

KNOCK, KNOCK!
Rev 4

A short play about a Christian couple and two Mormon missionaries

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OPENING SCENE:

Husband opens front door, grabs his newspaper, goes back inside. Wife relaxing in the living room, reading her Bible.

Elders Smith and Jones, Mormon missionaries riding up on their bikes.

SMITH:

Let's stop here!

JONES:

Let's do it!

SMITH:

How's my tie?

JONES:

Looks good, how's mine?

SMITH:

A little crooked, here. Ok, that's good.

JONES:

It feels crooked.

SMITH:

(knocks at the door, Jones still working his tie)

Stop fiddling with it!

HUSBAND:

(on the couch reading his paper, annoyed by the disturbance)

Now who could that be at three o'clock on my only day of leisure?

WIFE:

(getting up to look out the window)

Two guys with white shirts and black ties. I think they're the Mormons.

HUSBAND:

Oh great! Close the blinds and make like no one's home. Let 'em go next door.

(flicks his paper)

He's a preacher. He gets paid to do this stuff.

WIFE:

(back on the couch, her bible open to Romans 10:15)

Let's see, oh here it is, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring goods news of good things"

HUSBAND:

(cuts her off)

That's not fair! You know I hate shoving my faith down people's throats. Now if they come to *me*, that's a different thing.

(Smith & Jones knock again)

WIFE:

(casts a look at husband)

HUSBAND:

(understanding, gets up to answer the door)

Ok, ok. But the minute they mention spirit children, I'm outa there.

HUSBAND:

Can I help you?

SMITH:

Hello sir, I'm Elder Smith and this is Elder Jones. We're missionaries from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Can we share a quick message with you?

HUSBAND:

I'm a Christian. You're not going to change my mind. But, hey, go for it.

SMITH:

Yes sir, I understand. We believe that we're all God's children and because he loves us, he reaches out to us to establish his church through a modern-day prophet. And the proof for that comes from the book of Mormon?

HUSBAND:

You're a little old to be an Elder aren't you?

SMITH:

Yes sir, well we're just wondering if you've ever read the Book of Mormon and what you thought of it.

HUSBAND:

No but I watched a YouTube. You're the guys that don't believe in the Trinity, right?

SMITH:

Well, the word Trinity is not in the Bible, sir. We believe that Jesus is God's son and we strive to be like him.

Ad lib here about Jesus being a role model, etc.

HUSBAND:

Your church believes some pretty wacky stuff. Like God has a body. You don't really believe that, right?

SMITH:

Yes, sir we do, Heavenly Father has a physical body just like ours and through progressive exultation we believe we can be just like him one day.

WIFE:

Begins to take an interest. Gets up, crosses over to the door with Bible & water in hand.

HUSBAND:

Uh huh. And how about the Bible, I heard the Mormons don't believe in the Bible.

SMITH:

Well the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints teaches that the Bible is the Word of God as far as it's been translated correctly. But God loved us so much he gave us another testament of Jesus Christ.

HUSBAND:

Talk to me. Why should I believe the Book of Mormon over the Bible?

SMITH & JONES:

(look at each other)

SMITH:

Okay so...

HUSBAND:

Wait, you've been doing all the talking. I want to hear from Smith.

SMITH:

I am Elder Smith, sir.

HUSBAND:

Well, then I want to hear from Jones. How am I supposed to tell you guys apart anyway?

(Smith and Jones both cast a glance at their names tags)

JONES:

Okay so, as we read the Book of Mormon we can pray about it and receive the Holy Ghost which testifies of the truth. It's all based on prayer and reading and pondering it. If you ask sincerely, Heavenly Father will tell you that these things are true. I have a copy of the Book of Mormon for you if you'd like.

WIFE:

(at the door by now, carrying her Bible and the two waters, senses it's time to get involved)

HUSBAND:

I won't read it. I don't believe in polygamy or salvation by works or we can all become mini-gods or ...

JONES:

Sir, we don't believe in those things either.

HUSBAND:

Sure you do. You telling me Joseph Smith didn't have a harem full of wives?

SMITH:

What Elder Jones is saying is ...

WIFE:

(breaks in)

Hi guys!

SMITH & JONES

Hello mam, Hi mam.



Start with Relationship

Tell me about yourself.

What do you believe?



WIFE:

Wow, did you guys ride here in this heat? Can I get you some waters?

JONES

Sure, that'd be great, we could use some water.

SMITH:

We were just talking to your husband about the Book of Mormon. Would you like a copy?

WIFE:

I already have one. I've done a little reading in it. Pretty interesting. Hey, let me ask you, where're you from?

WIFE:

So, where did you guys say you're from?

SMITH:

I'm from Provo, Utah mam.

WIFE:

Nice, you have great view of the Rockies! How about you elder?

JONES

And I'm from Wichita, but we're both serving the Lord in Raleigh, so this is where we live now.

WIFE:

I bet you miss your families. How long since you've been home?

SMITH

I sure do. It's been 6 months for me.

JONES

And nine for me mam.

WIFE:

Who do you miss more, now tell the truth, your girlfriend or your mama?

SMITH & JONES

(answering simultaneously)

Our moms. (my girlfriend)

(SMITH casts stern look at JONES)

JONES:
I mean our moms.

WIFE:
(laughing)
Don't worry I won't tell. Hey, I've got another question for you.

JONES:
Yes mam?

WIFE:
If you lived a perfect life, where would you go when you die?

Ask Questions:

Where did we come from?

Why are we here?

Where are we going?

SMITH:
We believe that through the atonement of our Savior, if we obey the laws and ordinances of the Gospel, we go to be with Heavenly Father for all eternity.

WIFE:
Well the Bible says if you believe in your heart and confess with your mouth, that you will be saved.

JONES:
Yes, we believe that too.

Leave a Stone

Use the powerful Word of God

**Point out the differences between
the Bible and their own scriptures**

WIFE:

Well, sort of. You also have to obey the law, right? Elder Jones, have you obeyed the law?

JONES:

I've tried to, mam. I do the best I can.

HUSBAND:

Well, that's not good enough son!

WIFE:

(casts a stern eye at her husband)

Elder Jones, have you obeyed the *whole* law?

JONES:

(puts his head down)

No, mam. I have not.

WIFE:

I know. Neither have I. No one has. That's the problem. We're all sinful, we fall short of the glory of God. No matter how hard we try. And if we break one part of the law, Jesus said we break the whole law. So we have a problem don't we?

SMITH:

But that's why we believe in grace, mam. Grace is the strengthening power of Jesus Christ. It's through his grace that we can live according to the law and be forgiven.

WIFE:

Well, that's not what grace is. You have your Book of Mormon with you. Look up what it says about grace.

SMITH & JONES

(thumbing through their BOM)

WIFE:

Check Moroni 10:32

SMITH:

Got it mam. It says: "If you deny yourself of all ungodliness, then his grace is sufficient for you."

WIFE:

Ungodliness? Ungodliness is sin, right? Elder Smith, have you denied yourself of all sin? Have you stopped sinning?

SMITH:
No mam.

WIFE:
Well, that kind of grace isn't going to help you then, is it? You haven't stopped sinning. And if you had stopped sinning, why would you need grace?

SMITH
I guess we wouldn't.

WIFE:
I'm going to look up a verse for you. This time from the Bible. It says in Romans 5:6, "God so demonstrates his love for us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Guys, you don't have to become worthy. Our Lord died on the cross so you could be saved even in your ungodliness. That's what grace is. When Adam and Eve brought sin into the world, it separated us from a holy God. And Jesus came, and died on the cross and rose from the grave three days later fully paying the penalty for our past and future sins. Romans 6:23 says that the wages of sin is death, we are dead in our sins but the free gift is eternal life through Jesus.

HUSBAND:
(watching his wife, learning how to relate Scripture to the Missionaries instead of historical facts that have little impact and often lead them to put up defenses)

WIFE:
In Ephesians 2:8-9 it says: "For by Grace are you saved, through faith, and this not of your selves, it is a gift of God... You see, Grace is a free gift. You can't earn it and you certainly don't deserve it.

JONES:
We believe that too mam. Right here in 2nd Nephi 25, it says "to believe in Christ, and to be reconciled to God; for we know that it is by grace that we are saved"

WIFE:
Good so far, what does the rest of that verse say?

JONES:
Sure. It says, "after all we can do"

WIFE:
After all you can do? Young man, if you have to earn it, is it a gift?

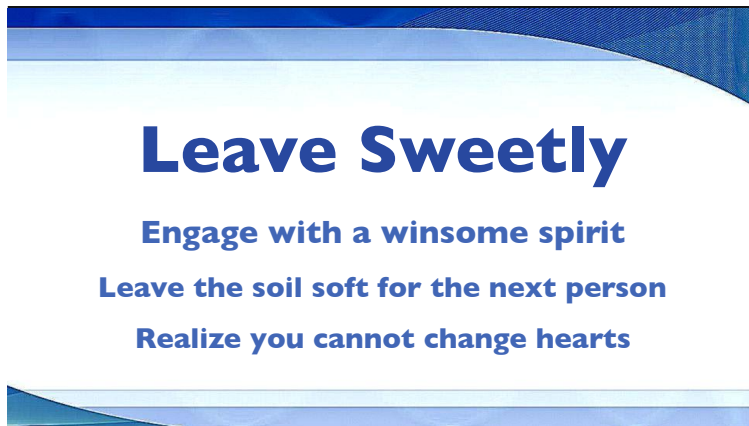
SMITH:

(looks at Jones, somewhat convicted, blanks)

Mam, we prayed about this and ...

JONES:

We prayed about it and we know this church is true, sir. We have to get going now.



WIFE:

Okay, I hope you guys think about what we said. My advice to you is this: just the pure word of God. It's clear. It's all you need. By the way where are you going from here?

JONES:

Uh, next door mam.

HUSBAND & WIFE

(both chuckle)

JONES:

Why? Is there something we should know?

HUSBAND:

No, no, no. That's Stephen Davey's house. He's a great guy. Have fun!

SMITH & JONES:

Thank you, mam. Thank you, sir.

WIFE:

(speaking directly at Smith as she senses he is the more open)

Oh, and here are your waters. Come back some time. I want to tell you about living water. The water that if you drink, you will never thirst again.

HUSBAND:

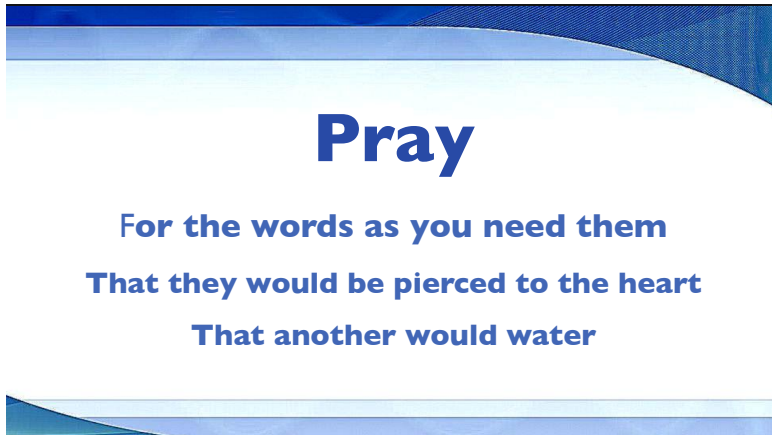
Have a good day guys. Hey, can I make one suggestion to Elder Jones?

JONES:

Yes sir?

HUSBAND:

Before you visit anybody else, you should really straighten your tie?



WIFE:

Honey, let's pray for those two young men right now, okay?

Wife, husband seated now, praying silently

JONES:

Jones descends the stairs, getting on his bike.

SMITH:

Smith hanging back, pondering something he heard, staring intently at his bottle of water

JONES:

*at his bike by now, sensing something up with his friend
loooooong pause, give audience a chance to put it together*

John?

SMITH:

snapping out of it
Oh, sorry. Coming!

THE END