

A YEAR'S DIFFERENCE

by JOHN COSPER

GENRE: Light Drama

SYNOPSIS: Two women meet at an infamous restaurant from their past so that one can thank the other for her friendship and encouragement during a hard time in her life.

DIRECTOR'S TIP: The jokes should not get in the way of the seriousness of the moment. Play for light laughs, but keep the tone very realistic.

TIME: Under 5 minutes

CAST BREAKDOWN: 3

TOPIC: Friendship, Relationships

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: Proverbs 17:17

CHURCH YEAR SEASON: Any

SUGGESTED USE: Women's event, Sermon starter

CHARACTERS:

Pam and Andrea—Christian women, friends
Mickie—A waitress

PROPS: Restaurant fixtures like tables, chairs, menus, all very shabby

COSTUMES: Waitress apron; modern dress for all characters

SOUND: Wireless microphones if desired

LIGHTING: General stage

SETTING: A restaurant

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A table is set on stage, rather shabbily. MICKIE leads PAM and ANDREA to the table, setting out menus. PAM and ANDREA sit.

MICKIE: Here you are, ladies. Can I offer you anything to drink?

PAM: I'll have a diet soda.

ANDREA: I'll have an ice water.

MICKIE: Got it. And any appetizers?

ANDREA: I don't think so.

PAM: How about some queso and chips?

ANDREA looks at PAM in alarm.

MICKIE: Queso. Coming right up.

MICKIE exits.

PAM: Well, this place looks nice. Been a while since we came here, hasn't it?

ANDREA: Yes, and with good reason. Don't you remember the last time we ate here?

PAM: I do. It's kind of sentimental to me.

ANDREA: Sentimental? That's an interesting word for it. What I remember is calling you at nine that night with food poisoning, puking my guts out.

PAM: I know. I was pretty sick myself.

ANDREA: I vowed never to come back to this place. To be honest I don't know why I didn't say this before, but can we eat someplace else?

PAM: No.

ANDREA: No?

PAM: I needed to come back here with you. I needed to remember.

ANDREA: Pam, we could have drunk some Drano and gotten the same effect.

PAM: It wasn't the food poisoning I wanted to remember. It was the conversation.

ANDREA: Conversation?

PAM: Do you remember?