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The Petition

Introduction

LifeLine Productions is dedicated to presenting the Gospel message and Biblical truths in an entertaining and thought-provoking form. We aim to plant seeds in the hearts of those who do not know Jesus Christ as Savior, and to challenge and encourage believers to a stronger walk with their Lord.

We are thankful to you for ordering this script. It is our prayer that your drama group, youth group or whatever type of group you have will be effective with this material and that God will use our collective work for His good. You are on the front-line; you have the opportunity through your performance to touch someone and lead them to Christ. May God bless your faithfulness in this task.

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Theme: The Gospel, forgiveness of Jesus.

People: 2

Note: This is a good skit to do with your Pastor. No one expects it to be a skit. It really wakes up a congregation.

Props: A computer read out, or any long list such as a clipboard with a lot of paper and a pen.

Scene: Either the Pastor is giving a sermon or a speaker is talking. Lenny is in the audience trying to get someone's attention and is being quite obvious about it.

Lenny: Pssst! Pssst! (*Whispering real loud. This is your opportunity to embarrass someone who doesn't expect it, so choose your subject well.*) Hey, Bob! Bob! Can you sign this...

Pastor: Lenny, what are you doing?

Lenny: (*Caught! Acts real embarrassed*) What? Uh, nothing really, just tying up a few loose ends. Go on, great sermon.

Pastor: (*Hesitantly*) Thank you. (*Goes on talking*)

Lenny: Pssst! Bob! Can you sign this?

Pastor: Lenny! What are you doing? What do you mean "'tying up a few loose ends?"

Lenny: I'm just having people sign this form.

Pastor: Exactly what is so important about that form that you must interrupt my sermon?

Lenny: It's just a form I'm having people sign, saying that I'm not to be held responsible for any wrong doing on my part.

Pastor: Uh-huh. So tell me Lenny, why are you doing this?

Lenny: Well, I've been thinking about this for a long time, and I feel I have this whole religion thing figured out.

Pastor: Okay.

Lenny: You and I, we're all going to die, right?

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Pastor: Right.

Lenny: Well, someday Jesus is going to judge all of our lives, and He'll probably have quite a few things to say about my life...

Pastor: No doubt.

Lenny: *(Pauses to think about the jab he just received.)* Anyway, when he starts to list all the bad things I've done in my life, I'll hand Him this list, and He'll have to say, "Well, it looks like we can't hold these things against you because no one else is holding you responsible, so you'll have to just go on in." And I'll get into heaven.

Pastor: *(Pauses, speaks with apprehension)* Uh-huh.

Lenny: As a matter of fact, *(fans through the list)* since I have your attention now, and you're so hard to get a hold of, *(walks up to the pulpit)* could you sign here?

Pastor: Wait a minute, let me get this straight. You want me to sign this form stating that you are not to be held responsible for anything you've done wrong to me.

Lenny: Right. And date it to if you would.

Pastor: What about my car?

Lenny: I'm sorry, what about your car?

Pastor: You borrowed my car and bashed in the fender. It's costing me \$500 to have it fixed.

Lenny: Right. That's why you're on the list.

Pastor: Wouldn't it be better if you just paid for the damages?

Lenny: *(Slight pause to reflect the question)* Nooo. It would be better if you just signed here.

Pastor: *(Reluctantly)* Okay, You're probably not going to pay me back anyway. *(Lenny gets excited to have another signature. The Pastor signs and then flips through the list.)* I don't think this list will help you on judgment day. There seems to be a couple of names missing here.

Lenny: What names? I've been working on this for a long time!

Pastor: I don't see Wanda Winklemeyer's name here.

Lenny: What! Wanda, I never talk to her, why should her name be on the list?

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Pastor: Did you see how she was dressed today?

Lenny: Hoooo boy! Did you see her? Man did you see her outfit? She looked so hot... *(Looks at the Pastors convicting glare)* Uh, that would be, like, lust right. *(Lenny writes Wanda's name into his list)* Wanda Winklemeyer...

Pastor: I see another problem.

Lenny: *(Thinks real hard and then writes.)* Carol Lumbroski...

Pastor: No, I'm talking about Phil Bollinger.

Lenny: Hey! I don't look at Phil that way!

Pastor: No! He's on your list, but you don't have his signature.

Lenny: Oh yeah, right. Phil's a great guy, he'll sign. No problem.

Pastor: Phil died last month.

Lenny: *(Pauses to think)* Maybe that's why he hasn't returned my calls. Okay, that could be a problem.

Pastor: *(Flips through the list again)* I see you don't have Jesus on this list.

Lenny: Haven't you heard a word I said? He's the reason I'm doing this.

Pastor: Sure, but what about your sins against Him?

Lenny: What sins? I never talk to Him.

Pastor: Well, that's part of the problem. But Jesus said that whatever you do to these you do to Him. So in fact, your problem is not only with these people but with Jesus too.

Lenny: Gee, I didn't think about that.

Pastor: Here, *(rips off a corner of a page and writes on it and hands it to Lenny)* instead of working on that list, why don't you work on this list.

Lenny: Jesus?

Pastor: Sure. He wants to forgive us so bad, He died on the cross for us. All you have to do is ask Him.

Lenny: I guess you're right. I'll do this right away. *(Starts to walk off stage.)*

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Pastor: Uh, Lenny, what about your list?

Lenny: Oh you can have it.

Pastor: But don't you care about your friends?

Lenny: (*Embarrassedly walks back to retrieve his list.*) Oh yeah, right.

End

Variation: Another subtle variation to this skit, it reminds us how easy it is to break some of the commandments. The variation goes as follows:

Pastor: I don't see Wanda Winklemeyer's name here.

Lenny: What! Wanda, I never talk to her, why should her name be on the list?

Pastor: Did you see how she was dressed today?

Lenny: Hoooo boy! Did you see her today!! Man! You'd swear to God she was the foxiest lady arou... (*Looks at the Pastors convicting glare*) Uh, that would be, like, lust right. (*Lenny writes Wanda's name into his list*)

Lenny: What sins? I never talk to Him.

Pastor: Well, that's part of the problem. But just a moment ago you used His name in vain. Besides Jesus said that whatever you do to these you do to Him. So in fact, your problem is not only with these people but mainly with Jesus.

End