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GIRL SPRINTER IS INJURED IN PLANE CRASH

Athletic Career of Betty Robinson Shattered.

By The Associated Press.

CHICAGO, June 29.—Betty Robinson, winner of the 100-meter dash for women in the 1928 Olympic, today lay critically injured—her athletic career probably shattered by an airplane accident.

The 19-year old Northwestern university student yesterday suffered injuries that at first were believed fatal when a plane in which she was riding fell from about 400 feet. The plane was piloted by her cousin, Wilson Palmer, who also was critically injured.

Miss Robinson suffered fractures of her left leg, left arm, right hip and possibly a skull fracture. An X-ray examination was to be made this morning to determine if she had been internally injured.

The accident occurred over an abandoned airport and was witnessed by parents of both victims of the tragedy.

Miss Robinson became a member of the 1928 women's olympic team when she was only 16 years old. She had made sensational marks as a member of the Illinois women's athletic club, and in the international games, won the United States' first track victory. She set a world women's record for 100-meters at 12 seconds, and retained it until she was beaten by Stella Walsh at Dallas, Tex., a year ago.

Her condition is critical. Her physician indicated she never would be able to run again.



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“She was not a fan of the word ‘impossible,’ and when told she would not be able to do something she would find a way to make it happen and surprise those who had doubted her. This included doctors.”



(Brook Doire, as quoted in John Carroll’s article *Betty Robinson: The Fastest Woman in the World Who Came Back from the Dead* at runnersworld.com, July 3, 2019)











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Matthew 22:41-42 (ESV):
“While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, **42** saying, ‘What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?’ They said to him, ‘The son of David.’”



Matthew 1:1-6 (ESV): “The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. **2** Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, **3** and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by **Tamar**, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram, **4** and Ram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, **5** and Salmon the father of Boaz by **Rahab**, and Boaz the father of Obed by **Ruth**, and Obed the father of Jesse, **6** and Jesse the father of David the king. And David was the father of Solomon by **the wife of Uriah.**”



Genesis 38:1-11 (ESV): “It happened at that time that Judah went down from his brothers and turned aside to a certain Adullamite, whose name was Hirah. **2** There Judah saw the daughter of a certain Canaanite whose name was Shua. He took her and went in to her, **3** and she conceived and bore a son, and he called his name Er. **4** She conceived again and bore a son, and she called his name Onan. **5** Yet again she bore a son, and she called his name Shelah...”



“...Judah was in Chezib when she bore him. **6** And Judah took a wife for Er his firstborn, and her name was Tamar. **7** But Er, Judah’s firstborn, was wicked in the sight of the LORD, and the LORD put him to death. **8** Then Judah said to Onan, ‘Go in to your brother’s wife and perform the duty of a brother-in-law to her, and raise up offspring for your brother.’ **9** But Onan knew that the offspring would not be his....”



“...So whenever he went in to his brother’s wife he would waste the semen on the ground, so as not to give offspring to his brother. **10** And what he did was wicked in the sight of the LORD, and he put him to death also. **11** Then Judah said to Tamar his daughter-in-law, ‘Remain a widow in your father’s house, till Shelah my son grows up’ – for he feared that he would die, like his brothers. So Tamar went and remained in her father’s house.”





Deuteronomy 25:5-6 (ESV): “If brothers dwell together, and one of them dies and has no son, the wife of the dead man shall not be married outside the family to a stranger. Her husband’s brother shall go in to her and take her as his wife and perform the duty of a husband’s brother to her. **6** And the first son whom she bears shall succeed to the name of his dead brother, that his name may not be blotted out of Israel.”



Genesis 38:12-19 (ESV): “In the course of time the wife of Judah, Shua’s daughter, died. When Judah was comforted, he went up to Timnah to his sheepshearers, he and his friend Hirah the Adullamite. **13** And when Tamar was told, ‘Your father-in-law is going up to Timnah to shear his sheep,’ **14** she took off her widow’s garments and covered herself with a veil, wrapping herself up, and sat at the entrance to Enaim, which is on the road to Timnah....”



“...For she saw that Shelah was grown up, and she had not been given to him in marriage. **15** When Judah saw her, he thought she was a prostitute, for she had covered her face. **16** He turned to her at the roadside and said, ‘Come, let me come in to you,’ for he did not know that she was his daughter-in-law. She said, ‘What will you give me, that you may come in to me?’...”



“...**17** He answered, ‘I will send you a young goat from the flock.’ And she said, ‘If you give me a pledge, until you send it —’



18 He said, ‘What pledge shall I give you?’ She replied, ‘Your signet and your cord and your staff that is in your hand.’ So he gave them to her and went in to her, and she conceived by him. **19** Then she arose and went away, and taking off her veil she put on the garments of her widowhood.”



Genesis 38:24-25 (ESV): “About three months later Judah was told, ‘Tamar your daughter-in-law has been immoral.



Moreover, she is pregnant by immorality.’ And Judah said, “Bring her out, and let her be burned. **25** As she was being brought out, she sent word to her father-in-law, ‘By the man to whom these belong, I am pregnant.’ And she said, ‘Please identify whose these are, the signet and the cord and the staff.’”



Genesis 38:27-29 (ESV): “When the time of her labor came, there were twins in her womb. **28** And when she was in labor, one put out a hand, and the midwife took and tied a scarlet thread on his hand, saying, ‘This one came out first.’ **29** But as he drew back his hand, behold, his brother came out. And she said, ‘What a breach you have made for yourself!’ Therefore his name was called Perez.”



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A red Christmas ornament with gold swirl patterns hangs from a green pine branch. The ornament is spherical with a gold-colored cap and a gold-colored chain. The pine branch is green with brown bark and small orange cones. The background is white.

MAIN POINT

CHRISTMAS IS CHRIST'S MESS.



“I knew what I was getting into....I knew how cold that water was going to be.”

(Sergeant Aaron Thomas, as quoted in David DeMille’s article *Deputy Punches Through Iced-Over Pond to Rescue Drowning Boy on Christmas Day* at usatoday.com, December 27, 2017)



Romans 8:3-4 (ESV): “By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, 4 in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.”



John 3:17-18 (ESV): “For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. **18** Whoever believes in him is not condemned.”



Romans 5:17 (ESV): “Those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.”



Genesis 37:26-27 (ESV): “Then Judah said to his brothers, ‘What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? **27** Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites.’”





Genesis 38:26 (ESV): “Then Judah identified them and said, ‘She is more righteous than I, since I did not give her to my son Shelah.’ And he did not know her again.”



Genesis 44:33-34 (ESV): “Now therefore, please let your servant remain instead of the boy as a servant to my lord, and let the boy go back with his brothers. **34** For how can I go back to my father if the boy is not with me?”





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APPLICATION

EMBRACE

THE DAWN OF REDEEMING

GRACE.

Luke 1:68, 78-79 (ESV): “Blessed
be the Lord God of Israel, for he
has visited and redeemed his people....



78 whereby the sunrise shall visit us from
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