

## **“The GodPhone User’s Guide:Selfie”**

### **Script 3 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 can’t make it focus on herself for very long.

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  
Small backpack with 2 sandwiches in it for Wendy

**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 extends her arm in selfie position, a 'ping' is heard, and these words appear on the video screen:*

YOUR SELFIE STORAGE...IS FULL.

*Wendy looks baffled and keeps trying to take the photo.*

*(Ping!)*YOUR SELFIE STORAGE...IS FULL.

*(Ping!)*YOUR SELFIE STORAGE...IS FULL.

*(Ping!)*FULL.

*(Ping!)*STILL FULL.

*Ping! A face-palm emoji appears. Ping! Another. Ping! Another.*

*Wendy stares at her phone.*

**Wendy:** Hey, you guys.

**Alicia:** *(phone-focused)* Mm.

**George:** *(phone-focused)* Huh.

**Brandon:** *(phone-focused)* Yeah.

**Wendy:** *(still staring at her screen)* I think my GodPhone is on the fritz again.

**Alicia:** *(phone-focused)* It's not on the fritz.

**George:** *(phone-focused)* It's a GodPhone. It doesn't fritz.

**Brandon:** *(phone-focused)* Its ways are perfect.

**George:** *(phone-focused)* You're on the fritz.

**Wendy:** Yeah, well, whatever. I just know the focus is all messed up.

**Alicia:** *(phone-focused)* The focus?

**Wendy:** Yeah. *(holding it up for another selfie)* It was pretty sharp at first, but now everything's blurry.

**George:** *(phone-focused)* It's because you're only focusing on yourself.

*Wendy stares at him a moment.*

**Wendy:** I—? No, I am not!

**Alicia:** *(phone-focused)* You are.  
**Wendy:** Well, how rude! I do not focus only on myself. In fact, I—  
*Ping! A selfie of Wendy appears. Ping! Ping! Ping! Ping! More and more selfies of Wendy keep filling the screen. She stares at her phone screen in alarm, then sheepishly tries to hide it so the others won't notice it.*

**Brandon:** *(phone-focused)* Can't lie to the GodPhone, sister.

**Alicia:** *(phone-focused)* Can't lie to it.

**Wendy:** Well...ok, where does that leave me? How am I supposed to get my focus back?

**Alicia:** *(phone-focused)* That's easy.

**George:** *(phone-focused)* You gotta die to your selfie.

**Wendy:** I...I've got to what?

*(Ping!) DIE TO YOUR SELFIE.*

*Wendy stares at her phone screen.*

*(Ping!) IT'S IN THE CONTRACT.*

**Brandon:** *(phone-focused)* See, a real GodPhone will only let you focus on yourself for a limited amount of time. But then it's designed to focus primarily on God, and on others.

**Wendy:** It is?

**George:** *(phone-focused)* Sure. I mean, think about it. If it was designed to be focused on me all the time, then it wouldn't be a GodPhone.

**Alicia:** *(phone-focused)* It'd be, like...a me-phone.

**Brandon:** *(phone-focused)* Heh...or, an I-phone!

**George:** *(phone-focused)* Pfh. An I-phone. How stupid does that sound?!

*Alicia, Brandon and George chuckle still glued to their phone screens.*

**Wendy:** But...I don't understand. I've seen lots of other people using GodPhones, and they seem to take all the selfies they want. Come to think of it, they almost never stop!

**Alicia:** *(phone-focused)* Those aren't real GodPhones then.

**George:** *(phone-focused)* Nope.

**Brandon:** *(phone-focused)* They're knockoffs.

**Wendy:** Really?

**Alicia:** *(phone-focused)* Cheap imitations.

**Brandon:** *(phone-focused)* Fakes.

**George:** *(phone-focused)* Having a form of GodPhone-ness but denying its power.

*(Ping!)* HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH THEM.

*Wendy stares at her screen a moment.*

**Wendy:** Sooooo...how do I get a clearer picture then?

**Alicia:** *(phone-focused)* Flip your perspective around.

**George:** *(phone-focused)* Flip it.

**Brandon:** *(phone-focused)* Make other people the center of your picture.

**George:** *(phone-focused)* Other people. Not yourself.

*(Ping!)* "HONOR ONE ANOTHER ABOVE YOURSELVES." ROMANS 12:10b

*Wendy considers these words. Then she presses her screen and points the phone at the 3 friends as if to take a photo.*

**Wendy:** Hey, look at that! It really works!

**Alicia:** *(phone-focused)* Boom. GodPhone.

**Wendy:** *(looking into phone)* This new picture is incredible!

**Brandon:** *(phone-focused)* That's whassup.

**Wendy:** *(still framing them up)* Look at you guys! You look great! *(still framing, growing sentimental)* You know, I appreciate you guys so much! You really are my best friends. *(lowers phone)* Wow. What a blessing. Can I do something for you guys? Are you guys hungry? I've got sandwiches in my backpack?

**Alicia:** *(looking up from phone)* Sure!

**George:** *(also looking up)* Wow, that'd be great!

**Brandon:** *(also looking up)* I'm starved.

**Alicia:** *(as they take sandwiches from Wendy)* Thanks, Wendy!

**George:** Yeah! Thanks!

**Brandon:** This is so cool of you!

**Wendy:** My pleasure!

*Alicia, Brandon and George return to their phones as they eat their sandwiches. Wendy smiles, quite satisfied, and continues framing up a picture of her friends. After a few moments she frowns slightly. Presently she presses her screen and moves around beside the 3 friends. She gets close to them and extends her arm for a group selfie. Alicia, Brandon and George, all with their mouths full, slowly look up from their phones, staring at her. Wendy is too preoccupied smiling for the selfie to notice them.*

**Brandon:** *(mouth full)* What are you doing?

**Wendy:** What? I'm...you know, doing the GodPhone thing. *(smiling at her phone)* I'm focusing on others!

*Ping! A face-palm emoji appears.*

**Alicia:** You're not focusing on others.

**Wendy:** What're you talking about? I gave you a sandwich!

**George:** *(looking at Wendy's screen)* Yeah, but then you turned your perspective back around to focus on yourself again.

**Wendy:** I'm not focusing entirely on myself. I let you guys be in my picture this time! That ought to count for something. *(smiles big and snaps a group selfie)*

**Brandon:** You know, it's not always about you, Wendy!

**George:** Yeah! I'm not just a prop in your story.

**Alicia:** Exactly! Each one of us has a story, too...and thoughts, and feelings, and abilities...

**Wendy:** And thanks to me, a sandwich! What's the problem?

**George:** Wendy, it's not really focusing on others if the only reason you focus on them is so that you can focus on you focusing on them!

**Brandon:** I couldn't have said it better myself.

**Alicia:** If you're going to have a GodPhone, then you've got to get serious about dying to your selfie.

**Wendy:** Ugh, I'm trying! You know, nobody told me that using a GodPhone was going to be so hard! Why isn't this thing more intuitive?!

*(Ping!)* INSERT SIN CARD HERE.

*Wendy looks at her screen, then rolls her eyes.*

**Alicia:** *(looking at Wendy's screen)* Yeah, that's why.

**Wendy:** *(as they begin to exit)* I just don't understand. All I wanted was some reliable focus, ok? Is that too much to ask? When I look at things through my GodPhone, I want to see everything sharply, accurately, with perfect depth perception and composition.

**Brandon:** *(phone-focused)* Ah. You want the Big Picture setting.

**Wendy:** This comes with a Big Picture setting?

**Alicia:** Uh...no.

**George:** Not exactly.

**Brandon:** Uh-uh.

**Alicia:** Only one User has the full Big Picture, and it's not you.

*They all begin to exit.*

**Wendy:** Well...do you think I can upgrade?

*Ping! Face-palm emoji*