

FORGOTTEN FRIEND

by JOHN COSPER

GENRE: Comedy

SYNOPSIS: An unanswered prayer reminds us to trust God to work in all things for good.

DIRECTOR'S TIP: Keeping PRAYER as friendly and personable as possible in his interaction with the audience will help "sell" the ending when he explains that all the waiting was worth it. In other words, avoid "preachiness" and keep the prayer on the side of the audience throughout the monologue.

TIME: Under 5 minutes

CAST BREAKDOWN: 1

TOPIC: Prayer

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: Romans 8:28

CHURCH YEAR SEASON: Any

SUGGESTED USE: Worship Service

CHARACTERS:

An unanswered prayer

PROPS: None

COSTUMES: Contemporary

SOUND: One wireless microphone

LIGHTING: General stage

SETTING: Nonspecific

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The actor/actress playing PRAYER walks out on stage casually. PRAYER begins pointing at people and greeting them.

PRAYER: Hey! How's it going? Hey, how've you been? You don't remember me, do you? Not a clue. You're looking at me, staring, thinking, who in the world is that?

PRAYER sighs, throws his hands up.

How do you like that? It never fails! All those long hours you and I spent together, and you've forgotten me so quickly? You remember now?

I'm your unanswered prayer!

Does that ring a bell now? I can't believe you don't remember. How could you forget all those sleepless nights that I kept you up? And all the tears you shed over me. The pleas you made to God over and over. And what about the three days you spent fasting for me? Wow, that was three days with nothing but water...Well, water, and the Snickers bar you snuck in the break room on day two. That's right, I saw that.

Not to worry, though. God never held it against you that you took a candy break. Nor did he get mad that you took a thirty-minute break to watch Everybody Loves Raymond every day. Fact is, God's mind was made up. He was just waiting for your mind to open up.

See, I was all set to come to you. I felt so bad, hearing you beg every day that God would let me come to pass. And who could blame you? For all you knew, I was the answer you needed! I even asked the Lord, "Please, let me do this!"

"No," he said. "I have something better."

And you know what that something was, don't you? You must know. I mean that answer was the whole reason you forgot me! It's okay. I'm glad you're happy. Glad it all worked out for the better. For the best, right? Because that's how God works. Sometimes you think he's withholding the one thing we need most...when he's really just waiting to show you something so much better, you can't even conceive of it.

Well, I just was in the neighborhood and wanted to say hi...and to remind you about the time we shared. I won't be the last "unanswered prayer" you'll meet in life. There will be others. Maybe you're dealing with one now. And if you are, I just want to say, go easy on the guy. And don't get mad at God. He may not do everything you ask, but he will do what is best for you.

PRAYER exits.