIS CONVERSATION WITH HIS WIFE WHEN THEY WERE DISPUTING ABOUT WRUNKEN DISOBEYING THE LAW OF NOT READING THE BIBLE IN HER OWN LANGUAGE. THIS IS THE SCENE;

MRS. FRANS

I can't believe you turned this job down! That was triple your salary, it could have put bread on the table for the next few months.

MR. FRANS

Am I Judas? Is my last name Iscariot? This is our fellow Protestant, our sister in the Lord!

MRS. FRANS

Sister in the Lord or not, she rebelled against the orders of King Philip II and should not have read the Holy Bible!

THE SCENE RETURNS BACK TO MRS FRANS COMING UP BEHIND ISABELLA AND SHE SLIPS A CLOTH POUCH THAT HAS THE BIBLE THAT THE MAYOR HAD GIVEN HER TO GIVE TO ISABELLA. ISABELLA LOOKS AT POUCH AND PIERS IN BRIEFLY WITH A SMILE LIGHTING UP HER FACE.

MRS FRANS

A Bible for you, in memory of Jesus and Wrunken.

ISABELLA

Thank you, but why me? I'm an orphan.

MRS FRANS

But Jesus never left you as an orphan, he sent the Holy Spirit to comfort you.
(Isabella's eyes well up with tears)

ISABELLA

I know. Thank you.

MRS. FRANS

Don't thank me, thank Jesus.

ISABELLA

Thank you Jesus.

A DIVERSE CROWD IS PRESENT AT THE WALL, YOUNG & OLD, SYMPATHIZERS AND OPPONENTS; EVEN A FEW WHO ARE DEMON POSSESSED ARE THERE. THEY'RE ALL VOICING THEIR THOUGHTS AND OPINIONS, SOME IN FAVOR, SOME SYMPATHIZERS. AN OFFICIAL WITH THE INQUISITOR WALKS UP TO WRUNKEN.

OFFICIAL

Wrunken, so young and beautiful - yet to die. You can change your mind young girl.

WRUNKEN

How can I change my mind? I have the mind of Christ; I hear His voice and no other voices do I listen to, including yours.

OFFICIAL

Well, not even your own father's voice?

FLASH BACK TO WRUNKEN AS A LITTLE GIRL IN THE ORPHANAGE WITH JOHANKA. A VISUAL OF THE FATHER BRINGING WRUNKEN TO THE ORPHANAGE AND WAVES GOODBYE AS WRUNKEN IS WITH JOHANKA. HER FATHER IS A SIMPLE MAN, A PAUPER, NOT HAVING ANYTHING IN HIS LIFE. JOHANKA IS LOOKING CLOSELY AT WRUNKEN, CHECKING TO SEE IF THERE ARE ANY PHYSICAL SIGNS OF ABUSE BUT THERE AREN'T ANY. SHE INTRODUCES HERSELF TO WRUNKEN.

JOHANKA

Hi Wrunken, my name is Johanka.

WRUNKEN

But where's my father? (Wrunken starts to cry)

JOHANKA

(In a comforting way embracing her) He has gone to work very hard to help provide for you to stay here for a short while. He loves you very dearly. And God willing he'll be back soon. But in the mean time, this is your home and I will look after you Wrunken. (Johanka gives Wrunken a hug.)

BACK AT THE CITY WALL, THERE ARE VARIOUS SHOTS OF THE CROWD, WITH A SHOT OF HER FATHER WHO IS HORRIFIED WITH WHAT'S HAPPENING. HIS HEAD IS HANGING LOW AND HE'S IN TERRIBLE AGONY SEEING WHAT'S HAPPENING TO HIS DAUGHTER AND YET KNOWS HE CAN'T STOP ANYTHING AND ANYTHING HE WOULD SAY WOULD PUT HIM IN JEOPARDY OF LOOSING HIS LIFE. HE'S UNDER THE FEAR AND THE TYRANNY OF THE RELIGIOUS SYSTEM. THE BRICKS ARE BEING LAID OVER WRUNKEN AND ONLY THE BRICK THAT WOULD COVER HER FACE IS LEFT.

OFFICIAL

(Trying to get her to repent) You will suffocate and die in here!

WRUNKEN

I will be with Jesus.

OFFICIAL

(For the last time trying to persuade her) - Just say these words, "I repent of reading the bible" and then you will go free.

WRUNKEN

Oh Lord, forgive my murderers.

AS WRUNKEN SAYS THIS, THE LAST BRICK IS PLACED OVER HER FACE TO ENTOMB HER. THERE ARE VARIOUS SHOTS OF THE CROWDS REACTION, INCLUDING HER FATHERS.

WRUNKEN IS STANDING IN FRONT OF AN ELEVATOR WITH A CLEAR KNOWLEDGE THAT SHE HAS DIED. ELEVATOR DOOR OPENS AND THEY ENTER

GABRIEL

Hello Wrunken, my names Gabriel. I'm here to escort you to heaven where you will be judged and to see if your name is in the Book of Life.

WRUNKEN

Oh, I know my name is in the Book of Life. My concern is that my works that I did on earth are going to be judged. I hope they're all gold, silver and precious stones that remain after they've been judged by fire, and not my own will (wood ,hay and stubble), that will burn up in smoke. I really tried my best.

GABRIEL

Well, we've arrived Wrunken.

ELEVATOR DOOR OPENS

GABRIEL

(Pointing to another angel who is there when the doors open)

This is Michael, another angel, and he'll take you right ahead to those doors, and through them you'll see Jesus Christ and He'll judge you.

WRUNKEN

I've looked so forward to seeing Jesus face to face. I know His judgment will be just.

WRUNKEN WALKS OFF WITH MICHEL

LATER, WRUNKEN COME BACK TO THE ELEVATOR, THERE IS A GLOW ON HER FACE.

GABRIEL

Hello Wrunken. It's time to take you to heaven, to your mansion that Jesus went to prepare for you!

WRUNKEN

Most of my works remained as precious stones when they were tried by fire. Only the things that I thought were God's will but weren't, were consumed by fire. They went up in smoke.

THE ELEVATOR DOOR OPENS.

GABRIEL

You're home Wrunken and this is your mansion!

WRUNKEN GETS OUT IN AWE OF THE BEAUTY SHE SEES

WRUNKEN

Oh, I so want to visit with those who went on before me and died for Christ.

GABRIEL

Well, you have eternity to do just that and more, enjoy.

(This is a fiction script based upon the true story of Wrunken and on Bible scriptures – August 2nd, 2015)

Bible Verses

I Corinthians 3:12-13; “But if anyone builds upon the Foundation, whether it be with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw. The work of each one will become plainly, openly known, shown for what it is: for the day of Christ will disclose and declare it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test and critically appraise the character and worth of the work each person has done.” Amplified Bible

II Corinthians 5:10; “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.”

Revelations 12:11; “And they have overcome (conquered) him by means of the blood of the Lamb and by the utterance of their testimony, for they did not love and cling to life even when faced with death (holding their lives cheap till they had to die for their witnessing).” Amplified Bible

Mark 8:38; “For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.”

I John 2:27; “But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.”

Psalms 119:105; “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”

John 14:2-4; “In my Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to myself; that where I am, there you may be also. And where I go you know, and the way you know.”

Matthew 6:25-34

Proverbs 11:30; “...And he who wins souls is wise.”

Hebrews 9:27; “And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.”

Revelation 20:15; “And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.”

Romans 10:9; “That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.”

Review and Recap of the Illustrated Message by Marjorie

Matthew 16:24-26 says; “Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?”

The true story of Wrunken stirs many emotions and challenges our faith. How could a young girl be so resolute in her faith? How could she lay down her life for having a Bible in her possession, regularly reading from it? Removing the Bible from people’s possession means that the political or religious systems can dictate what they wish and control the masses in what only they want to be communicated and the belief system they want to establish. Is the Bible more precious to you than anything like it was for Wrunken?

All of us are accountable before Christ on that judgement day for our works and what we have or have not done for Him. What isn’t of Him will be consumed by fire, and only that which was of Him and was His will, will remain. Wrunken was

assured of her salvation, but was unsure if what she did was the total will of the Lord. We can do lots of good things throughout the course of the day, but let's do it with the thought of eternity, will it remain or is it just something good, nice and really what we want to do? Let us work as unto the Lord that our joy may be full.

The script that was used about Wrunkn, is from a film script that we have written entitled, "Loved Not Their Lives", which will be posted in the near future for review and commentary.

We had a new person fellowship with us today which was a blessing. Our prayers were that we would continue to be bold in preaching Jesus Christ, not be ashamed to carry the Bible with us and not be ashamed to stand for truth. The harvest is ripe but the laborers are few.

