

BLESS YOUR HEART

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INT./EXT. SARAH BETH'S CAR/CHURCH PARKING LOT - NIGHT

Inside of a parked car, SARAH BETH (16, blonde, tall) is in the driver's seat. RILEY (15, brunette, mousy) is in the passenger seat. The parking lot is mostly empty.

SARAH BETH

I just can't stop thinking like,
this could be our first date with
our future husbands.

RILEY

Do you think they will care that we
haven't had our first kisses yet?

SARAH BETH

No, of course not. I can just tell,
like they're such God-honoring men.
They would totally wait till we're
ready.

RILEY

Oh my gosh, imagine if we had a
double wedding.

SARAH BETH

And Pastor Jimmy could officiate
it? How perfect would that be.

RILEY

Perfect.

On the other side of the lot, JOSHUA (17) and MATTHEW (17)
are walking out to their car.

SARAH BETH

I feel like God is trying to tell
us something, you know?

EXT. CHURCH PARKING LOT/JOSHUA'S TRUCK- NIGHT

Sarah Beth parks next to Joshua's truck. The two girls get
out of the car, and make their way over to Joshua and Matthew
who are sitting on the tailgate.

SARAH BETH

Hey!

RILEY

Hi!

JOSHUA

Hey.

MATTHEW

'Sup.

Awkward silence. Both boys have their eyes on Sarah Beth.

MATTHEW (CONT'D)

Y'all can sit up here, if you want.

The girls hop up onto the tailgate. Riley misses, but tries again and sticks the landing. Joshua walks around to the front of the car and grabs a cup.

JOSHUA

Do either of y'all wanna try this?

SARAH BETH

What is it?

JOSHUA

It's a little of everything, some Malibu, some Vodka, Powerade...

SARAH BETH

Oh! No thanks. We don't drink.

He shakes the cup at Riley. She hesitates.

JOSHUA

C'mon. I promise, you can't taste anything.

RILEY

Umm... yeah, sure! As long as you can't taste it!

Joshua hands her the cup. She takes a sip.

JOSHUA

Pretty good, huh?

Riley's eyes widen, she nods her head and proceeds to chug the rest.

Sarah Beth looks at her with disbelief. Riley wipes her face and hands the empty cup back to Joshua. She looks at Sarah Beth and shrugs.

MATTHEW

You could have saved some for the rest of us...

JOSHUA

It's fine I have more in the front.

Joshua hops out of the bed of the truck, and around to the driver's side door to pour some more liquor out of a flask.

Sarah Beth narrows her eyes at Riley. She hops out and goes to the passenger door--

INT. JOSHUA'S TRUCK - NIGHT

Sarah Beth grabs Joshua's hand and pulls him into the car.

JOSHUA
What are you--

SARAH BETH
I have to ask you a favor.

JOSHUA
Yeah?

She leans in, hesitates.

SARAH BETH
Can you... tell me if I'm a bad
kisser?

She slowly tilts her head. Her eyes full of fear, her body takes over. She smashes her lips into his.

EXT. CHURCH PARKING LOT/JOSHUA'S TRUCK - NIGHT

Riley sees Sarah Beth kiss Joshua. An act of war. She leans over to Matthew to kiss him, but she stops.

Her stomach makes a gnarly GURGLING sound.

RILEY
Um... I don't feel too well. Can I
have a sip of this?

She grabs a Coke bottle next to Matthew and takes a swig. Her face turns green. She holds the liquid in her mouth.

INT. JOSHUA'S TRUCK - NIGHT

Joshua and Sarah Beth sloppily kiss, until he pulls away in disgust.

JOSHUA
Okay honestly, I would probably
rate that a three out of ten.

EXT. BACK OF THE TRUCK - NIGHT

MATTHEW
That was my dip spit. You just --

Riley PUKES all over Matthew.

INT. JOSHUA'S TRUCK - NIGHT

Sarah Beth and Joshua turn at the sound of Riley puking.

SARAH BETH

Oh my...

EXT. CHURCH PARKING LOT/JOSHUA'S TRUCK - NIGHT

SARAH BETH

RILEY! Are you okay?

Sarah Beth runs out of the truck. Riley shakes her head before puking again, on the side of Sarah Beth's car.

MATTHEW

OH MY FUCKING GOD! RILEY WHAT THE HELL?!

SARAH BETH

Don't use His name in vain!

JOSHUA

Riley! That's fucking disgusting!
Let's go dude!

Matthew wipes the puke off of his face with his hands. As the boys get back in the truck--

SARAH BETH

That's my BEST FRIEND you just called disgusting, ASSHOLES!

She coughs on the exhaust from the truck as it speeds off.

She gathers Riley's hair as she pukes again. She pats her back.

SARAH BETH (CONT'D)

Alright, it's okay. Is that the last of it?

RILEY

I think so...

Sarah Beth opens her car door and grabs whatever she can find, a receipt and another piece of paper.

SARAH BETH

Do you think it's bad to use this?

She holds up the paper, it has a Bible verse printed on it.

RILEY

Well, it's not the *real* Bible.

Sarah Beth hesitates, then shrugs and begins wiping with the paper, spreading the puke around more than actually cleaning.

RILEY (CONT'D)

Let me do that, please.

SARAH BETH

It's fine. Seriously.

RILEY

No, it's not!

Riley sniffs. A tear falls on her cheek.

RILEY (CONT'D)

I just wanted them to think I was cool. You're always the cool one.

SARAH BETH

What are you talking about!?

RILEY

You know. You're prettier and taller and... I don't know! You had their full attention just by how you looked! I just wanted them to even look at me.

SARAH BETH

Are you kidding me? You are the most beautiful person I have ever met. On the outside and the inside.

Sarah Beth stops cleaning, and turns to Riley. She sees a little bit of puke left on her face and wipes it off with her sleeve.

SARAH BETH (CONT'D)

And if it makes you feel any better, Joshua said I was a horrible kisser. Three out of ten.

RILEY

Well you didn't projectile vomit on him, so...

This makes Sarah Beth snort laugh. Riley cracks a smile and grabs the paper out of Sarah Beth's hands.

SARAH BETH

You know... I think I was right.

RILEY

About what?

SARAH BETH

God was definitely trying to tell
us something.

Riley furrows her brow.

SARAH BETH (CONT'D)

That we are WAY too good for those
stupid boys.

FADE OUT.