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## JOINING FORCES

by JOHN COSPER

**GENRE:** Drama

**SYNOPSIS:** Teen boys discuss their struggle with purity, and the strength they find in numbers.

**DIRECTOR'S TIP:** A bare stage is ideal. Blocking can be the actors all staying in place, or gradually moving closer together to symbolize their unity.

**TIME:** Under 5 minutes

**CAST BREAKDOWN:** 3

**TOPIC:** Youth, Abstinence

**SCRIPTURE REFERENCE:** 1 Corinthians 6:18

**CHURCH YEAR SEASON:** Any

**SUGGESTED USE:** Youth Ministry

**CHARACTERS:**

ERIC, DAVID, and RYAN - teens struggling with purity

**PROPS:** None

**COSTUMES:** Modern dress

**SOUND:** Three wireless microphones

**LIGHTING:** General stage

**SETTING:** Unspecified

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*ERIC stands at center. DAVID and RYAN are on either side, a few steps back, facing back-stage.*

**ERIC:** No one has to tell me how dangerous it is. I've had plenty enough lectures on that. Seems like wherever you turn, someone's got a new report revealing yet another risk factor. Teen pregnancy. STDs. Syphilis, gonorrhea, herpes. And AIDS. My health teacher certainly drilled those dangers into our heads. Too much at stake, too much to risk! You have to use a condom!! Never made much sense to me. Condoms fail, and the only real way to protect my future is abstinence. I know that with my heart and mind. But I still struggle with it. You know why?

*DAVID turns to face the audience.*

**DAVID:** It's not easy when you feel like the only one. Turn on the TV, go to a movie, and it seems like everybody's doing it. You meet, you have coffee, you go to bed. That's just the way we do it today. And rarely do you see anyone suffer for it. No guilty feelings, no hurt if it doesn't work out. And no one ever gets AIDS. The risk factors seem so low. If it doesn't happen on the WB, why would it happen to me? I'm young, and I want to enjoy life. Girls want to enjoy life. It's only natural, right? No. It's sin. God made sex for marriage, and nothing else can possibly be acceptable. That truth gets harder and harder to hold onto every day.

*RYAN turns to face the audience.*

**RYAN:** If it was just people on TV, then maybe that wouldn't be so bad. But imagine standing by the water bucket on the football field, listening to the other players talk about what they did with their girlfriends over the weekend. Then they turn and ask you, "So what did you do this weekend?" Taking your brother to the mall seems rather, well, young and stupid. I know that sounds ridiculous. I don't want to take chances with my future. I don't want to disobey God. But it hardly feels like I am doing the right thing when no one else around me sees it that way.

**ERIC:** I'm not looking for excuses. Sin is sin, and I do not want to go there. Even if I get away with it once or twice. That's a door that'll be hard to close once I open it. Better to avoid it completely than take a chance with even one experiment.

**DAVID:** And I'm not stupid enough to think that a little complaining will take it out of sight. Sex sells, and it's not about to leave the TV. Marketing companies are too "smart" for that. If you can call encouraging sin a smart move.

**RYAN:** God said he would never give me more temptation than I could bear. I know this is something I can overcome, or else God would not allow me to be tempted. But there are some things that would make it a whole lot easier.