

UNDER HIS DIRECTION

12 WORSHIP SKITS

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DEDICATION

This book is dedicated to the church family at Miracle Baptist Church in LaVergne, Tennessee, for giving me the first opportunity to share God's message on stage.

STORY OF THE PLAY

If you're looking for attention-getting drama to lead your group to a higher level of spiritual maturity, this is it. With a very creative twist, this powerful collection of both funny and serious sketches deals with many issues that God's people face: temptation, service, gossip, attitude, a personal relationship with God, burn-out, and much more. The sketches are as convicting as they are entertaining. At the conclusion of each, all will know that the best answers to life's problems can only be found "Under His Direction." These sketches are great for youth and adults, and don't be surprised if they make a dramatic difference in the lives of those who see them. The skits serve as a reminder that Christians and their responses to situations are to be set apart from the world.

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YIELDING TO HIM

CHARACTERS: Bev, Lisa, D.J. (Denying Jesus), Holy Spirit as Traffic Director.

Props: Signs to be worn that read: "D.J. - Denying Jesus" and "Holy Spirit"; and signs to be held including a red circle, a green circle and a yellow triangle saying yield.

(AT RISE: LISA and BEV sit in chairs side-by-side pantomiming riding in a car. Lisa pretends to be driving. D.J., as radio announcer, stands to the side of stage wearing his sign.)

BEV: So, Lisa, what can we do?

LISA: I don't know, why don't you turn on the radio...maybe we can get some ideas.

BEV: Okay.

D.J.: *(With hand cupped over ear and using a really confident voice.)* Hey, everyone, out there in radio land! There's a party that's really happening - hot guys and girls, drugs, booze, and much more! You name it, this party has it! Just drive straight ahead to "Destroy Your Witness Avenue!" We hope to see you there!

(HOLY SPIRIT, wearing his sign, holds up hand to stop the car; and with the other hand holds the red circle next to chest.)

BEV: What do you think?

LISA: The Holy Spirit says "red light" on this one. God wouldn't want us at THAT party.

BEV: You're right. I wonder what else we could do? *(HOLY SPIRIT motions that it is okay for them to proceed and flips the red circle to the green.)*

D.J.: *(Hand cups ear again.)* Hey, gang, here's some breaking news. There's some juicy gossip going on at the sorority house. Hurry, so you don't miss it! Just get off the "Straight and Narrow Path," you'll be there in 5 minutes.

(HOLY SPIRIT stops THEM again with hand and holds up yellow triangle yield sign.)

BEV: I know without asking, the Lord doesn't want us there, either.

LISA: Well ... maybe He does.

BEV: *(Surprised.)* What do you mean?

LISA: Sometimes God tells us to not do things ... but at other times, He tells us to do something and make a difference for Him. When you live under His authority, you're willing to do whatever He asks of you.

BEV: So what do you think He wants us to do this time?

LISA: It's a difficult one, but I think to go as long as we yield to Him.

BEV: Really?

LISA: The girls up at the sorority house are our friends, Bev, and some are Christians. He'll show us what we should do.

BEV: Like what?

LISA: We could re-direct the conversation, perhaps defend a friend, or just flat out tell them that gossiping is wrong!

BEV: *(Thinking it over.)* Lisa, that's a pretty brave step.

LISA: Sometimes you have to be bold, Bev, if you're going to live under the leadership of God. Besides, He will be with us the entire time so no sweat! We have His Spirit. Just you wait and see; we'll go about it the right way.

BEV: I'm with you, Lisa.

LISA: *(Smiling.)* Correction: we're with God! *(HOLY SPIRIT motions for THEM to continue.)* Hang on, Bev! We're on a mission! *(BOTH GIRLS bend back like they're taking off and then exit.)*

D.J.: *(Walking to CS.)* Well, they won another battle ... too bad, *(Looking at audience.)* but tomorrow's another day, so ... *(In a sneaky, almost whispered voice.)* ... BEWARE! *(D.J. exits.)*

THE END

WAITING AND GROWING

CHARACTERS: Sarah, Ad person # 1, Ad person # 2, Ad person # 3, and Realtor.

Props: Mail, magazine with word "NOW" taped to cover, credit card, plate of food, globe, a Bible, a "For Sale" sign leaning against a small table, chair, sign that reads "Sold," and a small table to hold Bible.

(AT RISE: SARAH walks past a "For Sale" sign SL carrying her mail. She walks SR to a table with a Bible on it, puts down the mail and picks up the Bible and holds it to her chest.)

SARAH: Lord, if I just knew when our house would sell. The "not knowing" is difficult. We've had our house on the market for over three months now. *(Puts Bible down and sighs, then walks away from table.)* Danny left town to start his new job two months ago, and it's getting so hard without him. The children don't understand where Daddy is. They miss him so much, as I do. Lord, help us bring our family back together again soon. *(Looks over at mail on table.)* Oh well, might as well get my mind on something else. *(Looks through mail.)* Junk, junk, bills, bills, junk ... here's a magazine I haven't seen before, Now. *(SHE sits in chair while 3 AD PEOPLE make their way to stage and stand in a line with their backs to the audience. She flips through the pages.)* It's got some really eye-catching ads. What's this one?

AD PERSON # 1: *(Turns around with credit card.)* Quicke Credit Card is for you. High credit line and fast results. Just give us a call at 1-800-QUICK-PURCHASE and you can have almost anything your heart desires in a matter of minutes ...

(SARAH turns page as AD PERSON # 1 turns back around.)

SARAH: And here's another ...

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