

Chapter Nine: Compassion

Laevieus has determined within his heart that Gods judgment is not just. Deciding to take matters into his own hands he sets out to right what in his heart is wrong. After entering the city that never sleeps, Laevieus has a close encounter with God. God knows Laevieus' plight and has stepped in to help this wondering spirit. "Laevieus has not been in his right spirit since the child Samantha has past away." speaks Carga in a high-pitched voice. Carga is a warrior for the kingdom of God and her companion, Maltese stands by her side. "He is hurting within; the Master knows." Replies Maltese in a deep, low voice, "He will help set things right, we on the other hand, need to be near to assist." And as the two voices stop speaking, another speaks.

"Laevieus, I have seen your plight, arise and talk with Me." Laevieus looks up and stands to his feet. "Master, I have done what is right" Speaks Laevieus, "I have seen the evil and have corrected its way." "What way is that Laevieus? What way would they have taken if they continued?" asks God. "The way that leads all men to forever torment; the way that drives men away from Your path." replies Laevieus. And as God and Laevieus continue to have their conversation, two darkly spirits have arrived to observe. "The dark realm is on their way to witness" speaks Carga; "I wonder whom they have sent?" "I do not think it matters Carga; I think they are to anxious for this one." speaks Maltese. "They will have to get through us before we will allow them to take one of ours." "AMEN!" replies Carga with enthusiasm. And before they could finish their conversation, the two dark shadows show themselves. They are Tomta and Dustrim, Satan's personal henchmen. These rise up from the depths of hell appearing out of the ground just to hide around corners; ready to snatch God's warriors when they fall prey to the anguish that one is not exempt from, and destroy the powers of the kingdom in doing so. "Well, wouldn't you know, the lord of serpents has sent only his best." Speaks Carga; "this is going to be a fight that is worthy of death!" Maltese glances at Carga and smiles; "The greatest honor there is, my friend, to die for our friend that he may be saved." replies Maltese. "And what is this that he has sent us into?" speaks Tomta; "does he not realize that He is here?" "You give to much credit Tomta; our lord knows we have victory! For this one has one foot on our realm." speaks Dustrim. "That is true!" speaks Tomta who lets out an eerie chuckle that has shivered the greatest of men.

Laevieus and God continue with their conversation. "And what path would that be Laevieus? For by interfering in their fate you have caused them no chance to find their path." speaks God. "Does it matter when one dies, Lord?" replies Laevieus, "would time change anything that one had live and the other died?" "Laevieus, I see your heart, I feel your pain!" responds God. "If you did feel my pain You would have seen my suffering, you would have given her a chance." Snaps Laevieus back at Gods response. "Laevieus, I want you to see something, come with me." And with that Laevieus and God has disappeared together.

”And now we wait till He calls!” speaks Carga as Maltese nods in agreement. “Now we have to wait till they return?” questions the impatient Tomta to Dustrim, who has already walked away and found a dark corner to rest in.

God transcends Laevieus back to the alley that he just came from. The man is lying on the ground dead and the woman is trying to get up. It is a frozen moment in time that God is using to show Laevieus what He sees. Laevieus stands alone as God speaks to him from the kingdom. “Laevieus tell me what you see.” speaks God. As Laevieus looks around he starts with the man; “I see the man lying dead on the ground; I see the woman trying to sit up.” “Do you see anything else?” questions God. As Laevieus looks around and away from the people he sees shadows standing in the dark. “I see two dark spirits standing in that corner;” as he looks around a bit more; “I also see two angelic beings kneeling on the opposite side of the alley.” “Is that all you see Laevieus?” asks God; and with one last look Laevieus response; “That is all I see.” “So Laevieus; where are you?” Laevieus looks around and did not realize that he was not there. “How can that be? I know I was there; I was the one who revived the woman.” “Laevieus, you must understand; the fight for these souls had been raging for a long time. The beings that you see are those who help determine the fate of man. They fight each other to help change the course of their fate. When you stepped in you changed the course of their fate. And because of this act you became the subject of the battle.” “What do you mean?” response Laevieus. “Laevieus, answer me this. Which of these two humans were the most useless to mankind?” “I have determined that the man was most useless to mankind.” replies Laevieus; “And the woman?” asks God, “The woman will benefit mankind.” Replies Laevieus. “Laevieus, let us go on a journey, I desire to understand your heart.” And with that Laevieus is transcended into a woman’s restroom to relive the death of Martha Kingston.

As they appear God speaks, “Laevieus, was this woman life good or evil?” “I believed that she was good but ended her life evil,” replies Laevieus. “Why was she evil?” asks God “She took her own life,” replies Laevieus. “But did I not let here into the kingdom?” asks God. “Yes you did Lord, but though I was moved by Your compassion, I did not understand Your judgment.” Replies Laevieus. “Well then Laevieus look and see what I saw.” speaks God. And with that the scene changes and Laevieus is standing in a courtyard of Hillside Orphanage. “What is this place Lord?” questions Laevieus. “It is Martha’s life, I want you to see” replies God. It is a gloomy day, the rain had been falling for two days now and the children were forced to stay in doors, but standing in the doorway of an old tool shed in the far corner of the courtyard was Martha. She could not have been more than ten years old and it looks like she has been crying. Suddenly a door opens and standing in the doorway is Sister Karen Young. She is the head nun of the Hillside Orphanage and she has been looking for Martha. “Martha? Martha? Are you out here?” screams Sister Karen. She waits for a reply but gets none so she retreats back and away from the doorway, and as she closes the door behind her Laevieus watches Martha retreat back into the old tool shed. “Martha has had a tough life Laevieus and as she grows things don’t get better.” speaks God. For Martha, once again, has been over looked for adoption by those who seek children much younger than she.

The scene changes again and Laevius finds himself in the bathroom of the girls dormitory of the Orphanage, Martha is now fifteen years old. She is hunched over the toilet seat and is throwing up what she had for breakfast. Martha is very ill and is running a fever, but she tells no one how she is feeling. Soon there is a knock on the door. “Martha, are you alright?” calls out one of the little girls that she shares a room with. “Should I get you some water?” she asks. “No, I am fine, I just feel a little sick from the eggs this morning. I’ll be out in a minute!” yells Martha as she stands and washes her face to collect herself. “Okay, I’ll wait for you, we can go to prayer together” responds the tiny voice. “Why does not Martha tell anyone that she is suffering?” questions Laevius. And with that the scene changes again to find Martha kneeling on her makeshift pew. She looks to be seventeen years old now and has blossomed into a beautiful young lady. And as Laevius watches he listens to her prayer. “Hello God, it’s me Martha; she smiles; I just wanted to thank you for letting me be seventeen today. No one seems to know that this is a special day for me, but then no one ever knew. But God, I know that you know! Today things will be different, I know it! Thank You for the beautiful sunrise You gave me this morning, I couldn’t have asked for anything better! And when You brought the bluebirds to sing happy birthday to me I was moved to tears. Thank You! So, what do You want to do today? Shall we play ball with the other kids? Do you want me to read that story You like so much to You? Or maybe we can just spend the day in the kitchen playing house again? You are always the husband and I am the wife, I like playing that game with you, it makes my chores seem less troublesome. Well, I better get a move on before Sister Karen breaks a vessel again! For some reason she seems to be harsher towards me than usual; maybe it’s just me. Well, Father, I love the gifts but I better get busy! I love You! Your one and only, Martha” and with that Martha stands, puts on her shoes and heads for kitchen duty. “This does not look like the same girl that passed away in the bathroom” speaks Laevius. “As she was growing she loved Me like no other!” replies God. “She did not let the hardships of life quench the love we had for one another.” And as God finished speaking the scene changes again; Laevius finds himself standing in the office of Kimberly Hudson, heiress to the Hudson Tobacco Company. Martha is sitting in front of her desk as Kimberly reads her resume. “I see you graduated with honors from Berkley University? I see you were also an orphan? How did that play out for you?” questions Kimberly to Martha. “Well, being an orphan life was hard, but it opened doors for me to opportunities offered only to orphan children. I’ve learned to be strong and self –motivated as well as determined to do well in this world.” “That’s nice, but what do you think you can do for me?” asks Kimberly. “Well, you are a very prominent and busy woman; I want to help you by alleviating you of daily work that may be chore some for you.” Kimberly laughs at Martha’s response, “And what makes you think that my work is chore some?” “Well, you have been through twelve different assistance in just six months; without an assistant your workload must be doubled. I can help you!” replies Martha. Kimberly is impressed by Martha’s unction and hires her on the spot. “Well Martha I’ll be the judge of that!” replies Kimberly as Martha stands to shake her hand. “I’ll show you Miss. Hudson, you wont regret it!” and with that the scene changes again.

Laevius is standing in the center of a dark room and sitting in the corner in only a towel is Martha, who stares blindly out the window smoking a cigarette as she cries. As Laevius walks towards Martha he hears a woman's voice call from the other room. "Martha, come her, I'm waiting for you." Laevius stops and stares at Martha who has stood up, puts out the cigarette and walks towards the bedroom. Laevius follows unsure if he really wants to know what's about to happen, but stops as Martha reaches for a glass of whiskey that sits on the dresser, and after swallowing it in one gulp Martha who drops her towel and climbs into bed to the waiting naked body of Miss Kimberly Hudson. "That's right child, come and alleviate my stress, make me feel better." speaks Kimberly as Martha starts to kiss her foot and works her way her body and to the waiting mouth of Kimberly. Laevius is beside himself and walks out of the room. "What is this that she is doing Lord? What has become of Martha?" questions Laevius "Laevius, this is how it began, this is where the fight started." Replies God. "Now Laevius go back and see more." With hesitation Laevius turns and enters back into Kimberly's bedroom. The two of them are entwined with one another but they are not alone! Two demons of hell have joined in on the action and have entwined themselves with Martha and Kimberly. It was almost like watching an orgy where they two main people are oblivious to the others. "How can this be Lord? Why does she entwine herself to such as these?" questions Laevius. "Not so Laevius, these demons belong to the other and they have been with her from her youth, they have devoured her innocence through such acts" replies God. "But Martha is Your love! Can you not stop her from such immoral acts?" asks Laevius. "Martha has made a choice out of desperation not dedication, but the longer she continues the more entangled she gets" replies God.

And with that Laevius is moved to a different time of Martha's life. Martha is kneeling in a pew that is in the center of a very large cathedral. Laevius walks towards Martha so that he can hear her speak, but all he can hear is the weeping of a lost soul. "Can she not speak Lord? She has come to the right place but says nothing!" speaks Laevius. "She is heavy in her heart; she cannot find the words to describe the sorrow in her soul. But Laevius look around." And as Laevius looks around he sees the demons clinging to the roof of the cathedral and the angels of God encircle her. "You see Laevius; though she may not have the words she has the light. That light is her protection, her saving grace and that is what keeps demons at bay." speaks God. Suddenly Martha's cell phone rings, it is Kimberly calling to tell her where to meet her this evening. The scene changes and Laevius is now standing outside of the Walden Hotel. Martha has just arrived and stops to look up at the one hundred and twenty floor building. She seems very hesitant to enter, but the door man opens the front doors and Martha walks in. Laevius follows as Martha enters the elevator and heads to the penthouse apartment of Kimberly Hudson. Martha gets out of the elevator and slowly walks to the front door but before she can even knock the door opens to a room filled with the many friends of Kimberly Hudson. Tonight is her birthday and Kimberly has stated that she wanted a lavish party, but Kimberly was going to bring the big surprise. Martha enters the room as Kimberly grabs her hand and starts to introduce her to some of her male friends. Laevius walks in to find that the room is quite crowded, not only with humans but

with demons as well. “Lord, must I watch?” questions Laevieus. “You must understand Laevieus, you must see what I see that you may know what I know.” Replies God. And with that Laevieus follows Martha into a room that is filled with naked bodies entangled in a fleshly feast as the demons engage themselves with the humans. Laevieus watches as one man stands and grabs Martha by her head and starts to kiss her. Martha quickly pulls her head away to be stopped by Kimberly who had been watching her ever move. “This is my day Martha, this is what I want and you will give it to me!” speaks Kimberly. And with that, what looks like a large dark shadow rises above the crowd and starts to encircle Martha. All of a sudden Martha starts to undress before everyone, and as they cheer her on she starts to rub her naked body against any flesh that would receive her. And as Laevieus watches Martha is engulfed by four men who have demons attached to them and they ravish Martha’s body at the same time. Martha cannot speak or cry out in the pain, she is consumed, lost in the lust of the orgy. Laevieus turns and walks out as he speaks out loud, “Why do you allow this to happen to her? Is this just? Is this right? She was just in Your house crying for relief and not she is consumed by demons!” “I know Laevieus, I see.” Replies God. And with that last image of Martha in his thought Laevieus is returned to the restroom where he first found Martha.

And as Laevieus turns to look at Martha, she is completely covered by darkness. This darkness looks like black water flowing over Martha’s entire body, almost as if trying to drown her. “Laevieus I want you to see what happened in her last moments before you arrived” And as Laevieus watches he sees what looks like hands appearing from this flow of darkness; it controls Martha’s steps, her every movement, even picking up the razor and putting it to her wrist. And there, standing on the sidelines crying out her name to get her attention is Carga and Maltese! They are crying out to the spirit within that moves by the will of God; that knows and loves God, but their voices are drowned out by moans and screams of despair by the demon saints that have come to fight against Carga and Maltese. They have come to assist the possessor by keeping God’s beings away. And with one last shout out of the mouth of Carga, Martha puts pressure on the razor and slashes her wrists! The scene is frozen in time as God speaks to Laevieus; “So, was this woman evil?” asks God; “No Lord, she was not evil. She was possessed by the great dark spirit and was controlled by his desire for her. But because there was a small light of hope burning in her being for You, I was there to watch as You set her free.” response Laevieus. “Yes Laevieus, My judgment was based on the light of love within, not the act itself! She loved Me, but life opened a door to despair. And though she tried to fight it with all her heart she lost her life to be free. Possession can only take a soul of a man if there is no light. As long as there is light; there is hope.” Yes Lord, I understand.” replies Laevieus. “Come Laevieus, I want to show you more.” And with that Laevieus is transcended to a pier on the docks where Matthew Jordan has just been shoot to death.