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CONVICTED

by TIM BASS

GENRE: Comedy

SYNOPSIS: Al and Jen return home from a particularly moving church service. The sermon has “convicted” them, but they don’t know what to do about it, so they are only giving lip service to these convictions.

DIRECTOR’S TIP: When directing this script, it is important to play the scene “straight,” which means it should not be played for laughs. The humor will come out of the confusion and lack of conviction of the characters. The dialogue should be very clipped, very quick and delivered simply. Don’t overlay their lack of conviction by turning them into obvious slackers. There should be no pauses in the dialogue except where indicated in the script. Have the actors keep the mindset that they are playing a drama, not a comedy. This will help them keep it realistic and simple, allowing the comedy to come from the situation.

TIME: Under 5 minutes

CAST BREAKDOWN: 2

TOPIC: Prayer, Worship

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: John 2:13-17, Revelation 3:16

CHURCH YEAR SEASON: Any

SUGGESTED USE: Worship service, Bible study for married couples; men’s groups; women’s groups, Financial study

CHARACTERS:

Al - Jen’s husband; really thinks he’s convicted by the Holy Spirit

Jen - Al’s wife; also feels convicted but doesn’t know what to do about it

PROPS: Bible; two straight-back chairs

COSTUMES: Al and Jen are both dressed very nicely, in their “Sunday best.”

SOUND: Wireless microphones

LIGHTING: General stage

SETTING: Al and Jen’s living room

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Lights up on a living room. AL and JEN ENTER. They are dressed very nicely. JEN carries a Bible.

JEN: Wow. That was a great sermon. Very convicting.

AL: Oh, I agree. We should reALLY try and find what he wants us to do, because it looks like God has great plans for his church.

JEN: Oh, great plans. Great big plans.

AL: Huge plans.

JEN: Enormous plans.

They sit in silence for a moment.

AL: Well.

JEN: Yes ...?

AL: No. Nothing ... I was just ... Nothing.

JEN: Oh. Okay. Well ... well. That was convicting.

AL: My thoughts exactly. Convicting. That's the word I'd use. Convicting. I'm convicted.

JEN: Me, too. Convicted. That's me.

AL: Very convicted.

JEN: Extremely convicted.

AL: So ... we're convicted!

JEN: Yes indeed.

There is a moment of silence.

AL: Well ... Now what?

JEN: What?

AL: What?

JEN: You said, "What. Now what?"

AL: Right ... now what?

JEN: Oh ... you're asking?