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SWIMMING TO SHORE

by John Cosper

GENRE: Comedy

synopsis: A disciple cheering Peter on from the boat as he swims to Jesus reflects on Peter's connection with Christ, and the passion he has for serving. The disciple comes to the conclusion that he wants that same fire.

place on a fishing boat. Peter has just gone over the side, and the disciple watches from the edge of the boat.

TIME: Under 5 minutes

CAST BREAKDOWN: 1

TOPIC: Biblical Times, Christian Living

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: John 21:1-7

CHURCH YEAR SEASON: Any

SUGGESTED USE: General Church Service

CHARACTERS: A disciple

PROPS: None required; possibly the side of a boat

COSTUMES: A biblical robe, or a modern fisherman's outfit

SOUND: One wireless microphone

LIGHTING: General stage, possible spotlight

SETTING: A boat

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DISCIPLE: Hey! Hey, Peter-Man? How's it going? You okay out there? ... How's the current? ... You okay? All right, Peter-Man. That's cool. Holler if you need me.

More silently to himself:

Look at that guy go. Swimming like a regular Olympic athlete. Well, his form's a little odd, but he seems to be making good time nevertheless.

Shouting:

Hey, Peter-Man! You sure it's safe out there to be doing this? Well, okay, but if you need a life preserver or anything, head back this ... are you even listening?

To himself:

I wonder how the water is. (Reaches a toe or hand over the boat's side to check) YOW! That's chilly.

Shouting:

Hey, Peter-Man!! You gotta be crazy swimming out there in this stuff! Get back here and dry off before you catch cold!!!

To himself:

Well, if he does get sick, the good news is Jesus is on the shore and can heal him, right? At least I think that's Jesus. That's who Peter-Man said it was anyway, as he stripped his cloak off and dove over the side. He's gonna feel real dumb if it's not.

Shouting:

Hey, Peter-Man! Watch out for those rocks, buddy. You're gonna get smashed to pieces in all those waves if you're not-- (*Winces*) Oooh, that was close.

To himself:

Peter-Man's always been that way. A couple years ago—similar situation. We were in a boat in a storm, and there was Jesus, walking on the water. So Peter-Man, bold as he could be, steps out of the boat to walk on the water too. Of course, he took his eyes of Jesus for a second, and started to sink, but Jesus was right there to grab him.

Such a rare moment, really. Peter-Man taking his eyes off Jesus. He's been passionate about following Jesus since the day they met. Always the most bold and outspoken ... and the quickest to insert his foot in his mouth.