

## A RETROSPECTIVE LIFE

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**GENRE:** Drama

**SYNOPSIS:** Three teenagers start a small group Bible study, which turns out to be a disaster when gossip creeps in.

**DIRECTOR'S TIP:** In order to make it very clear that these are the same three women growing up, you may wish to dress each character in the same color shirt for each of their "ages". Dialogue should flow easily from one table to the next, giving the appearance of growing older.

**TIME:** Over 5 minutes

**CAST BREAKDOWN:** 9F

**TOPIC:** Youth, Gossip

**SCRIPTURE REFERENCE:** Romans 15:14

**CHURCH YEAR SEASON:** Any

**SUGGESTED USE:** Worship Service, Women's Event, Seeker Service

**CHARACTERS:**

KATE 1 – teenage girl

ANNA 1 – teenage girl

KELLY 1 – teenage girl

KATE 2 – female, age 30-40ish

ANNA 2 – female, age 30-40ish

KELLY 2 – female, age 30-40ish

KATE 3 – female, age 50-60ish

ANNA 3 – female, age 50-60ish

KELLY 3 – female, age 50-60ish

**PROPS:** 3 tables, Bibles, notebooks, pens, soda/coffee/tea cups if desired

**COSTUMES:** Modern dress

**SOUND:** Three or nine wireless microphones; three table microphones

**LIGHTING:** General stage

**SETTING:** A small group Bible study

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*Lights up.*

**KATE 3:** *(Walking in front of the tables, and meeting KATE 1 in the middle of the stage)* In retrospect, I think how simple it would have been to say something then. Stop the cycle, you know. What was I thinking? It all began...

**KATE 1 & 3:** *(Together)*...in high school.

*KATE 3 sits down, while KATE 1 takes over.*

**KATE 1:** A few friends and I decided to start this small group Bible study thing. I was so excited! I showed up with my Bible, my pen, my notebook, and high hopes. I couldn't wait to grow, in the Lord and in my friendships both. I realized quickly this might not be that place.

**KATE 1:** Hey guys, what's up?

**ANNA 1:** Hey, Kate, how ya doing?

**KATE 1:** Good, thanks.

**KELLY 1:** Did you get your lesson done?

**ANNA 1:** Yea, I did. You know, I just love that scripture they talked about on page...  
*(Fumbling through her lesson)*

**KELLY 1:** *(Interrupting)* I had the craziest week. I didn't finish my lesson, needless to say. Well, I actually never got started. You remember Josh, the guy that works at Baskin Robbins? He called last Tuesday and wanted me to meet him after work.

**ANNA 1:** Are you serious? How old is he?

**KELLY 1:** Eighteen, I think.

**ANNA 1:** What did you do?

**KELLY 1:** I said no! Have you seen the shoes that guy wears? I wouldn't be caught dead...

**ANNA 1:** Yea, you're right there. Speaking of shoes, did you see Rachel? She finally got rid of those black platforms she's worn since Junior High. Now all she needs to do is lose the glasses.

**KELLY 1:** She must think that if she wears them long enough, they'll come back in style.