

DOWN AND BLESSED IN BEVERLY HILLS

by John Cosper

GENRE: Comedy/Light Drama

SYNOPSIS: When Candy visits her friend Gretchen in California for the first time, she is surprised to see the dirty, tiny apartment where Gretchen lives, especially after Gretchen has described how blessed her life is.

DIRECTOR'S TIP: Candy should not seem materialistic but genuinely concerned for Gretchen. Gretchen is prepared for Candy's reaction and gently uses it as a chance to witness to Candy.

TIME: Under 5 minutes

CAST BREAKDOWN: 2

TOPIC: Christian Living, Priorities

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: Ephesians 1:3-14

CHURCH YEAR SEASON: Any

SUGGESTED USE: Seeker Services, Evangelism

CHARACTERS:

GRETCHEN - a new Christian, moved to California six months ago

CANDY - Gretchen's friend from back home

PROPS: Dirty, run-down furniture, luggage, a door

COSTUMES: Modern dress for both girls

SOUND: Two wireless microphones

LIGHTING: General stage

SETTING: Gretchen's modest apartment

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A door is on stage. Some modest, used furniture is set up to form GRETCHEN'S apartment. GRETCHEN and CANDY walk up to the door, carrying CANDY'S luggage.

CANDY: Boy, you were right, Gretchen. Everything about California is gorgeous.

GRETCHEN: I told you! I just love the blue skies, the palm trees.

CANDY: You have palm trees?

GRETCHEN: You haven't seen them? They're part of the scenery.

CANDY: I've just been admiring those handsome California boys.

GRETCHEN: Oh, we have those in abundance. Wait until we go to the beach!

CANDY: I can't wait!

GRETCHEN: I'm so excited that you finally made it out here.

GRETCHEN starts unlocking the door.

CANDY: I am too. Ever since you moved, I've heard about how good life is and how blessed you are... I just had to see the life of luxury you found out here.

GRETCHEN: *(Opening the door)* Well, this is my place.

CANDY: Drum roll.

They both make drum roll sounds as CANDY walks inside... and is disappointed.

CANDY: Gretchen...

GRETCHEN: Yeah?

CANDY: Are you sure we're in the right place?

GRETCHEN: Yeah. This is my little apartment.

CANDY: You're kidding, right?

GRETCHEN: Why would I kid about a thing like this?

CANDY: Come on, Gretchen. Enough of the prank. Let's see your real apartment.

GRETCHEN: Candy, this is where I live.

CANDY: Oh.

GRETCHEN: What's the matter?