

A script from



## “Another Number in the Stats”

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- What** **Ben** is graduating and wonders if he will become another teen who graduates from his faith when he graduates from High School. But the “cloud of witnesses” who have poured into him throughout the years reminds him that he doesn’t have to be just another statistic.  
Themes: Graduation, Faithfulness, Faith, Teenagers, Growing Up, Maturity, College, Influence, Mentor, Cloud of Witnesses,
- Who** Ben  
Youth Minister  
Sunday School Teacher  
Preacher  
Young Teen  
Mom  
Dad
- When** Present (Graduation)
- Wear (Props)** Kleenex
- Why** Hebrews 12:1, Philippians 3:12, Matthew 5:14
- How** If you have lighting capabilities, spotlight **Ben** and leave the “cloud of witnesses” in the dark during **Ben’s** opening thoughts. Then once **Ben** is done, fade the lights on Ben and either spotlight each of the other characters when it’s their time to talk or bring up lights on all of the characters while **Ben** is in dim lighting.
- Time** Approximately 3-4 minutes

**Ben** is on stage front and center. The other characters form a wide semi-circle around **Ben**; they are a good distance from him and spread out.

**Ben:** I thought I’d never see the end of high school, but hey, I made it. Soon I’ll be in another state in another school, and, I guess, going to another church. I actually haven’t thought about that too much – just been concentrating on the school part. I’ve heard someone say: When a teen graduates from High School, it’s very likely they’ll also graduate from their faith. I wonder if that will happen to me. I think I’ll always go to church, but I can see how easy it would be to just skip it. My parents are usually the ones that got me to go. It’s not that I didn’t want to, but, you know, sleep is one of my favorite things to do...  
(sighs) I hope I can do it on my own.

Lights on **Ben** fade to dim; light the other characters as you have ability (see notes above); **Ben** quietly acknowledges and listens to the other characters as they speak.

### Youth

**Minister:** Ben, I can’t believe it, Man! You’re graduating! Finally! (**Ben laughs**) I feel so old! This morning my wife and I were talking about some of you guys that are graduating, and I was thinking about the first time you walked into our youth room. You were a scrawny, little 7th grader. I could tell that you were incredibly nervous, but remember Josh? (**Ben shakes his head yes**) Josh was a senior that year, and he made you his unofficial little brother. Every time we had class or an event, Josh would find you; he would wrestle with you and pick on you a little and call you the Benegator, just so you’d know you were welcome. Now you’re a senior, and you’re leaving the same kind of legacy. You’re a big brother to all of those boys in middle school. That’s so awesome, Ben. But we’ve gotta get you out of here before you guys break something expensive! (**They laugh**)

### Sunday School

**Teacher:** Ben, I don’t know if you remember when I taught your Sunday school class, but you were about 6 years old. You were always trying to sit right next to me, but if anyone was already in your chair, you would ask them to go get you a Bible, and once they got up, you would take their spot. (**Ben smiles and laughs a little**) Those kids never even noticed that you already had your own Bible in your hand. So much was taught to you in those little Bible classes. They weren’t just stories for little kids, Ben. They’re real. They’re about brave people that chose to be used by God. Use what’s written in the Bible, stories you’ve grown up with, to paint a picture of what kind of man you want to be.

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**Dad:** All of us are a part of your family – this, right here (*uses his finger to “mark” off the semi-circle*), this is a cloud of witnesses that has invested themselves in you. We’re still gonna be here as you go on to the next chapter of your life. We’re not sending you off and then abandoning you. You can always call; you can always seek advice; you can still tell your mom you miss her, and you can always come home... but not for too long! (*They laugh through tears; Dad waits for the laughter to quiet.*) God has a race marked out for you; run that race well, Son.

*Everyone comes in to hug Ben, shake his hand or pat him on the back with “I love you” or “We’re proud of you,” etc. being said. Ben steps out. The semi-circle takes shape again but the other characters freeze with heads down.*

**Ben:** I, uh.... (*wipes his eyes*) can’t tell you how much that makes me feel stronger. I feel like I can do this now. I didn’t realize how many people I have on my side. (*Looks around at everyone; if there is a designated place where Graduates will be sitting, Ben will look in that direction; if not, just speak to the general audience.*) We can stay faithful. All of you graduates can stay faithful to God. So let’s mess up the stats (*smiles big*); we don’t have to walk away like everyone else. I mean, (*gestures back at the “cloud of witnesses”*) look at the support and the people who have prayed for us. We’ll just have to keep remembering what Hebrews says, “...since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.”

*Lights out*