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**GOOD MORNING SODOM**

**THEMES IN GOOD MORNING SODOM**

1. PEER PRESSURE: peer pressure or influence is when you do something because you want to feel accepted and valued by your friends. It is when you do something just because your friends are doing the same thing. Sometimes the person might not be comfortable with it. Demola is a boy who comes from a good home, but peer influence made him waste his life and cut it short. Demola got influenced by his so called friend k.k. K.k introduced Desolation to drugs, cultists and rape. He made Demola take drugs even after knowing that the last time he took it, he nearly had an accident. When Demola invited keziah to his house, he would not have had any intent to rape her If not for K.k and Bento. He raped keziah and destroyed his friendship with her all because of bad friends. Bad friends made him join cult and cut his life short.
2. CULTISM: Cultism is the act of worshipping any stupid doctrine or a person. A cult always has a leader that says nonsense and brainwashes it’s members. Cultism destroys life and brings fear to the society. Demola joined cult under the influence of K.k and he paid dearly with his life. He brought sorrow upon his parents and friends and could not enjoy his life. He joined a cult group named red shadows where two of its members Dagren and Festula also had their life cut short because of the fight with a rival gang. K.k also known as nwoko comes from a home where his widowed mother sells roasted plantain just to send him to school. But Nwoko did not put that in mind instead went on to be a bad student and cause his mother pain. This same cult destroyed his life and education, and made him spend the rest of his life in jail. He got life imprisonment because he mistakenly killed Demola. If he had been a hardworking and diligent student, he would have made his mother proud and would not have spoilt his life.
3. RAPE: Rape is a type of sexual assault involving sexual intercourse without the consent of the person. Rape is a very traumatic thing and it will cause years and years of torment for the person. Rape can happen to anyone but in the play it happened to keziah and stella. Demola charmed and raped keziah because of peer influence, he didn’t stop to think about how it would affect her life. It resulted in her being pregnant with a child for him. And he wasn’t even around to see or take care of the child. Stella got raped in a pastor’s house by the pastor’s sons and their friends. Because of the rape, she hardened her heart and hated God, she became involved in all forms of immorality and became so promiscuous. Rape can and never should be justified, any one who rapes should be jailed and it should serve a s a warning to other people who think they can get away with it. Rape doesn’t just happen even if. A woman is wearing revealing clothes. The rapist would always be at fault. Even if a woman is naked, if she says No then No it is.
4. BAD PARENTING: Parenting can be hard, but it is advisable to show full interest in the affairs of your child or children. Bad parenting leads to bad lifestyle of the child, in the play bad parenting played a huge role. Demola's parents never cared to check up on their child, they never cared to show interest, instead his own friends became his parents. They only gave him interest financially, and neglected him physically and psychologically. They never bothered to warn him about the dangers of being in university and how bad friends can lead to destruction. Their bad parenting led to the shameful death of their son. Another case is that of Keziah's dad Dr. Richards. On hearing that keziah was pregnant, he didn’t care about her well being, and instead was worried about how bad it would affect their family’s reputation. He kept on insulting her even after hearing that she was raped, he wanted to abort the fetus so bad not caring that keziah's life could be in danger. It wasn’t until she attempted suicide did he realize the gravity of his actions and began accepting her and the child. There is a saying that goes SUPPORT PREGNANT TEENS NOT TEEN PREGNANCY. In any situation like this supporting them is the best option instead of criticizing.
5. ANGER: Anger is an emotion characterized by antagonism toward someone or something you feel has deliberately done you wrong. Keziah had every right to be angry at Demola for the evil thing he did to her, he raped her because he listened to his stupid friends who said it will amen keziah love him. When he tried to talk to her she cursed the day she ever met him and said some other mean things to him. Another thing is that during the initiation of the red shadows m, the leader said something about going after another cult because they killed members of their own cult. He was angry and wanted to have revenge, but in the process of that revenge Demola got killed and they were caught and sentenced to jail. Anger can not necessarily be a bad thing but that doesn’t mean it’s a good thing either. When Dr. Richards was told that jeziah was pregnant he was so angry that anytime he saw her he would insult her and be so irritated. But all the anger in him subsided when keziah tried to kill herself, he also reasoned that why am I still angry, is it until my daughter is no longer here with me? Anger should not be too much because it can hurt the people around us.

**CHARACTER ANALYSIS**

KEZIAH RICHARDS- Keziah was born to Dr and Mrs Richards. They taught her to be God-fearing, diligent and hardworking. Keziah started out well, with how she refused Demola’s demand to be more than friends and how she didn’t give in to her friends persuasion to agree to Demola. She was adamant about her answer because she knew saying yes was wrong and she needed to obey and respect God and also focus on her studies. But she gave In the moment she said yes to going to Demola’s house. Thinking Demola was just a good friend she allowed him to charm her in her moment of neglect. Demola charmed and raped her, depriving her of her virginity. When she woke up it was too late, her chastity had been taken from her. Keziah didn’t know that the person who she considered a very good friend could treat her like a rag. Her life took a dramatic turn when Demola died and she found out she was nine weeks pregnant. Her parents were so disappointed with her to the point where she even tried to kill herself because of her dad’s constant irritation whenever he saw her. But still good came out of everything she gave birth safely to a daughter and she continued school. So even if life gives us ups and downs, good can still come out of it.

DEMOLA DIRAN- Demola is a tall dark handsome student who was in the same class with Keziah. He really like keziah to the point where he wouldn’t even be angry whenever she talked to him anyhow. Demola’s parents didn’t really show interest in his life and only supported him financially, this made it easy for him to fall into the hands of bad friends. These friends he had were evil and stupid and didn’t have an ounce of good in them. They pushed him to his death because of their foolish advice and stupidity. They were the ones who gave him the handkerchief and the idea to use it on Keziah, charm and rape her. Because of these friends Demola lost his friendship with keziah. These same bad friends introduced him to drugs, and made him keep on taking it not minding the fact that he almost had an accident the last time he took it. They then introduced him to cult and because of that he lost his life. If Demola had concerned parents who were always on his back about his academic life none of these would have happened. But peer influence and bad friends made him lose his life in a stupid fight with a cult rival. Because of the stupid cult he did not know about his daughter or see her at all.

STELLA- Stella is Keziah’s roommate and also a God fearing student. But she also has her own story to tell. Stella is the only person who didn’t like Demola’s advances to Keziah and tried to warn Keziah about it. She really cared about Keziah and didn’t want her falling into a bad crowd. When Stella was fourteen years old she was raped by four boys and two of those boys were her pastor’s sons. For a girl to be raped at that young age so many things would have been going through her mind and the fact that the boys were not imprisoned fueled those thoughts. Before the incident she used to love God she loved going to churches and everything about Christianity. But after the rape everything changed. She became so promiscuous and did anything that would be seen as a sin in God’s sight. Upon entering university her behaviour worsened because now it felt that she was free from her parents watch. She became very bad before God spoke to her through a dream, she finally realized that she did not want to continue the wayward lifestyle she was living.

**POINTS OF DIVERGENCE**

1. When keziah and demola were talking they were on the road, but in the film the were talking in the library.
2. In the book, when DR. Yusuf was talking nobody came late for his class and interrupted him but in the film two students did that.
3. After the class Demola asked to speak with just Ovie in the book, while in the film he talked to Ovie and Bunmi.
4. In the book it shows that Demola was being initiated into the cult while in the film he had already joined the cult.
5. In the book the DPO is a woman while in the film it’s a man.
6. While showing the apprehended cultists to the DPO, they showed three in the book and four in the film.
7. While keziah was talking to her parents about the pregnancy, her mum was with them from the beginning in the book while she came out later in the film.
8. Before Dr Richards came home it showed Mrs Ricahrds and keziah preparing food together in the book before keziah was asked to go and see who was at the door while in the film she just went to see who was at the door.
9. In the book Dr. Richards and his wife were having a conversation in their room while in the film they were in the living room.
10. In the book Demola’s parents are both alive while in the film his dad is the only alive.
11. In the book Demola’s daughter was named Mouritha while in the film she was named Heritage Demola-Diran.