

A script from



“Am I Ready?”

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- What** A skit about being prepared to work for God when He needs you. Problems occur when Brandon tries to be prepared for any circumstance, but misses the point of being spiritually prepared. **Themes:** Preparedness, Spiritual Health, Armor of God, Relationship with God
- Who** Brandon
Abby
- When** Present
- Wear
(Props)** Umbrella
Swiss Army Knife
Duct tape
Granola bar
Cell phone for Brandon
- Why** 1 Peter 3:15, Ephesians 6
- How** The dialogue is meant to be conversational. **Brandon** switches between speaking with the audience and turning to speak with Abby throughout the skit. Abby should freeze when Brandon is addressing the audience once she has entered the stage.
- Time** Approximately 5 minutes

Brandon: *(addressing audience)* Being prepared. *(pause)* It's the Boy Scout motto, right? But what does it really mean to be prepared. Does it mean always having your trusty Swiss Army Knife on hand? *(pulling Swiss Army Knife out of pocket)* Or that you grab your duct tape like MacGyver before you walk out the door? *(pointing to duct tape stuck out of pocket)* Is it as simple as being sure you pack your umbrella and an extra set of clothes in case it rains? *(opens umbrella and then casually sets it down on floor)* Basically, depending on who you are and what you're facing, "being prepared" could mean a lot of different things I guess. *(pause)* Still, I always thought that being prepared was important... especially after becoming a Christian because it meant you could help out in any circumstance. So I devoted myself to ALWAYS being prepared so that God could use me wherever and whenever He wanted. In fact, there was a time that I used to think I was prepared for any and all emergencies. CPR? I'm certified. Tornado? I have a kit in my house and an emergency cellar. Another Y2K scare? I've got plenty of food and supplies to share. Hungry? Take one of my protein bars. Zombie apocalypse? Well, you get the idea. *(pause)* The truth is, though, that when it really mattered, I wasn't prepared at all. You see, a friend visited me not too long ago...

Abby enters looking sad and walks toward Brandon.

Brandon: *(warmly addressing Abby now rather than the audience)* Hey Abby! How are you doing?

Abby: *(startled at first, not noticing anyone was around, and then despondent looking again)* Oh...hi Brandon.

Brandon: Whoa. What's wrong? Are you hungry? I have a protein bar *(reaching into his pocket)*.

Abby: Oh, no thanks. It's nothing.

Brandon: Could have fooled me. You look like you lost your best friend. Oh, hey! I have an app that helps you find lost pets. Just a sec. *(pulling out his cell phone)*

Abby: *(chuckles, but not really happy)* No, Brandon, it's nothing like that.

Brandon: Okay then. Do you need to borrow some money? I have some saved for a rainy day.

Abby: No, I don't need—

Brandon: Is your stomach upset? I have my first aid kit with me and—

Abby: *(a little sharply)* No Brandon! My stomach isn't upset! *(instantly contrite)* Look, I'm sorry. I'm just not good company.

Brandon: That's okay, Abby. I just wish I could help.

Abby: Well...maybe you can. You see I'm just really stressed out. First, my family hasn't really been getting along and school has been really hard lately. I can't concentrate either. I see all of the news about terrorists and riots and think what a crummy world this is. I mean, why doesn't God just fix everything? It makes me wonder if He is really there listening. Do you have something in your emergency preparedness kit for that?
(Freezes with head down)

Brandon: *(addressing the audience again)* The answer was no. I didn't. I wasn't prepared at all! What I wish I had said was this— *(turns toward Abby and she unfreezes)* Abby, God's Words tells us that we will have struggles in this world because of the spiritual battle around us. All of these things you're talking about, well, they're hard, but not a surprise. In fact, God gave us His Word to protect and prepare us for this very battle, so that we can put on His armor and persevere. Abby, I know it's not easy, but God's Word can give us the peace, strength, wisdom, and...well...the answers we need when we feel scared and stressed. Would you like me to study some verses with you?

Abby: *(Takes a deep breath and nods as if deciding to follow Brandon's advice.)* I guess I just lost sight of the truth with all the commotion and worry. To be honest, I haven't been very good about reading God's word or seeking help from Him. I guess I just needed a reminder. You're a good friend. *(freeze)*

Brandon: *(to audience)* That's how I wish it had gone. But, you see, I hadn't been meditating on my Bible either. I hadn't really been wearing any of that armor and my Swiss Army was poor defense against something so big. I had been running around trying to be prepared to "work" for God so much, that I didn't focus on the most important part of serving God—my relationship with him. So, unfortunately, this is how it really went. *(toward Abby, Abby unfreezing)* Wow, Abby that sounds awful. I'll be thinking about you...uh...praying for you I mean.

Abby: Okay, well thanks anyway, Brandon. *(Walks out despondently)*

Brandon: *(to audience)* What a disaster! Right after that, I hit my knees and asked God for some advice. He pointed me first to a few verses that made me realize how unprepared in my heart that I had been. Then, He led me to Ephesians 6, the answer for Abby and ironically me. To put on the armor of God is how we are most prepared in this world of unpredictability

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and crisis! So, it's a good thing my God is a God of second chances, because now I'm on my way to find Abby. We have some things to talk about and this time I'm prepared! *(start to exit then pause and look at the audience)* Oh, don't worry. I know how to find her. She has a GPS tracker that I downloaded to her phone just in case of that Zombie Apocalypse!

Lights out.

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