

“Spiritual Resolution: Evangelize”

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What Annie makes a resolution to spread the Good News, but her approach is far from good. This comedic skit is part of the Spiritual Resolution series and fits perfectly into a series about New Year's resolutions.

Themes: New Year's, New Year's Resolutions, Evangelism, Good News

Who **Annie-** a young professional (20's-30's) who is relatively new to the Christian faith. Has a flair for the dramatic.
Connie- humorous representation of her conscience (should be played by someone older than Annie)
Mary- woman of any age (non-speaking role)
Pete- male, pastor at a local church

When Present day; park bench near a bus stop

Wear (Props) Outdoor bench
Notebook
Evangelism tract
Magazine
Coffee cup
All actors wear present-day casual clothes, with coats. (Connie's coat should have a hood)

Why Matthew 28:19

How This is a comic script, and it's okay for actors to exaggerate reactions.

Time Approximately 4 minutes

Lights up on a park bench. **Annie** is sitting with a coffee cup and a notebook. She checks off a list of names as she reads them out loud.

Annie: Last Monday was Lydia, Tuesday was Shara... Wednesday was Jesse at work... Thursday was Uncle Frank at Dad's birthday party, *that* didn't go over so well. Friday was Liz, she said she'd "think about it." Saturday was that girl at the gym. Yesterday was that guy Jon at the coffee shop after church. Now I just need someone...

Mary sits down on the other end of the bench and opens a magazine.

Annie: *(very brightly, snapping her notebook closed)* Hi! *(Mary pulls the magazine up higher in an obvious attempt to ignore Annie)* Hi! How's it going? *(Silence)* Speaking of "going", do you know where you're going after you die?

Mary stands up and walks away.

Annie: Okay then. *(Opening her notebook)* Not sure whether or not I can count her...

Pete enters, checks his watch, and sits down on the other end of the bench.

Annie: Hi!

Pete: *(a little surprised)* Hi.

Annie: Hey, do you know of any good carpenters around here?

Pete: Uh—yeah. Sure. I could probably recommend—

Annie: Cause I know one from Nazareth who changed my life. Want to know more?

Pete: Umm...I gotta tell you, I've never heard that one before.

Annie: You haven't? Well, let me tell you. His name is Jesus, and you too can have a personal relationship with him.

Pete: No, I mean, I haven't heard that line before. And I've heard a lot. I'm a pastor at Northside Grace Community—

Annie: *(plows ahead as if reciting)* You just need to tell him that you know you're a sinner and ask Him for forgiveness. Romans 6 says, "For the—

Both: "—wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Annie: *(still oblivious, takes a tract out of her notebook)* So if you want to know more about this free gift of God, this booklet explains everything you need to know—

Pete: *(standing up)* That's my bus. Listen, about your approach—

Connie enters as if having stepped off the bus, wearing a hooded coat.

Connie: *(smiling at Pete as they pass)* Hey, Pastor, thanks. I'll take it from here.

Pete exits. Connie sits down, but with her hood up. Annie doesn't recognize her.

Annie: Hi! Can I tell you about the blood donor who saved my life?

Connie: *(puts the hood down and stares at Annie)* Of all the lines I've ever heard, that has got to be the worst.

Annie: I've seen you before. Where have I—

Connie: I'm your conscience. *(Holds out her hand as if for a handshake)* I'm here to help you with your New Year's Resolutions. Like the "talk to someone new about Jesus every day" resolution.

Annie: *(disappointed)* I don't think witnessing to my own conscience counts. But I'm already running out of new people to talk to.

Connie: First, you're going to run out of people REAL fast if you keep up that approach. Tell me, what's the point of telling people about Jesus?

Annie: It's evangelism. We're supposed to go out and share the good news. *(Connie waits as if prompting her)* You know—because Jesus said so.

Connie: Did Jesus care about the people He talked to? You know, when He was walking around on earth?

Annie: Sure He did.

Connie: Great. Tell me that last guy's name that you talked to.

Annie: What? Why is that important?

Connie: Tell me how he responded to your message.

Annie: I didn't really get a sense.

Connie: Do *you* really care about the needs of the people on this list? Or do you just want to check off a name each day?

Annie: That's totally unfair. Even for a conscience.

Connie: *(looks over Annie's shoulder at the notebook)* This guy "Jon at the café yesterday." What's he like?

Annie: I don't know. *(Pause)* I know he doesn't like when I put tracts in the tip jar.

Connie: Annie. People can tell when you have an agenda. It's not "good news" when you're all up in a stranger's business.

Annie: You ought to know.

Connie: Here's an idea. Before you start each day, how about you ask God who He wants you to talk to?

Annie: I... guess I could do that.

Connie: It's God's Spirit that does the work, right? If you're not in tune with Him, you're not going to accomplish anything in the first place.

Annie: You know, I was thinking maybe I should spend more time talking to the guys at that coffee place. I'm there every day... several times.

Connie: That sounds like a much more effective way to share the Gospel.

Annie: Okay. *(Suddenly disappointed)* Oh. But then, who am I going to use all these opening lines with? Some of them are pretty good. *(As Connie gives her a withering look)* You know what, never mind. *(Stands up)* Time to ask Jon for a refill.

Lights down.