

BUSY AS BEA

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GENRE: Drama

SYNOPSIS: A hard-working executive keeps putting off the one appointment that she most needs to keep.

DIRECTOR'S TIP: It's important that Bea never seems to hear or otherwise acknowledge Jesus in any way.

TIME: Under 5 minutes

CAST BREAKDOWN: 2

TOPIC: Priorities

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: Matthew 6:25-34

CHURCH YEAR SEASON: Any

SUGGESTED USE: Seeker Service, Sermon Starter

CHARACTERS:

BEA
JESUS

PROPS: Chair, cell phone, pager, PDA, laptop, day-timer

COSTUMES: Contemporary for Bea, traditional biblical attire for Jesus (preferably)

SOUND: Two wireless microphones

LIGHTING: General stage

SETTING: Unspecified

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Lights up. JESUS is seated in a chair, center stage. BEA hurries into scene, carrying her briefcase and talking on her cell phone.

BEA: (*Angry*) Well, Chuck, I'm sorry. I was supposed to have those reports early yesterday morning. Just get them to me as quick as you can, okay?

She hangs up the cell phone and pulls her PDA from her briefcase.

(*Talking to herself*) Okay, let's see—my meeting with Landholm Clothiers is at two. I pick up Tyler at three-thirty and then get him to hockey practice at four.

JESUS: Hello, Bea.

Her cell phone rings.

BEA: Bea Redfield. Yes, hello, Mr. Stapleton. Yes, I have the designs for the new line of swimsuits all ready to show you. What? Oh, no. Not today. Sorry. I have an appointment at four—so, how does tomorrow look? Ten-thirty? Hang on.

BEA glances at her PDA to check the time.

JESUS: I wonder if Tyler considers himself “an appointment,” Bea.

BEA: Okay, Mr. Stapleton. Ten-thirty works great. But I can't stay long because I have to meet a client at eleven, okay. Great, bye.

She hangs up and is back with her PDA.

JESUS: You have a lot of appointments, Bea.

BEA: (*To herself*) Man, am I busy.

JESUS: Maybe, a little TOO busy?

BEA: (*To herself*) Let's see...tomorrow, ten-thirty, Stan Stapleton—the line of swimsuit designs. And if I time it right, I can still make that deacons' meeting at the church by eleven. Hope they have some snacks!

JESUS: They will.

BEA's pager goes off. She grabs it, looks at it, reaches for her cell phone, and dials a number.

JESUS: You never slow down, do you, Bea.

BEA: Oh, yes. This is Bea Redfield returning Miss Leonard's page. Yes, I can hold.