

A script from



“You Can’t Help Me: Adult Worship”

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- What** Through three moments, three people are confronted with how much Jesus wants to help them, and us. (Themes: Anger, Parent/Child Relationships, Choices, Trust)
- Who** Jesus
Teenager
Businessman
Husband
- When** Present day
- Wear (Props)** 2 Cell phones
Chair
- Why** Proverbs 3:5-6; Romans 8:26-27
- How** This skit was first performed with two actors. If you want to do the same thing, start with Actor 1 as the **Teenager** and Actor 2 as **Jesus**. Then every scene switch roles so that Actor 1 plays **Jesus** and Actor 2 plays **Businessman**, then switch back for the last scene. This way of casting involves fewer people, but it keeps the pace up since no one leaves the stage between scenes.
- Time** Approximately 5-7 minutes

Actor 1 sits in chair and is portraying a Teenager. He is on his cell phone. Actor 2 is playing Jesus.

Teenager: *(Into phone)* Dad-dad-dad-yes technically I stayed out past curfew, but everybody does it... No, if everybody jumped off a cliff I wouldn't jump off a cliff. Dad-dad-dad-dad-you're not lis-, Dad you're not listening to me. Dad lemme ex-, lemme explain, lemme... All right, well, Mike and me - DAD! You're not letting me explain! All right, I'll talk to you when you get home. I'll talk to you when you get home. I'LL TALK TO YOU WHEN YOU GET HOME!
(Hangs up phone) Sheesh! He makes me so angry sometimes. Sometimes I...

Jesus: Before you let anger take root in your life, let me help you.

Teenager: Jesus, you can't help me. My dad thinks I'm a bad kid, a bad seed, that I'm out hangin' with my peeps, that I'm raisin' the roof, but I'm not. I don't even know who let the dogs out. I mean, do you have any idea what's like to have a dad who loves you so much it's like he's watching every move you make?

Jesus: A little bit.

Teenager: Don't you have some third world country to worry about?

Jesus: No, I'm good right here.

Teenager: He thinks I'm a bad seed, I'll show him I can be a bad seed. *(Speed dials phone)* Mike? How's my brotha from anotha motha? How're you doing? It's cool talk, c'mon. Listen, you know that party you were telling me about? Well, hook me up. Yeah... What about my dad? Who cares about my dad? My dad's always up in my Kool-aid®... My dad's always frustrated with me. Mike, learn the lingo! This party is gonna be so... so...

Jesus: Jiggy.

Teenager: Jiggy! All right Mike, I'll hook up with you later. That means good-bye, Mike. I'll see you later. *(Hangs up)* There. That'll show him.

Jesus: Before you start making a lot of choices that will affect the rest of your life let me help.

Teenager: You can't help me.

Jesus: Let me help with you and your dad.

Teenager: You can't help me.

Teenager leaves and Businessman enters. He too is on his cell phone.

Businessman: Barney-Barney-Bar - I'm taking about my life's savings here. Barney-Barney-Barney - what did Smith say, Barney? *(Pause)* Well, then put it in the A account. *(Pause)* Well, then put it in the Ligu... Barney, just ask yourself, "What would Martha do?"

Jesus: Before you do that, let me help you.

Businessman: *(To Jesus)* I can't talk to you right... *(Into phone)* I'm not talking to you. *(To Jesus)* I can't talk to You right now. My family's taken a lot of hits financially, and I don't see You doing anything about it, so I gotta take care of it on my own. I guess You have no concept what it's like to have everything and then lose it all.

Jesus: Yes, I do.

Businessman: Don't You have some third world country to look after?

Jesus: I'm good right here. These are the things that will corrode your character. Let me help.

Businessman: *(Back to phone)* Look, Barney, I'm not talking Enron here, it just has to show on the books. Look, what they don't know can't hurt me.

Jesus: You may be building a kingdom, but it has nothing to do with the cross. I want to help you.

Businessman: You can't help me.

Businessman exits and Husband enters talking on his cell phone.

Husband: *(Into phone)* Babe?-Babe?-Suga?-Hon?-Babe?-I think it's important, I just don't think now's the right time to do it. Babe-babe-babe-lis-we'll talk about it when you get home. We'll talk about it when you get home. You are coming home, right? Okay, we'll talk about it when you get... She hung up on me. *(To Jesus)* She can be so frustrating. Sometimes I...

Jesus: What is so hard about this thing she wants you to do?

Husband: Well, you know, ever since we gave our life over to you things have been great, don't get me wrong, but we still have these friends. These friends from our "other" life, and my wife, she wants to just go out there and tell them everything, and I just think there's a strategy to it. I think there's a process you need to go through to telling them about You.

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Jesus: So you'd rather play God in part of your life than let Me be God in all of it.

Husband: That's not what I said.

Jesus: But that's what you meant.

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