

Sunday Players

Drama Resources

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TOO LATE?

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A serious and true to life skit on marriage and relationships Performed by the Sunday Players; a ministry of Pine Castle United Methodist Church.

Scene: Beth's living room. Set includes a couch and chair

Props: journal pad and pen, Bible

Length: 4 1/2 minutes

(The scene opens with Pam seated in the chair and Beth on the couch in conversation. Kathy enters.)

KATHY: Sorry I'm late. (has a seat on the couch)

BETH: That's okay. You haven't missed much. We were just talking. Can I get you anything before we get started?

KATHY: No. I'm fine thanks.

BETH: Okay. Then let's get started. Anyone have any specific prayer requests?

PAM: I do. My husband was supposed to repair the leak in our washing machine Saturday and instead, he took the kids to the park. I've been asking him to fix it for months. Please pray that he'll act more responsibly and help out more.

BETH: (writes down prayer request in journal) Okay. We'll pray for your husband, (jokingly) and while we're at it, let's ask God if He'll divinely heal your washing machine. (Beth and Pam find humor in this. Kathy sits solemnly, not listening)

KATHY: I have a prayer request. You can pray for me. Jason and I have decided to separate.

PAM: What?!

BETH: No! What happened?

KATHY: We've both decided that we don't feel any love for each other.

PAM: That's it?

KATHY: (angry) Do you have a better reason?

PAM: I'm just saying marriage isn't about feelings. It's about promises and commitments.

KATHY: Oh please! Don't start. I don't know why I even shared this with you.

BETH: (trying to calm them down) Come on. Let's not....

PAM: (cuts Beth off) No Beth. We girls get together to pray for each other and hold each other accountable. And the fact is Kathy, you made

a vow with your husband. It didn't say "till you no longer feel like it." It said "till death do you part."

KATHY:(angry) You want to know the facts Pam? Here's a fact. We've been separated for weeks but I didn't want to tell anyone because I knew they'd get holier-then-thou on me. They'd say 'pray harder' or 'stop sinning' or some other stupid advice that doesn't help me get back my husband. (a little calmer and sadder) I thought I could at least turn to you two for support.

BETH: You can. We're here for you Kathy. You can talk to us about anything. We know what it's like to have to work at a marriage.

KATHY: Do you Beth? Do you have to work at it? I look at you and John and I don't see any problems.

BETH: John and I don't have a perfect marriage so yes, we are willing to work at it. We communicate. We respect each other. We love each other so, we'll do whatever it takes to nurture our marriage.

PAM:(calmed down some) (to Beth) At least your husband helps around the house.

KATHY: Pam you just don't get it. The truth is you have a wonderful husband. You keep complaining about your husband but at least you get to see him! He takes you out on dates. He makes time for the kids. (rising anger) I am so sick of you coming here week after week and bad talking your husband. Who cares if he's not a handy man?! He loves you and the children. He is totally devoted to his family. (with emotion) Jason gave up on me and the kids a long time ago. He cares more about his job than me. Oh he might say he's working for us but he's not. He works to get away.

BETH: Kathy, you've been having financial problems. I'm sure he's working so you can pay your bills. It's his responsibility to provide for you all.

KATHY:(angry at husband) He knows he's underpaid at work. I keep telling him to find a better job but he's too scared or too lazy to try.

BETH: Well, in Jason's defense, switching careers when you're the sole income for a family can be frightening. You can't blame him for hesitating.

KATHY: I do blame him. I blame him for not trying harder. I blame him for making me do everything in our family. I take care of the kids. I take care of the house. I pay the bills. I make the ends meet. I'm practically the head of our house. And now, I'm doing all the praying. He won't even initiate it. Not only has he given up on me but he's given up on God.

PAM: I'm sorry Kathy. I didn't know.

KATHY: I'm sorry too.

BETH: There's always hope as long as one of you is willing to hang on to God. Can we still pray for you and Jason?

KATHY:(rise) Why bother? It's too late for my marriage.

BETH: (rise) It's never too late. Let's just sit here and talk about it. We can pray for you.

KATHY:(starts to leave) You can pray for my children. I'd appreciate that.

BETH: Wait.

PAM: Don't leave. Will you be here next week?

KATHY:(stops at doorway. shakes head no.) I'll see you around. (exits)
(Pam and Beth stare at each other in disbelief. Blackout.)