

Script – The Parable of the Friend at Midnight

[The opening scene, the stage is roughly divided into thirds. The far left and far right stage represent two homes. Anna lives on stage right and Jason lives on the left. Both families come onstage, they yawn a bit, stretch and look generally sleepy. They find a blanket or sheet, then cover up and go to sleep. There is a pause. Next, Jesus and the disciples come walking across the stage casually talking then stopping at center stage, between the two homes.]

Disciple: Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.

Jesus: [looking up to heaven] When you pray, say: “Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation.”

Jesus: [after a short pause] Imagine this. [Jesus and the disciples freeze on stage]

Timothy: [walks onto the stage left near Jason’s house...and knocks on the door] Hello, Jason! It’s me, Timothy!

Jason: [waking up quickly and going to the door] Timothy! Good to see you! Please come in! You look tired and hungry. Sit down and rest, I’ll find something for you to eat. [Jason looks around for food, but does not find anything.]

Jason: [to Timothy] Just a second Timothy, I’ll be right back. [Jason runs out of the house, across the stage in front of the disciples and over to Anna’s house. He knocks on the door, quietly at first. Then with more and more enthusiasm.]

Anna: [still half asleep, wakes up somewhat, loudly] Who is it?

Jason: [loudly through the pretend door] It is your neighbor Jason. I need some bread. A friend of mine has come from a long journey and I don’t have any food in the house. Could you spare a loaf of bread?

Anna: [annoyed, lays back down]

Jason: [knocks again, then a bit louder] Anna, I need to borrow a loaf of bread!

Anna: [angry this time] Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children are with me in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.

Jason: [knocks again, then a bit louder] But Anna, please, I need your help!

Anna: [gets out of bed, finds the bread, opens the door and hands it to Jason]

Jason: [happy] Thank you Anna.

[Then Jason walks back in front of the Jesus and the disciples to return home. The movement reanimates Jesus and the disciples]

Jesus: Because of the man's boldness he will get up and give him as much as he needs. So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.

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