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“Daniel: Not So Far From Babylon”

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What This skit features the story of two Daniels - one from the book of Daniel we know so well and one from modern day. The similarity in their stories shows the audience how we can experience social or cultural pressure no matter what time period we live in.

Themes: Daniel, Peer Pressure, Teens/Youth Group, Faithfulness, Popular Culture, Social Pressure

Who Daniel

When Biblical Times, Present Day

Costumes Biblical Robe/Attire
Jeans
T-Shirt
Sandals (optional)
Ball Cap

Props 3 Scrolls
Cell Phone
Ceramic Jug with Two Handles
Vitamins/TicTacs in a Plastic Bag
Rewind Sound Effect

Why Book of Daniel, Galatians 1:10, Romans 12:2, Proverbs 1:10

How The actor starts the skit wearing the biblical robe over his t-shirt and jeans. The plastic bag of vitamins or TicTacs should have the appearance of illegal drugs. The phone and hat should be placed in his back pants pocket. The plastic bag should be placed in his front pocket. He should remain barefoot or wear sandals that would function as both modern and biblical wear. For effect, the actor should mimic the same timing for similar lines in the first and second part of the skit. However, the actor can use a formal tone/approach in the first half of the skit, and a more familiar or modern tone in the second half.

Time 5 minutes

Lights up.

Daniel enters stage right carrying scrolls under his arms and carrying the jug in his hand. At center stage, he sets the jug at his feet and faces the audience.

Daniel: Daniel is my given name - it means “God is judge”. It’s important for me to tell you who I am because the enemy’s goal has been to change my identity - even down to the name I call myself. Apparently, I was first noticed by others because of my appearance, my intelligence, and my social standing - all things that the culture values. But no one seems interested in the real me.

Have you ever heard of being a stranger in a strange land? That sums up what it’s been like. I’m surrounded by Babylon. *(shows scrolls to the audience one scroll)* Inundated with their language. *(tosses first scroll and shows second scroll)* Immersed in their culture and idols. *(tosses second scroll and shows third scroll)* Taught their ways. *(tosses third scroll)* Pressured to corrupt myself, *(picks up jug to show audience)* even down to what I’m told to put in my body. *(places jug down again)*

My friends face the same problems. But, with God’s help, we remain faithful - to ourselves and to Him. *(pause)* It hasn’t been without consequences - walking through the fire is never easy. Facing a roaring lion *(points to knees and nods head with eyebrows raised)* gives you shaky knees. But social influences can’t change you unless you let them. I haven’t forgotten my real identity in God.

And you know what? God hasn’t forgotten me. He stands with me and my friends as we face our accusers. So, just remember that when you’re dropped into enemy territory, you are not alone. Your identity is safe in the creator’s hands.

(pause) Wait! Was that hard for you to relate to? Hold on a sec. Let’s rewind.

Rewind sound plays and **Daniel** picks up the jug and then the scrolls, moving backwards stage right like a video rewinding his performance. Off stage, he quickly removes the robe, puts on hat backwards. Rewind sound stops and **Daniel** enters stage right in modern day clothes only. At center stage he faces the audience.

Daniel is my given name - it means “God is judge”. It’s important for me to tell you who I am because the enemy’s goal has been to change my identity - even down to the name I call myself. Apparently, I was first noticed by others because of my appearance, my intelligence, and my social standing - all things that the culture values. But no one seems interested in the real me.

Have you ever heard of being a stranger in a strange land? That sums up what it’s been like. I’m surrounded by Babylon. *(pulls out magazine and shows audience)* Inundated with their language. *(tosses magazine and pulls out phone to show audience)* Immersed in their culture and idols. *(looks down as if scrolling on phone and shows audience again)* Taught their ways. *(puts phone in back pocket again)* Pressured to corrupt myself, *(takes out plastic bag and shakes bag at audience)* even down to what I’m told to put in my body. *(places bag in pocket again)*

My friends face the same problems. But, with God’s help, we remain faithful - to ourselves and to Him. *(pause)* It hasn’t been without consequences - walking through the fire is never easy. Facing a roaring lion *(points to knees and nods head with eyebrows raised)* gives you shaky knees. But social influences can’t change you unless you let them. I haven’t forgotten my real identity in God.

And you know what? God hasn’t forgotten me. He stands with me and my friends as we face our accusers. So, just remember that when you’re dropped into enemy territory, you are not alone. Your identity is safe in the creator’s hands, *(pause)* even when you face your own kind of Babylon.

Lights down.