

DARE TO DREAM?

by ANGELA WORLAND

GENRE: Comedy/Light Drama

SYNOPSIS: So what do we do with the dreams God has given us? Do we open them up and start playing like a kid at Christmas? Or do we set them aside like guest towels and china for some special day in the future?

TIME: Over 5 minutes

CAST BREAKDOWN: 2 M/F

THEME: Listening to God; Purpose

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: Jeremiah 29:11

CHURCH YEAR SEASON: Any

SUGGESTED USE: Seeker Service

CHARACTERS:

CASEY—the owner of the dream in the box. Knows it's important but just can't bring themselves to do anything with the box.

JAMIE—friend of Casey who wants to genuinely help out. Doesn't understand why someone wouldn't do something with the gift.

PROPS: A well-wrapped gift box; off to the side a bigger box containing more gift boxes, coat for Jamie, Post-It notes, small boxes with bows. Post-It notes say DREAM and small boxes are taped to Jamie's back – but covered with coat.

COSTUMES: Contemporary

SOUND: Wireless microphone (optional)

LIGHTING: General stage

SETTING: Unspecified

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CASEY is standing on the stage holding the beautifully wrapped box – examining it from all angles. JAMIE, wearing coat, walks on the stage towards CASEY. JAMIE should keep back turned away from audience as much as possible.

JAMIE: *(gesturing towards the box)* What do you have there?

CASEY: *(sounding depressed)* It's a gift. *(pauses for effect)* From God.

JAMIE: *(sarcastically)* You sound pretty thrilled about it.

CASEY: *(even more depressed)* Well, it's actually a dream. God gave it to me.

JAMIE: So what is it?

CASEY: *(turns the box over again, shakes it a bit)* Don't know – I haven't opened it yet.

JAMIE: *(getting a little impatient)* Are you going to open it or not?

CASEY: *(starting to look a little bewildered)* I don't think I can.

JAMIE: *(confused)* Sure you can. It's not exactly tied up with duct tape and chains.

CASEY: No, it's not like that. It's, well, what if God's dream, this gift, for me, what if... it's not what I want? I mean if I open it up and look at it and realize that I don't like it – I can't exactly go exchange it.

JAMIE: How are you going to ever know that if you don't look at it?

CASEY: Actually this isn't the first one of these I've gotten. And last time I did take a peek at it – once.

JAMIE: And...

CASEY: *(starts to smile)* It was very cool. Really incredible.

JAMIE: *(getting a little excited)* Yeah, yeah...

CASEY: It was amazing... and exciting.

JAMIE: And – so what did you do with it?

CASEY: *(sighs)* Nothing.

JAMIE: *(disgusted)* Nothing?

CASEY: *(getting a little defensive)* What would you expect me to do? I couldn't be trusted with something like that. I'd goof it all up – probably make a huge mess out of it.