

WHERE'S THE WATER?

by JOHN COSPER

GENRE: Comedy

SYNOPSIS: Despite God's miraculous deliverance from bondage in Egypt, somehow freedom doesn't seem like all it's cracked up to be.

DIRECTOR'S TIP: Moses should perhaps be played as straight as possible, particularly in the opening, in order for Norm's lines to have maximum effect.

TIME: 5 minutes

CAST BREAKDOWN: 2M

THEME: Trusting God

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: Exodus 17:1-7

CHURCH YEAR SEASON: Any

SUGGESTED USE: Sermon starter, illustration

CHARACTERS:

MOSES - leader of Israel

NORM - a whiny Israelite

PROPS: A staff

COSTUMES: Biblical

SOUND: Wireless microphones (optional)

LIGHTING: General stage

SETTING: The wilderness

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Moses enters, stage left.

MOSES: Children of Israel, the Lord has led you out of slavery. With ten plagues, he broke the chains that held you captive. He has defeated your enemies, the Egyptians, and swept them away in the waters of the Red Sea. And now, my fellow Israelites, the Lord will give us a new land, the land he promised to our father Abraham. We will journey to the land of Canaan, and when we arrive--

Norm enters from stage right.

NORM: Hey, hey, uh... Moses, is it?

MOSES: Yes?

NORM: Hey, uh, I'm just curious, where's the water?

MOSES: The what?

NORM: Water? Where's the water? I need a drink.

MOSES: We will have water soon. Just be patient.

NORM: I don't wanna be patient. I want some water now!

MOSES: Don't you have any saved?

NORM: No. I drank it all crossing the Red Sea, which was killer on the feet, by the way. You ever heard of a boat?

MOSES: Friend, the Lord did a miracle for us by parting the seas.

NORM: Yeah, well next time, maybe you should ask for a boat. And a burger joint too.

MOSES: A burger joint?

NORM: I'm hungry, man. I need something to eat.

MOSES: The Lord will provide food.

NORM: He will?

MOSES: Of course he will!

NORM: What kind?

MOSES: Quail.

NORM: Quail? That's the best he can do, quail?