

Love Absolute

By Bill Pugh

It is only a TV ad, but there is something deeper. It is Mum's birthday. A delightful little girl wants to buy her Mum a chocolate. No money. She comes to the local milk bar, and carefully one by one, places her priceless trinkets on the counter, which she can hardly see over. Her Mum waits outside. Seriously the business transaction begins.

"A bar of chocolate, please," she smilingly and politely asks. And the shopkeeper all business-like counts the trinkets, considers, and hands back one to the little girl together with the bar of chocolate. Smiling all the time.

Was this trinket the most valuable of all? We wonder. Business satisfactorily completed. With maybe an even brighter smile, chocolate proudly in hand, she goes outside and says, "Happy Birthday Mum!" The little cameo finishes, a knowing smile on the face of the shopkeeper. Genuine.

The little girl was willing to risk and invest all of her trinkets, placing them in the hands of the shopkeeper, even the most valuable, expectantly anticipating the price would be sufficient for the chocolate. Risking all because she loved her mum unconditionally.

Reflection:

Would we be so willing to risk even a corner of our home and space and share our most priceless possessions and any other trinkets to make room for even one refugee, stateless, and without viewing him or her with suspicion? Maybe, just maybe, our priceless and most valuable trinket, the investment of unconditional love would come back with interest? And the world would be a better place and we would count all as family?

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