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SAFE

by Tim Bass

GENRE: Dramatic Monologue

SYNOPSIS: A maintenance man admits his anxiety about a new job—not because of the job’s challenges, but because it may require being a witness for Christ.

DIRECTOR’S TIP: Keep the tone very real and natural for maximum effect.

TIME: Under 5 minutes

CAST BREAKDOWN: 1

TOPIC: Evangelism, Witnessing

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: 1 Peter 3:15

CHURCH YEAR SEASON: Any

SUGGESTED USE: Worship service, Sermon starter

CHARACTERS: TOM

PROPS: None

COSTUMES: Contemporary

SOUND: One wireless microphone

LIGHTING: General stage

SETTING: Unspecified

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Lights up on TOM.

TOM: I used to work in a church. Great job. Loved that job. Sixteen years I'm in that job. Started when I was in my mid-twenties. Now don't misunderstand me, when I say I worked in a church I don't mean I was the preacher or anything like that. I wasn't the youth pastor. Or the choir director. Or the head deacon. No, I was in maintenance. I was the church's maintenance man. You know—jack-of-all-trades. Kept the building warm in the winter and cool in the summer. Kept the lights burning and the grounds clean. Like I said, I loved that job. And it wasn't really because of the pay...although it was pretty good and the benefits were too. Nice people to work with. But that's not why I loved the job either.

No, the reason I loved that job, and I know you'll think this is strange, but the reason I loved that job was because I never had to explain God. All the folks working there already knew God. It was...a safe place to work. There was never this fear that Joe over in payroll was going to stop me and ask me about the Bible I carry in my hip pocket. Or that my boss would sit down while I was having lunch and say, "Hey, Tom, tell me about this church you go to." Like I said...safe. But things happen, you know? Things you don't expect. Coupla' months ago I had to move the family back here. My dad just couldn't get along on his own anymore. I had to be close. Then last week I got this job. I start tomorrow. It's what I do; it's what I'm good at. Maintenance. But not at a church, although I hit 'em all. I'll be head of maintenance over at the college here, Me. High school graduate. Working in that sea of intellect. And I am...scared to death.

Not because of my lack of a college degree. I'm really great at what I do. What scares me, what's been keeping me up at night, is that it's not safe. What do I do if one of my coworkers asks about the Bible in my hip pocket? Or worse, what if one of the students asks me about God? What do I do? I'm afraid I'll just be that crazy old man who stumbles across campus with a Bible in his pocket.

No. It's not safe out there. Not safe at all.

..... Lights down.

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