

“The GodPhone User’s Guide:GPS”

Script 4 in the series

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What Wendy desires a deeper connection with the Lord, but her GodPhone seems to be on the fritz. For one thing, she’s completely confused by where her GPS is directing her.

This script is part of the GodPhone series. These skits can each stand alone or be used as a five-part series that may coincide with Advent, Lent or other seasons of prayer focus.

Themes: Prayer, Intimacy, Sin, Holy Spirit, Lent, Student Ministry, College Ministry

Who Wendy
George
Alicia
Brandon

When Present

Wear (Props) 4 Apple smart phones, one for each character

Why Matthew 6:5-13; 1 Chronicles 16:11; 2 Chronicles 7:14; Ephesians 6:18; Matthew 26:41; Romans 12:2; Psalm 145:18; Romans 8:26; Colossians 4:2

How A video component is key to the action. As notifications from God appear on Wendy’s phone screen, they’ll also ping and appear on a video screen - allowing the audience to see what’s on Wendy’s phone (Wendy will only react to the phone). A ‘ping’ sound effect will accompany each new notification on the screen.

Time Approximately 5 minutes

Wendy, George, Brandon and Alicia enter together, all of them with their faces in their phones. George, Brandon and Alicia sit, consumed. Wendy, still standing, is looking very confusedly from her screen, to her surroundings, and back to her screen again. She touches her screen, a ping is heard, and these words appear on the video screen.

AT THE NEXT OPPORTUNITY, TURN AWAY FROM GODLESS CHATTER.

Wendy stares at her phone. Keeping it before her, she turns and faces a different direction.

*(Ping!)*TURN AWAY FROM WORTHLESS THINGS.

Wendy frowns. Again, keeping the phone before her, she tries a third direction.

*(Ping!)*TURN AWAY FROM SIN.

Wendy: Arrrrgh! This thing makes me so angry!

*(Ping!)*TURN AWAY FROM ANGER.

Wendy stares at her phone and slumps.

Wendy: Hey, you guys.

Alicia: *(phone-focused)* Mm.

George: *(phone-focused)* Huh.

Brandon: *(phone-focused)* Yeah.

Wendy: I think the GPS on my GodPhone is whacking out.

Brandon: *(phone-focused)* It's not whacking out.

Alicia: *(phone-focused)* It's a GodPhone.

George: *(phone-focused)* It doesn't whack out.

Alicia: *(phone-focused)* It's a GodPhone!

Wendy: *(roll eyes)* Ok, yes, I know...

Brandon: *(phone-focused)* Its ways are not your ways.

Wendy: I know! I'm trying to go in its ways! But I can't get it to give me any directions!

Alicia: *(phone-focused)* You got all your notifications from God turned on?

Wendy: Yes, I've got all my notifications from God turned on.

George: *(phone-focused)* You insert your sin card?

Wendy: Yes, I inserted my sin card. And I disabled my AutoPray and I died to my selfie! Repeatedly!

Brandon: *(phone-focused)* Nice!

Wendy: Noooo not nice! Because no matter what I do, I'm not getting the direction I need here. *(gesturing to her phone)* I can't even find a place to punch in my destination!

(Ping!) BY FAITH ABRAHAM, WHEN CALLED, OBEYED AND WENT, EVEN THOUGH HE DID NOT KNOW WHERE HE WAS GOING. HEBREWS 11:8

Wendy looks at her phone, confused.

Alicia: *(phone-focused)* It's a GodPhone, Wendy.

George: *(phone-focused)* Yeah. You don't decide where you're going. He does.

Wendy: What? You're kidding me.

Brandon: *(phone-focused)* Not kidding.

Alicia: *(phone-focused)* The choice is all His.

Wendy: But...but that's not how a GPS works!

Alicia: *(phone-focused)* Sister, welcome to the God Positioning System.

George: *(phone-focused)* Mm-hm. A turn towards repentance...

Brandon: *(phone-focused)* A turn towards surrender...

Alicia: *(phone-focused)* A turn towards righteousness...

George: *(phone-focused)* And now we're getting somewhere!

Alicia, Brandon and George: *(high-fiving, still focused on their phones)* Ba-yam!

Ping! A thumbs-up emoji appears. Wendy looks baffled.

Wendy: I...I don't understand. If I don't put in a destination, how will I know where I'm going?

George: *(phone-focused)* You won't!

Wendy: How will I know I'm going the right way?

Alicia: *(phone-focused)* You won't. *(tapping Wendy's screen)* You just trust where it leads.

Wendy: Well, how will I know when I arrive?!

Brandon: *(phone-focused)* You don't arrive!

George: *(phone-focused)* Not in this life, anyway.

Wendy stands with her mouth open.

Wendy: So, let me get this straight. I'm supposed to trust the direction it gives me...even though I don't know where it's leading and—oh, by the way—I never actually arrive in this life?!

George: *(phone-focused)* Exactly.

Alicia: *(phone-focused)* You got it.

Brandon: *(phone-focused)* GPS, baby!

Wendy: This is impossible! No wonder I feel so lost all the time!

(Ping!) YOU'RE NOT LOST, WENDY. YOU'RE RE-CALIBRATED.

Wendy stares at her screen.

Alicia: *(phone-focused)* It's actually pretty simple, if you think about it.

George: *(phone-focused)* On-ramps, off-ramps, and U-turns. That's what you've got to be ready for.

Brandon: *(phone-focused)* Especially U-turns. Lots of U-turns.

Wendy: Aw, I don't know. I didn't sign up for this!

Alicia, Brandon and George all look up slowly from their phones for the first time.

(Ping!) YOUR MEMORY IS CORRUPTED.

Alicia: Yeah. Sorry. You totally signed up for it.

Brandon: Totally.

Wendy: I did?

George: Didn't you ask the Lord to lead you in all things?

Wendy: *(realizing)* Maybe.

Alicia: Didn't you say, 'Lord, your will be done and not mine'?

Wendy: *(hedging)* I mean...something like that...

Brandon: Boom.

Alicia: Right there.

Brandon: Signed up for it.

George: He gets to choose the destination, not you.

(Ping!) AT THE NEXT FORK IN THE ROAD, VEER TOWARDS LOVE & KINDNESS.

Wendy: *(looking at screen)* Okay, see? See that right there? That's not helpful! The directions are vague...it doesn't say where that's going to get me...

Alicia: You don't worry about that. You just follow the directions.

Wendy: It...it doesn't even tell me what comes next! I get one or two lines of direction, at most, and then—

The following will all be added, line by line, to the last ping, forming a whole screen of instructions. Alicia, George and Brandon will be looking over Wendy's shoulder, watching these.

(Ping!) AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, EXIT YOUR FOOLISH PRIDE

(Ping!) AFTER THAT, TAKE THE WAY OF MERCY

(Ping!) GET OFF THE PATH TO DESTRUCTION

(Ping!) AND CHOOSE THE NARROW ROAD

(Ping!) STAY RIGHT (ALWAYS)

(Ping!) CIRCLE BACK TOWARDS FORGIVENESS.

(Ping!) CONTINUE ON AN EXTRA MILE

(Ping!) TURN TO ME WITH YOUR TRUST, YOUR BURDENS & YOUR WORSHIP

(Ping!) ENTER THE JOY OF YOUR MASTER.

Wendy: Whoa.

(Ping! also added on) ARRIVED AT DESTINATION

All four stare at **Wendy's** phone screen for a moment.

George: Yeah, that's pretty much the same directions I got.

Alicia: Same.

Brandon: Boom.

Wendy: Wow. This...this God Positioning System is...actually pretty amazing!

Brandon: There you go.

Alicia: It's amazing, if you follow it.

George: Yeah. A lot of people have God's direction available to them, but then they decide they know a better way.

Brandon: *(head-explode gesture)* Wack-o!

Wendy: *(as they're exiting)* Pfh! Well, not me! I can tell you that right now. From now on, I'm going God's way. Every time. God's way. The way that's easiest and fastest.

(Ping!) UM...

Beat

(Ping!) BREAKING: I NEVER PROMISED EASIEST OR FASTEST.

Wendy stares at her phone as they all exit.