

HOT HEAD

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(LUCY SITTING IN OVERSTUFFED CHAIR REVIEWING SCHOOLBOOKS AS SUSAN STORMS INTO THE ROOM, SLAMS THE DOOR, THROWS HERSELF INTO THE COUCH.)

(IN A HUFFY TONE)

SUSAN: OH! HE JUST MAKES ME SO MAD!!

(TAKING BREATH, GLANCES UP AT SUSAN)

LUCY: WHO MADE YOU MAD THIS TIME?

SUSAN: THAT JAMES! *(SLIGHT PAUSE)* HEY WAIT! WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY “**THIS TIME**”?

LUCY: OH, NOTHING. JUST THAT IT SEEMS YOU ARE ALWAYS GETTING MAD OR UPSET AT **SOMEBODY.**

FOR **SOME** REASON.

(SITTING UP AND RAISING HER VOICE)

SUSAN: NO I DON'T

LUCY: THEN WHY ARE YOU RAISING YOUR VOICE AT ME RIGHT NOW? HUH?

SUSAN: I'M NOT..., BECAUSE!

LUCY: BECAUSE, WHAT? I'M MAKING YOU MAD?

(SUSAN UNEASY, GETS UP TO GET A SODA FROM THE FRIDGE, STAMMERING WORDS)

SUSAN: N..NO!

LUCY: *(SLIGHTLY GRINNING)* FACE IT, THE TRUTH IS YOU GET UPSET EASILY. BUT WE ALL GET ANGRY AT TIMES, IT'S JUST HOW WE HANDLE THAT ANGER THAT MAKES THE DIFFERENCE IN OUR LIVES.

SUSAN: SO WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN YOU GET MAD? I'VE SEEN YOU GET PRETTY MAD AT TIMES.

LUCY: YES, YOU HAVE. AND I AM SORRY FOR THAT. THOSE WERE NOT SOME OF MY BETTER DAYS. I USED TO ACT THE SAME WAY WHEN I WAS ANGRY AT SOMETHING. I ALSO GOT MAD AT JUST THE LITTLEST THINGS THAT DIDN'T GO MY WAY. THEN I FOUND SOMEONE THAT COULD HELP GET ME THROUGH THOSE TOUGH TIMES.

(SUSAN SITTING UP, GENUINELY INTERESTED IN THE REVELATION)

SUSAN: REALLY! WHO? WHO DID YOU FIND TO GET YOU OVER BEING SO MAD?

LUCY: GOD. I LEARNED THAT HE LOVES ME FOR ALL OF MY FAULTS, AND HE EXPECTS US TO LOVE OTHERS THE SAME WAY. GOD CARES SO MUCH, THAT IT HURTS HIM TO SEE US ACT OUT ANGRY AND UPSET.

SUSAN: ARE YOU SERIOUS? YOU MEAN BY THE WAY I ACT BEING MAD, I HURT GOD?

LUCY: YES I AM, AND YES IT DOES. GOD TELLS US TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER AND NOT TO HATE. THAT MEANS EVERYONE THAT HAS HURT YOU OR MADE YOU MAD. EVEN JAMES.

SUSAN: *(SEMI-JOKINGLY)* I CAN'T LOVE HIM, HE'S NOT EVEN MY TYPE.

LUCY: NOT THAT KIND OF LOVE, SILLY! *(PULLS OUT HER BIBLE AND FLIPS THROUGH PAGES)* LET ME READ THIS TO YOU. I THINK THAT IT WILL PUT THINGS INTO PERSPECTIVE. COLOSSIANS 3 : 12 – 14, "THEREFORE, AS GOD'S CHOSEN PEOPLE, HOLY AND DEARLY LOVED, CLOTHE YOURSELVES WITH COMPASSION, KINDNESS, HUMILITY, GENTLENESS, AND PATIENCE. BEAR WITH EACH OTHER AND FORGIVE WHATEVER GRIEVANCES YOU MAY HAVE

AGAINST ONE ANOTHER. FORGIVE AS THE LORD FORGAVE YOU. AND OVERALL THESE VIRTUES PUT ON LOVE, WHICH BINDS THEM ALL TOGETHER IN PERFECT UNITY.”

SUSAN: (*THINKING*) I HEAR WHAT YOU ARE SAYING, BUT WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

LUCY: LET’S SEE. DO YOU KNOW WHO JESUS IS?

SUSAN: (*SCOFFS*) YEAH!

LUCY: DO YOU BELIEVE HE DIED FOR YOUR SINS AND YOU HAVE ACCEPTED HIM AS YOUR LORD AND SAVIOR RIGHT?

SUSAN: (*QUIZZICLY*) YOU KNOW I DO.

LUCY: (*SHIFTING IN SEAT*) BY DOING SO YOU HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED AS GOD’S CHOSEN PEOPLE, AND THAT MEANS WHEN PEOPLE DO YOU WRONG IE: HURT YOUR FEELINGS OR MAKE YOU ANGRY, YOU MUST SHOW THEM COMPASSION, KINDNESS, HUMILITY, GENTLENESS, AND PATIENCE, ALL OF WHICH IS STORED WITHIN YOU.

SUSAN: (*AS A LIGHT CLICKS ON*) OH! YOU ARE SAYING THAT BECAUSE OF MY RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS, THAT I SHOULD SHOW COMPASSION AND FORGIVENESS AS HE HAS SHOWED ME, AND NOT JUMP TO THE MAD AT THE WORLD PHASE.

LUCY: YOU GOT IT! BUT DON’T FORGET. TO SHOW FORGIVENESS AND LOVE YOU NEED TO TELL JAMES YOU ARE SORRY AND MEAN IT.

SUSAN: (*WALKING AROUND*) WOW! GOD EXPECTS MORE FROM US THAN I THOUGHT.

LUCY: HE JUST WANTS US TO TREAT EACH OTHER IN THE SAME LOVING WAY AS HE DOES US. IT’S THAT SIMPLE.

SUSAN: IT WILL BE TOUGH, BUT I DEFINITELY WILL TRY AT EVERY TURN. YOU WILL HELP ME OUT JUST IN CASE I NEED A REMINDER. RIGHT?

LUCY: OF COURSE I WILL.

(A KNOCK ON THE DOOR)

LUCY: WHO IS IT?

(THROUGH THE DOOR)

JAMES: IT'S ME JAMES. CAN I COME IN?

(LUCY OPENS THE DOOR AND LETS HIM IN)

LUCY: COME ON IN! WE WERE JUST TALKING ABOUT YOU.

(JAMES ROLLS HIS EYES AND SHEEPISHLY ENTERS THE ROOM)

JAMES: HI.

SUSAN: HI JAMES, I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT I'M SORRY FOR EARLIER. I WASN'T THINKING CLEARLY, I HAD A BAD DAY,
NOTHING WAS GOING MY WAY AND I TOOK IT OUT ON YOU. I'M SO SORRY!

JAMES: I REALLY APPRECIATE THAT. IT MEANS A LOT TO ME. I HAVE TO ADMIT THAT I WAS PRETTY UPSET, I PRAYED
ABOUT IT AND I FELT GOD WANTING ME TO COME OVER HERE TO TALK TO YOU. ARE THINGS O.K. NOW?

SUSAN: YEAH. THINGS ARE FINE NOW. THANKS TO A ROOMIE WHO CARES ENOUGH TO SHOW ME A FEW THINGS THAT
I WAS MISSING OUT ON. I DON'T THINK MY ANGER WILL BE MUCH OF A PROBLEM AS BEFORE.

LUCY: *(STANDING AND STRETCHING)* WELL! I'M GLAD TO HEAR THAT ALL IS WELL NOW. SO, WHO'S UP FOR PIZZA?

(JAMES AND SUSAN IN UNISON)

JAMES/SUSAN: I AM!

(LAUGHING, GRABBING THEIR JACKETS AND KEYS, THEY QUICKLY EXIT OUT THE FRONT DOOR)

DOOR SLAMS SHUT AND LOCKS

FADE OUT