

A script from



“Cards You’ve Been Dealt”

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What This is a Reader’s Theatre based on the video “Cards You’ve Been Dealt”. We’ve all been given painful situations in our lives, but how will you respond to the hand you’ve been given? Themes: contentment, disappointment, encouragement, struggles, life, obstacles, trials

Who Actor 1
Actor 2
Actor 3
Actor 4

When Present day

Wear (Props) 4 large cards made to look like playing cards, but visible enough for your audience. These can be cut from poster board or foam board.

Why Philippians 4:10-13; James 1:2-4

How The actors can be in a straight line across your stage or staggered by a couple sitting on stools and the others standing. Another idea is to stagger them on the front steps of your stage.

At the end of the script, each actor is to reveal a large playing card that says something that they’ve dealt with in their lives. Another option is to have each actor very briefly give a personal testimony of something good that has come out of something bad they’ve experienced. Make sure that these are short and rehearsed.

If the actors have do not say their lines from memory, the script they are holding can also be made to look like a playing card.

For more ideas, watch the preview for this video at www.skitguys.com.

Time Approximately 4-6 minutes

The actors address the audience.

- Actor 1:** Have you ever thought about the cards you've been dealt?
- Actor 3:** Have you ever taken the time and examined life as if it were a hand of cards? Some of you would look at your life and say,
- Actor 4:** "I have a great hand. I want to keep them all".
- Actor 2:** And some of you would look at the hand you've been dealt and say,
- Actor 1:** "these cards are rough and bitter and if I could just exchange them for some new cards then I would be okay."
- Actor 2:** You see, you can't trade the cards you've been given in life. These are your cards whether you like the way they feel or not.
- Actor 3:** It's funny how in life we look at the uglier cards that we don't necessarily want anybody else to see.
- Actor 1:** We try to hide them behind the more noble, significant, prettier cards. It's human nature I guess. But deep down we know the cards we've been dealt. There's no escaping it. It's who we are.
- Actor 4:** These are our cards no matter how we look at it. They're part of our make-up. You are all in.
- Actor 2:** But what if we stopped and just took the time to look at the cards we've been given in life- where do they come from?
- Actor 1:** Was it just life?
- Actor 3:** Or coincidence?
- Actor 4:** Or was it God?
- Actor 2:** Some of you would say,
- Actor 1:** "why would an all-loving, all-caring God knowingly give me this card?"
- Actor 4:** " If he really loved me would he really give me this card?"
- Actor 2:** It's the cards of pain.
- Actor 3:** It's the cards we don't like to talk about-
- Actor 1:** cards of depression,
- Actor 3:** rejection,

Actor 2: that word that seems to linger on in our minds even after all these years,

Actor 4: abuse,

Actor 3: divorce,

Actor 2: even death.

Actor 1: These are real cards. But there are also good cards in our life. Think back to the time when you made your dad laugh when you were a little kid,

Actor 4: when you tied your shoe for the first time,

Actor 2: your first A on a report card,

Actor 3: your first kiss,

Actor 4: your first job,

Actor 2: the first time you stood up for yourself.

Actor 1: These are the cards that you're proud of.

Actor 2: These are the cards that you play over and over again

Actor 4: because these are the pretty cards.

Actor 3: It's a sad fact...

Actor 4: ...but it's true...

Actor 3: ...that we really care what other people think.

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