

5-Year-Old Good Samaritan's Prayers Had Diners in Tears

A young Alabama boy's unbridled faith and desire to reach out to a homeless man made a difference in more ways than one.

Five-year-old Josiah Duncan was dining at a Waffle House with his mother, Ava Faulk, when he began to ask her questions about a homeless man he had seen outside.

After Faulk answered his questions, explaining, among other things, that the man didn't have a home, Josiah became distraught when he realized the man didn't have any food.

Determined to do something about the man's plight, the boy insisted that his mother buy the man a meal. Moved by her son's heartfelt plea, she agreed.

"He came in and sat down, and nobody really waited on him," Faulk explained in an email to *WSFA News*. "So Josiah jumped up and asked him if he needed a menu because you can't order without one."

Initially, the homeless man, who remains unidentified, was going to eat a cheeseburger, but when Faulk and Duncan told him he could have anything he wanted, he ordered the works.

"'Can I have bacon?'" Faulk remembered him asking. "And I told him get as much bacon you want."

But before the man could dig into his meal, Josiah insisted on blessing the food.

In a bold display of courageous faith, the young Good Samaritan sang grace, moving the man and the other patrons to tears.

"The man cried. I cried. Everybody cried," Faulk said.

Though the homeless man's immediate need of food was met by the meal, the faith and compassion of a 5-year-old boy touched him and everyone present at a far deeper level.

"You never know who the angel on earth is, and when the opportunity comes you should never walk away from it," Faulk said. "Watching my son touch the 11 people in that Waffle House tonight will be forever one of the greatest accomplishments as a parent I'll ever get to witness."