

Psalm 17:8

Keep me as the apple of Your eye; Hide me under the shadow of Your wings,

“Yo, Adrian”

When you read that, what’s the first thing you think of? Yep, the Rocky movie. In the movie, there is Sylvester Stallone who plays Rocky and also Talia Shire who played Rocky’s girlfriend that we all know as Adrian, who later became Rocky’s wife in the next movie. (oops, spoiler alert)

But think about the original Rocky movie and when we first saw Adrian. She was wearing these cat eye glasses with no makeup on, and a beany that covered most of her head and hair. She also wore several sweaters as well as a jacket. To us, she did not look that great, but to Rocky, she was the most beautiful woman he had ever seen, because he was looking past the multi layers of clothing and the beany and glasses. Yet for most of us, we couldn’t see that until she and Rocky started dating and she started to remove all those layers of clothing that she wore, and the way that she talked and presented herself started to change as well. So much so, that by the end of the first movie, it was almost like they were two different women.

But as she grew closer to Rocky, and the way he treated her, all that inner beauty started to flow out. You see the reason she was the way she was, it all had to do with her brother, who belittled her and made her feel ugly and useless, so she was dressing the part that her brother made her believe that she was. But it was all a lie. But she didn’t know any better, until Rocky came along. That’s when the truth of who she really was started to show.

Maybe you don’t feel good about yourself and the way you look, or the way you feel about yourself. Maybe you feel like you are worthless or will never amount to anything in life. It could be that you have been brought up by or listened to a Paulie all your life. Who is Paulie? That was Adrian’s brother who always made her feel bad about herself.

If that’s you, then you need a hero, because the enemy has been whispering or even yelling lies to you about yourself. But you don’t need a Rocky, but someone better than a Rocky. You need to start hanging out with the Lord Jesus Christ more, by being in His word, or around His people in church, or listening to Him speak to you through teachings online.

Try reading the book of **Song of Songs** as a love letter from our Savior to you. Or read through the **Psalms** and read of the Lord’s love for you. Or read the **Gospels** and what Jesus went through on the cross for you, and He did it because He sees you, not as belittled by a Paulie, Adrian, but as a **Yo Adrian!**

To us that may sound funny, but to Adrian, those two words were like sweet music to her ears, because she knew that it was Rocky's way of telling her that he loved her in a way that no other man ever could.

And the entire statement at the end of the movie is, "*Yo Adrian, I did it!*" Which if it were Jesus, would it be His words of love to you saying, "**Yo (insert our name), I died for you!**"

Also read through the bible and ask the Lord to show you His "Yo Adrian" words that He has for you. They won't be "Yo Adrian," but a word or two (or more) that He will speak to your heart from His word, letting you know how beautiful and special you really are to Him! Once you have those words, they will be hidden in your heart, and you can bring them up anytime you need to hear them from your Savior.

† **Romans 5:8** *But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

† **Song of Songs 1:15** *Behold, you are fair, my love! Behold, you are fair! You have dove's eyes.*

† **Psalms 119:10-11** *With my whole heart I have sought You; Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments! Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You!*