Three Teenagers save Kids from a Fire

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Sometimes people think that everybody nowadays is not as helpful as before. But now, three young men showed us that there’re still some warm-hearted people who can sacrifice his life to save others.

On 1967, January 23rd, three teenagers were hurt when they saved a group of children from a big fire. These three teenagers were the so-called “greasers”. The greasers were consisting of a group of villains and they were kind of at the bottom of the society. But this time, they seemed to prove that they were not bad guys completely.

At about one clock in the afternoon, the church was on fire. The teachers tried their best to get every kid they saw out, but after the teachers picked up the kids, when they were counting the number of the kids, they found out that some of the kids were missing. The fire was so big that all of the teachers just could not run into the fire. All of a sudden, three teenagers ran towards the burning church and kicked the burning door. The door was open and they ran into the big fire. According to the sounds of the little kids crying, they found the missing kids and took them out of the fire. Unfortunately, one of the teenagers who named Johnny Cade got injured during this rescue operation. The other two young men’s names are Ponyboy Curtis and Dallas Winston. Each of them got some slight wounds. Now these three brave young men are in the hospital to get the cure.

“I have never seen such a brave guy like these two boys,” the teacher of the little kids said, “they just ran into the fire and picked our kids out of the fire, like they were the heroes and were fearless about everything.” A man that passed by also gave his comments on these three young men: “When I walked by, I just saw big fire, and I heard the crying and shouting from people. The fire was too big. And then these three young men just ran into the fire. They were really brave.”

After one of the heroes Ponyboy, woke up, he talked about what he thought at that special moment. “I don’t know why I did this. It’s just like there’s a strength right inside my heart. This voice was telling me to save the poor little kids,” he said, “and that’s why I saved the kids, just that simple.”

“These three young men were from the west side of Tulsa, where the greasers live in. And two of them were dropouts. It really impressed me that these kinds of people, especially they are still teenagers, could do this. They were really brave.” According to a local resident, they used to think that the greasers were all bad guys. “You know, they got drunk, carried guns, and got angry easily, I thought they were the real villains. But because of this event, we could see that they were not that bad! We cannot just see one person by who he is, we should see him by how he acts. These three young ‘greasers’ have shown that they are not that kind of bad people that we think they are by their actions. They were real heroes.”