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GOOD MORNING SODOM - Solomon Adedokun Edebor

GOOD MORNING SODOM is a realistic portrait of the life of university students in Nigeria . Deadly and destructive decisions, unhealthy love desires, bad peer pressure, life stigmatising experiences and relationships with God. Unfortunate victims fall prey to the hands of a destructive company. Demola Diran to the hands of K.K and Bentol, keziah to the hands of Demola Diran and Stella to the hands of Daniel and Tosin (the pastor's sons) and two of their friends. Keziah Richards - exemplifies that when you are existing life happens to you and you manage, but when you are truly alive they happen to life and they lead, as she escaped death and moved on to love her baby as well as the love from the family of both sides.

THEMES

1. **LOVE**: Love may very well be the most profound emotion we would ever experience. Love has the power to nature meaningful relationships, shatter our hearts and teach important lessons. Demola's desire for keziah's love shapes his act of sexual coercion towards her. Keziah stuck to her core values but she let her guard down and decided to give Demola a chance to be friends not knowing the devilish scheme he and his companions had cooked up. Demola loved Keziah so much he was blinded to logic and influenced to make poor decisions.
2. **JUSTICE**: Our primary social adjustment is a denial of justice. Good morning Sodom shows an example of proper enactment of justice as a human duty. The defence counsel tried soliciting with the judge, using mercy or rather "pity" as a tactic to reduce the judgement and punishment meant to be enacted upon the criminals. The prosecution counsel then points out the effects the acts of the

accused had on the life of the victims and their families, so it was only fair that they faced the consequences of their actions in accordance with the law. Before taking any action give regard to the consequences attached to it to avoid the statement “had i known”.

3. **PEER PRESSURE:** A social vice faced by most youths, children and even adults, that pressure to fit in, to feel among. The influence of others pushes you to do things that may be good or bad. In the case of good morning sodom, negative peer pressure was highlighted. Demola Diran loved Keziah but was influenced and pressured by destructive peers, K.K and Bentol. He was pushed to carry out a devilish scheme not knowing that that scheme was about to destroy his life and that of those he loved. Ater feeling regret and a sense of depression he sought the counsel of those destructive peers who ended his life.
4. **CULTISM:** Cultism now rampant in our society and misused or abused in tertiary institutions for reasons of seeking power, influence, fame, recognition and some other worthless desires. Students, without knowing the spiritual, moral and lawful impact and implications of their actions go into cultism(activities of a cult). K.K and Bentol who belonged to the red shadows cult group succeeded in initiating Demola Diran into their group, Demola ended up losing his life in a fight with the sparrows, K.K and Bentol faced the consequences of being a member of a cult group.
5. **TRAGEDY:**Demola Diran lost his life in a cult battle with no dignity, Keziah Richards was raped and impregnated by Demola Diran which left a scar on her life. Stella was raped by four young boys at the age of fourteen whilst her father was trying to save the life the mother of two o those boys. K.K and Bentol together with other cultists faced the judgement of the court after getting expelled from school. Demola’s parents lived on with the pain their son caused them. Keziah almost took her life and that of her unborn child.

MAIN CHARACTERS - Keziah Richards, Demola Diran, Stella, Dr Aworawo Richards, Mrs Joke Richards, Engineer Diran, Mrs Diran, Nkanga Nwoko (K.K), Usman Yibo (Bentol).

MINOR CHARACTERS - Court Clerk, Judge, Defense Counsel, Prosecution Counsel, DPO, Inspector Dele.

SETTING

TEMPORAL SETTING: Contemporary time.

SPATIAL (physical space): Barika Police Station, Mayflower hostel parking lot area, Demola's room, Cafeteria, Health centre.

CHARACTER ANALYSIS.

1. **Keziah Richards**: A medium height, slightly rotund, fair young lady in her late teens. She was a jovial young lady with high moral standards, optimistic and always enthusiastic about her studies until she fell prey to Demola Diran who destroyed her life by raping her and getting her pregnant.
2. **Demola Diran**: A tall, dark, handsome young man who fell in love with Keziah and desired her so much, but when he could not get her, he sought the counsel of the wrong peer K.K and Bentol who advised him to charm Keziah and rape her, he was also influenced to take hard drugs to ease the pain of regret and guilt he had after what he did to Keziah. He later joined their cult and paid for the consequences of his actions with his life.
3. **STELLA**: Keziah's roommate and only true friend. As a young girl she was enthusiastic and interested in things of the kingdom, that is things relating to God. But she felt forsaken by God when she got raped by the pastor's sons and two of their friends at such a young age. After the incident she lost all hope and gave up on God. God called her back and she was healed. She became a better person and lived her life fruitfully. She also looked out for Keziah in her times of need.

