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“I Wanted A Dog: Reader’s Theater”

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What	Does God still hear? Sometimes we think that because we don’t get what we ask for then that must mean God hasn’t heard or answered our prayers. This short, easy to present and poignant script is quick to connect with the many thoughts and prayers of those in the audience.
Who	Speaker 1 - Female Speaker 2 - Female Speaker 3 - Male Speaker 4 - Male
When	Present Day
Costumes	Modern, Neutral Clothing. No distracting logos or neck/hemlines
Props	A small potted plant for each Speaker 4 stools or pedestals or similar (stacked boxes could work) 3 Music stands if not memorized
Why	Philippians 4:19
How	Speakers represent all voices as they speak directly to the audience. Their emotions range between sadness, anger, confusion and frustration. Memorized is best but could be effectively read from a music stand.
Time	4 minutes

Speaker 2, Speaker 1 and Speaker 3 are lined up across the front of the stage from stage right to left in that order.

Each has a small plant on a stool or pedestal in front of them or in hand if desired.

Speaker 1: Does God still hear? Because I wanted a dog and I got...(referencing the plant) a plant.

Speaker 2: I wanted a Porsche and I got...(dramatically mocking the name) a Windstar.

Speaker 3: I wanted a bigger house.

Speaker 4: A better job.

Speaker 2: A passing grade.

Speaker 1: More security.

Speaker 3: I got a two bedroom apartment.

Speaker 4: A cubicle.

Speaker 2: An F in Math.

Speaker 1: And a second mortgage.

Speaker 2: Does God still hear?

Speaker 3: Because my wife has cancer, and I prayed for healing.

Speaker 1: My husband has a problem with alcohol, and I prayed that he would stick with rehab.

Speaker 2: My child is making dangerous decisions, and I prayed for direction.

Speaker 4: My friend is in a hospital bed on life support, and I prayed for a miracle.

Speaker 3: But we just called hospice.

Speaker 1: My husband fell off the wagon.

Speaker 2: My kid is having a kid.

Speaker 4: And my friend died.

Beat.

Speaker 3: Does God still hear?

Speaker 1: Because I asked for direction on a new career.

Speaker 4: A big move.

Speaker 2: A major life choice.

Speaker 1: I wanted a baby.

Speaker 2: A boyfriend.

Speaker 3: A best friend.

Speaker 2: A husband.

Speaker 4: A wife.

Speaker 1: A fill in the blank.

Speaker 4: And a week has passed.

Speaker 2: A month has passed.

Speaker 3: A year has passed.

Speaker 1: A lifetime seems to be passing...

All: *(angry, frustrated, or sad)* And where is it?!

Beat.

Speaker 2: Does God still hear?

Speaker 1: Because I prayed for health, and I'm sick.

Speaker 4: I prayed for happiness, and I'm sad.

Speaker 3: I prayed for clarity, and I got confusion.

Speaker 2: I prayed for clear blue skies and the cool wind of the ocean...

All: And it's raining.

Speaker 1: I prayed...

Speaker 3: ...and I prayed...

Speaker 4: ...and I prayed...

Speaker 2: ...and I got a thorn in my side.

Beat.

Speaker 4: Does God still hear?

Speaker 1: Because I prayed for peace...

Speaker 2: ...and every night I see death,

Speaker 3: and hate,

Speaker 2: and fear,

Speaker 1: and destruction,

Speaker 4: and war.

Beat.

Speaker 3: Does God still hear?

Speaker 1: Because when I don't get an answer...

Speaker 4: ...or I can't recognize the answer...

Speaker 2: ...or I don't *like* the answer then that implies that God doesn't hear...

All: Right?

Beat. They look at each other.

Speaker 1: Does God still hear? (*picking up/referencing plant and with a sigh*)
Because...I wanted a dog.

All give a final moment with their plants and then exit.

They can take the plants with them, or leave them as a visual to reference for a sermon/message that may follow.