

“I Hear You and I’ll Answer”

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- What** Overwhelmed by life, a woman (or man) decides to give prayer a try and is surprised when God answers back.
- Themes: Prayer, Doubt, Talking to God, God Answers, Duo, God Hears and Answers, Conversation with God
- Who** The Voice of God- mic’d off stage
Actor- male or female
- When** Present
- Wear (Props)** Casual, modest attire, modern
Cell Phone
Bible
Table
Chair
- Why** 1 Thessalonians 5:17, Ephesians 6:18, James 5:13, Romans 12:12, Matthew 6:9-13
- How** The Voice of God should be upbeat and playful but not too much so. You don’t want to come off as insensitive or as a smart aleck. Aim for approachable and loving. When you are interrupting the prayer, make sure you time it well so that the actor is able to deliver his/her line but not floundering to continue.
- Time** Approximately 3 minutes

Bible is placed on a table beside the Actor. Actor comes in and sits down, obviously sad and frustrated.

Actor: Worst. Day. Ever.

Sighs. Lays cell phone on top of the Bible. Double take at the Bible then pick it up.

Alright, Bible. What WISDOM do you have to help me?

Give it a shake like a magic 8 ball and then with your eyes closed, open it randomly toward the back of the Bible and point inside. Open your eyes and look at the verse. Act as though you are reading the verse.

Pray without ceasing. Hmm. Pray. Alright. I guess that wouldn't hurt anything. *(close Bible)* Let's see...pray... *(whisper)* pray, pray, pray...oh! what was that prayer I learned in Sunday school? Something Father? Uh...Our Father...or I guess, My Father... *(awkward; jokingly)* Hello, Father... *(either salute to the sky or point, give a little laugh)*

God: *(offstage voice; joyfully-not questioning)* Hello!

Actor sits up straight and looks around quickly. Picks up cell phone and looks at it. Lays it back down.

Actor: That was weird. *(refocusing)* Ok. For real this time. *(close your eyes and fold your hands, slowly/hesitantly)* My Father...who...is in Heaven...

God: You got Me!

Actor: *(looks up with eyes only, then face; looks at phone, picks up to answer)* Hello? *(looks around, frustratedly)* Alright, who's there?

God: Who's there? You called me.

Actor: *(confused, looks at the phone)* What? *(looks around)* Ok, who's here, really?

God: It's Me, God. You were talking to Me and I answered.

Actor: You answered? I don't understand.

God: *(with a hint of sarcasm)* It's called prayer. You talk to Me and I answer. It's a conversation.

Actor: *(in a "duh" tone)* I know that.

God: Do you? *(softly)* We haven't talked much.

Actor: I've been...busy, stressed, overwhelmed, distracted, angry...confused. Pick one...pick several! Don't see one you like, I've got more.
Actor gives a fake laugh. As God delivers his line, Actor looks down.

God: I know you're struggling with a lot of circumstances. I know you don't feel like I hear you and you're never sure if I'm answering. *(take your time with this line, emphasize each word compassionately)* But, I hear you and I am answering.

Pause

Actor: *(flip through the Bible)*

God: Hello? Are you still there?

Actor: *(look up excitedly)* I'm here!

God: Oh, I thought maybe you'd gone through a tunnel.

Actor: Oh, ha ha. I'm still here. I think I'm actually...coming OUT of a tunnel.

God: Good. Does that mean we'll talk more?

Actor: Yes, I think so. *(determined tone)* Ok, so where was I? *(folds hands together in prayer, looks up with one eye open and one closed and questioning tone)* Hal—low—weed?

God: *(breaking in)* Uh, why don't we just keep talking?

Actor: *(smiling, relaxed)* I'd like that.

Lights down