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## HUMBLE PIE

by SCOTT W. KIRK

**GENRE:** Drama

**SYNOPSIS:** Jim publicly chews out an employee. But when his administrative assistant asks him to publicly apologize, Jim isn't sure what to do.

**DIRECTOR'S TIP:** Status change is a central part of this script. Jim is Elinor's boss, yet still she must confront him on his breach of protocol. Explore when Jim decides to resent Elinor's comments, and when he decides to allow himself to be accountable to her. Also, make it clear as they exit that the tension has cleared; they are comfortably joking.

**TIME:** Under 5 minutes

**CAST BREAKDOWN:** 2

**TOPIC:** Anger, Forgiveness

**SCRIPTURE REFERENCE:** Romans 12:3

**CHURCH YEAR SEASON:** Any

**SUGGESTED USE:** Worship Service, Bible Study

**CHARACTERS:**

JIM - A manager of an accounting firm

ELINOR - Administrative Assistant to Jim

**PROPS:** 1) Office Desk

2) Files

3) Phone

4) Clutter

**COSTUMES:** Contemporary business clothing

**SOUND:** Two cordless microphones

**LIGHTING:** General stage

**SETTING:** Jim's office

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Scene opens with JIM ENTERING his office after a confrontation with one of his staff. He throws a folder onto his desk, sits down, opens and shuts desk drawers with force.

ELINOR ENTERS.

**ELINOR:** Well, that was quite a scene.

**JIM:** She had it coming.

**ELINOR:** The world won't stop just because she forgot to...

**JIM:** She was given a responsibility and she is paid to make sure all the details are done right and done on time.

**ELINOR:** She's only been here three months, give her a break.

**JIM:** She screwed up.

**ELINOR:** It's not the end of the world.

**JIM:** It could have been the end of the account. She makes another mistake like that and I swear I'll...

**ELINOR:** What? Blow up in front of all the secretaries again?

**JIM:** *(Pause)* Shut the door on your way out. I've got work to do.

**ELINOR:** You had no right to talk to her that way...

**JIM:** I have every right. I'm still the manager in this office not you.

**ELINOR:** What's that mean?

**JIM:** It means don't lecture me.

**ELINOR:** I'm not lecturing you. I'm just pointing out the fact that an employee's mistake doesn't give you the right to humiliate them in front of half the employees.

**JIM:** I'm sorry if I got a little loud.

**ELINOR:** A little? You made the windows shake. That poor girl is probably sitting at her desk crying her eyes out, thinking her life is over, wondering how she's gonna pay the rent without a paycheck. And everybody else is walking around afraid they'll be your next target.

**JIM:** *(Pause)* Maybe I went a little over board. I'm sorry.