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LAY IT DOWN

by JOHN COSPER

GENRE: Drama

SYNOPSIS: An addict is led to Christ by a friend, but he must battle his fears of rejection to lay his last sins before Jesus.

DIRECTOR'S TIP: The scene is most effective if you can conceal from the audience that Paul's "offering" is going to be sinful items related to his addictions. That way, the message of coming as you are will be presented very strongly.

TIME: Under 5 minutes

CAST BREAKDOWN: 3

TOPIC: Addictions

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: Luke 7:36-50

CHURCH YEAR SEASON: Any

SUGGESTED USE: Seeker Services, Ministry to those with addictions

CHARACTERS:

JESUS

CHILDREN

PAUL—an addict wanting to be free

ALI—a former addict

PROPS: A box, alcohol bottles, syringes, pill bottles, a bag of white powder, and other drug paraphernalia

COSTUMES: Jesus is in Biblical attire; Paul is in tattered clothes.

SOUND: Two wireless microphones

LIGHTING: General stage

SETTING: Unspecified

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JESUS sits at stage left, surrounded by children, miming a conversation and laughter with them. He is dressed in biblical attire, with an outer cloak over his robe. PAUL and ALI enter stage right. PAUL is dressed in tattered clothes, carrying a worn out box. He sees JESUS and stops. ALI looks at PAUL. PAUL turns to walk away.

ALI: Hey, where are you going?

PAUL: This isn't the right time.

ALI: Why not?

PAUL: Look at him! He's too busy.

ALI: He always makes time for his children. And when I say "his children" that includes you and me.

PAUL: No it doesn't.

ALI: He's going to be thrilled when he sees you coming.

PAUL: He'll tell me to get lost.

ALI: He will not.

PAUL: Not even my own family wants me around. Why should I believe he'd be any different?

ALI: Because he is! He's not like them. And you know that. He came to save people like us.

PAUL: I'm nothing like you. I'm weak, and you're strong.

ALI: Uh huh, and where do you think my strength comes from?

PAUL looks at JESUS. JESUS pauses to look back at PAUL. PAUL looks away in shame.

PAUL: It's no good. I'm not ready. I need to work on myself first.

ALI: That's not true.

PAUL: Look at me. I'm a wreck!

ALI: It doesn't matter. He said come as you are.

PAUL: I should clean up first.