

UNLUCKY: Series 1

"UNLUCKY WIN"

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FADE IN:

"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others."

Philippians 2:3-4

INT. JERRY'S HOME - LIVING ROOM - DAY (1)

Jerry walks through the door. Holds his head down as he closes the door.

Mary sits up and looks at him. Jerry slowly turns his head.

MARY

What's the matter with you? And what in the world happened to your face?

JERRY

This is what happened when I tried to get the money back.

MARY

Oh. So, you tried? Which mean you didn't get the money.

JERRY

Mama, it's over. We lost.

MARY

No. You lost! Don't try to blame be for your short comings.

Jerry approaches.

JERRY

Then why do you blame me for yours, Mama?

MARY

Don't you get sassy with me boy!

JERRY

All you do is blame me for everything and you don't do anything but sit your lazy butt right there on the couch... doing nothing!

MARY

Excuse me? I watch my shows...

JERRY

Has it helped you so far? Huh? After all these years of melting your brain, did it help you?

MARY

This is my vacation. I spent most of my life raising you as a single mother!

JERRY

It doesn't give you a right to treat me like this.

MARY

What about you and those stupid video games?

JERRY

It helps me relax.

MARY

Well, same for me. I'm relaxing. I deserve to do this after all these years of raising you.

JERRY

That's not fair, mama.

MARY

Get over yourself... because life's not fair. Can't you see?

JERRY

I see... Lucky me.

Jerry turns and walks away towards his room.

MARY

No, you're just bad luck. --You probably shouldn't play the lottery again for a while. Maybe go out and find a four-leaf clover or something!

Jerry slams his room door. Mary gazes at the television.

INT. JERRY'S HOME - BEDROOM - DAY (2)

Jerry lies on the BED stares up at the ceiling. Eyes slightly teary.

JERRY (V.O.)

I feel horrible, worst moment of my life. I believed playing the lottery would give me the life I wanted. That mama wanted. She seems to think I don't have any good luck. I guess that's probably true. I haven't won yet. Probably won't ever win. I have to figure out what I'm going to do.

Nancy, bamboozled me. She challenged me to a game she knew she would win. Maybe that's where I should keep my focus. Do things I'm good at. I need to put all this behind me because it's stressing me out. I'm going to zone out on my game for the rest of the night. I need to forget about all this.

Jerry sets up his GAMING CHAIR. Cracks a smile. ZONES out into another WORLDY DIMENSION.

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EXT. COUNTRYSIDE - AERIAL VIEW - DAY (3)

The sun slowly rises. The large empty fields capture the sunlight. Nature moves.

EXT. JERRY'S HOME - FRONT YARD - DAY (4)

SUPER: Channel 7 News with Elizabeth Taylor

Elizabeth stands outside of Jerry's residence. Prepares to report. She fixes her outfit, hair, face and puts the microphone to her mouth.

ELIZABETH

Are we ready to go?

CAMERAMAN counts down. Elizabeth looks into the camera.

CAMERAMAN

Three, two, one...

ELIZABETH

We are here live in front of the home of a very lucky resident that will be given a special gift in an unprecedented move by one of our lucky lottery winners. Nancy?

Elizabeth signals over. Nancy comes out from behind the cameraman. Elizabeth puts her left arm at her back.

ELIZABETH (CONT'D)

You remember Nancy, right? She was our recent lucky lottery winner. She has decided in an unprecedented move to give her lottery ticket to another resident.

Nancy, could you please tell everyone why you decided to give your winning ticket to someone else?

Elizabeth puts the MICROPHONE to Nancy's mouth.

NANCY

Well, I feel really bad for Mr. Jerry. He is such a kind man. He is actually the

reason I was able to win this lottery. I was having a bad day and with my kids acting crazy, he let me go in front of him to buy my ticket.

ELIZABETH

And you are a single mother, correct?

NANCY

Yes, that's correct.

ELIZABETH

Don't you think you need to keep this money?

NANCY

No, I don't.

ELIZABETH

What about your kids? College? Their future...?

NANCY

My kids are set.

ELIZABETH

Well there you have it folks. The nicest woman in the world giving money away to the kindest man in the world.

Let's go knock on the door.

Elizabeth and Nancy walk towards the front door of Jerry's house followed by the cameraman. Elizabeth knocks...

[KNOCK, KNOCK, KNOCK]

INT. JERRY'S HOME - LIVINGROOM - DAY (5)

Mary lies on the couch. Eyes closed. Lightly snoring.

[KNOCK, KNOCK, KNOCK]

Mary quickly opens her eyes. Looks slowly around the room, slightly dazed.

[KNOCK, KNOCK, KNOCK]

MARY

Lucky! --Lucky! Come and get the door!

INT. JERRY'S HOME - BEDROOM - DAY (6)

Jerry, slouched in his GAMING CHAIR, head slumped over. The GAME CONTROLLER sits on his lap. Eyes closed, asleep. He awakes from the sound of his mother's voice from a distance.

MARY

[Lucky!]

He gets up and walks into the living room. The TV SCREEN in his room blinks WINNER in large letters.

INT. JERRY'S HOME - LIVINGROOM - DAY (7)

Jerry walks into the Livingroom area. Approaches Mary.

JERRY

What's going on, mama?

MARY

Would you please get the door? Someone has been knocking like idiots.

[KNOCK, KNOCK, KNOCK]

Jerry turns and opens the front door.

BACK TO NEWS:

EXT. JERRY'S HOME - FRONT YARD - DAY (8)

SUPER: Channel 7 News with Elizabeth Taylor

Jerry makes his way outside. Elizabeth stands there with the microphone.

ELIZABETH

Good morning, sir! Are you Mr. Jerry?

JERRY

Yes, ma'am.

ELIZABETH

Hello, Jerry. We are here this morning with someone you recently met in the store where you bought a lottery ticket. You remember Nancy, right?

Jerry frowns and gives Nancy a nasty stare.

JERRY

Yes, I certainly remember her. She made sure of that.

ELIZABETH

I don't know what that means, but she has some good news for you. I'll let her tell you. Come here Nancy...

Nancy approaches. Elizabeth puts the microphone to her mouth.

NANCY

Hello, Jerry. It's good to see you again. Listen, I felt bad about the other day. I took advantage of you. Then, I thought about everything that you did for me and I wanted to go ahead and give you my winning lottery ticket.

Jerry's eye widen. His mouth drops. Nancy hands Jerry a LOTTERY TICKET RECIEPT.

JERRY

Thank you Nancy. I glad you finally decided to do come to your senses and do what was right.

NANCY

Please don't be a jerk, Jerry.

Jerry lifts his hands up in the air as if he crossed the finish line of a track race.

JERRY

Yes! I did it! Finally!

Elizabeth talks into the microphone.

ELIZABETH

So, Jerry... What do you plan to do with your new earned money?

JERRY

I'm going to do what I've been planning to do for the last twenty years... First, I'm going to quit my job. Then, I'm going to buy my mama a nice big house. It's fine livin' from here on out. Yeeehaaaaw!

Jerry does a weird dance. Nancy shakes her head.

JERRY (CONT'D)

Bye ya'll! It's time to go tell mama.

Jerry turns around and goes into the house.

ELIZABETH

There you have it folks. Another excited resident. A good deed given by Nancy Wells, a recent lottery winner who decided to pass it on to another. She is probably the only person in the world that would do that.

But, that's all for now everyone. Please take care of yourself and God bless.

CAMERAMAN

...and cut!

NEWS OFF:

Cameraman puts the camera down.

ELIZABETH

Oh my God! It's hot out here. Let's go,
I'm hungry.

(to Nancy)

Come on let's get out of here. Good work.

Elizabeth walks away. Nancy stares back at the house for a
beat. Cracks a tiny smile. Then walks off.

CUT TO:

INT. JERRY'S HOME - LIVINGROOM - DAY (9)

Jerry quickly approach his mama sitting down. He hovers
over her with a huge smile.

JERRY

Mama?! Mama! Did you see what just
happened?

MARY

No! Leave me alone. All that knocking on
the door woke me up.

JERRY

Your good luck charm has some good news.

MARY

What good luck charm?

Mary laughs out loud.

JERRY

Laugh all you want to. But I now have
this...

Jerry holds up the LOTTERY TICKET RECIEPT.

MARY

What is that?

JERRY

This is my winning lottery ticket.
Remember?

MARY

Where did you get that from?

JERRY

That's what all the noise was about out front. Elizabeth from the News knocked on our front door. Nancy was with her. She said she felt bad about what happened and finally decided to do the right thing.

MARY

Is this really ours?

JERRY

Yes, mama. That's what I'm trying to tell you.

MARY

Are we millionaires now?

JERRY

Yes, mama.

MARY

Oh Lucky! I knew you would do it. I always believed in you. You do know that right?

JERRY

Yeah, mama.

MARY

We're rich!

Jerry and Mary stand up and throw their hands up high in the air.

They excitedly jump around and dance with huge smiles and weird movements.

Jerry runs around the Livingroom. After a beat, they settle down.

MARY

So, what next... Lucky?

Mary stresses his nickname. Jerry makes an even bigger smile.

JERRY

Well, I think after twenty years it's time to let go of that job. Don't you think?

MARY

I think so.

Jerry picks up the CELL PHONE. Makes a call on speaker. They both huddle around the PHONE.

[ring, ring, ring]

BOSS

Hello! Jerry?

JERRY

Hey boss man.

BOSS

Jerry! You're some kind of superstar now ain't you?

JERRY

Why do you say that?

BOSS

Because I saw your ugly mug on the television a little while ago. It looks like you just came into some money. Is that right?

JERRY

Yes, my dreams have come true.

BOSS

You still coming into work?

JERRY

Hmmm... Let me think about that.

Jerry chuckles.

BOSS

You're one of my best workers. I'll even give you a raise.

JERRY

I don't need a raise.

BOSS

Well, what do you need?

JERRY

I just needed to tell you that my last day, was my last day. I quit!

BOSS

Hold on a second, Jerry. --Jerry?

JERRY

My name, is *Lucky*.

Jerry looks at Mary, they laugh out loud. More smiles and dancing.

JERRY (V.O.)

This was the probably the greatest feeling I've ever felt in this moment. What I put my faith in over the last twenty years has finally came true. What happens next... was probably the worst.

FADE OUT

THE END