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## **“Now Auditioning for 2021- Male Version”**

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**What** Dissatisfied with how the year 2020 turned out, two people "audition" scenarios for the new year, 2021. This lighthearted but poignant script will encourage audiences to consider God's role in their new year. Options include a male or female version of the script.

Themes: New year, New beginnings, Faithfulness of God, Covid

**Who** Man 1  
Man 2

**When** New Year's, 2021

**Wear (Props)** Modern clothing  
3 sheets of foam board  
On one piece of foam board, write "Option 1: Perfect Job. Perfect Family. No Sickness. Perfect Marriage. Perfect Sports Car. No Troubles"

On second, write "Option 2: Quarantine. Toilet Paper Shortage. Masks, and Gloves."

On the third, write "Option 3: God"

**Why** Isaiah 40:31, Romans 8:18

**How** This skit can take place in any "setting". The men are obviously friends and talk easily with one another. They can laugh together and be sad together, but their conversation is ultimately to provoke thoughtfulness at God's involvement in the New Year. Place the sheets of foam board so the audience can see only the backs of them, the blank side. Actors will be facing the audience while looking at the foam board. After Man 1 reads each one in the script, he should place them so they are facing the audience.

**Time** Approximately 3-4 minutes

*Man 2 is standing onstage, looking thoughtfully at foam board signs. Man 1 enters and approaches Man 2.*

**Man 1:** Hey Man! What's up? *(Looks around and notices foam board signs)* What are you doing?

**Man 2:** I'm auditioning years.

**Man 1:** Auditioning years?

**Man 2:** Yeah.

**Man 1:** I have no idea what that means.

**Man 2:** Well, let's be honest, 2020 was pretty awful. I mean, when people run out of toilet paper, things get ugly. So, I decided I didn't want to do another year like that, hence the auditions!

**Man 1:** *(nodding as if he gets it)* Oh! *(Quickly changing to confused look)* I still have no idea what that means.

**Man 2:** I have 3 options, see? *(Points out Options 1-3)*

**Man 1:** *(picks up Option 1 sign and reads out loud)* Option 1: Perfect Job. Perfect Family. No Sickness. Perfect Marriage. Perfect Sports Car. No Troubles. Wow. *(Looks at Man 2)* That sounds like, well, like the perfect year! You should absolutely take that one!

*Man 1 sets foam board down but positions it so the audience can now see the words.*

**Man 2:** Yeah, I've been sitting here thinking about it. I'm really tempted by that one! Buuuut...

**Man 1:** But what? It's perfect! Why wouldn't you want that?

**Man 2:** That's just it. What if I DID have the perfect year? It sounds like I'd be happy but would I really? I was just looking back at my life and thinking about the time I mixed up my allergy pills with the dog's flea medication. The dog slept all day and my scalp *(or beard, if appropriate to actor)* stopped itching. *(Both men smile)* Then there's the video my wife took of me with my baby girl when she was 5 months old. I was lying down with her in my hands facing me. I hadn't learned yet to keep my mouth closed, and...projectile vomit...directly from her mouth to mine. *(Laughing)* And the time I bought my son a bike for his birthday...some assembly required...instructions all in Mandarin Chinese...and I hooked up the brake cables backwards. The first time he tried to stop he went flying over the front handlebars into our rose bushes! *(Both men laughing by now)* If I had a perfect year where

nothing went wrong, what would we laugh about at our family gatherings???

**Man 1:** Good point, man. I never thought of it that way. Okay, well then what about Option 2? *(Picks up Option 2 sign and reads out loud)* Option 2: Quarantine. Toilet Paper Shortage, Masks and Gloves—whoa, whoa, whoa! That sounds like a repeat of 2020!

**Man 2:** I know. I thought about lighting that one on fire but figured it would probably start Armageddon or something.

*Man 1 laughs and sets foam board down but positions it so the audience can now see the words.*

**Man 2:** But to be honest, I actually can't just cast that one off.

**Man 1:** Are you kidding me? I thought that was the point of these auditions! Last year was awful, remember? Why would you WANT that? Why would anyone WANT that?

**Man 2:** I don't WANT it. No one WANTS it. And I would never make light of the suffering that happened in 2020. *(Pause, then continue sadly)* I lost a friend to COVID. People around the world are still hurting from the entire experience. *(Mood changes to determined, passionate)* But I can't just throw it out completely...because God used it. All of it. He brought church services into homes of people who would never set foot in a church building. He turned our hearts to the really important things in life like family, friends, loving one another, and sharing the love of Christ. He reminded ME that MY priorities had been all wrong. *(Slowly)* I don't know...in all the pain, there were also just a lot of "God Moments".

**Man 1:** *(thoughtfully)* Yeah. I guess I saw that too. *(Pause)* Well, what's option 3? *(Picks up Option 3 sign)* Wait. This one just says "God".

**Man 2:** I know.

**Man 1:** *(incredulously)* You're auditioning God? *(Pause)* Uhm, I'm pretty sure if He doesn't make the cut, it's your fault.

**Man 2:** *(laughs)* Yeah. You know, I've been sitting here staring at that one for a long time.

**Man 1:** I don't really understand. What does a year look like that just says "God", with no description?

**Man 2:** *(good-naturedly exasperated at not knowing)* I don't know! Perfect Family or Relationship Struggles? Perfect Job or No Job? Perfect Health or Virus? Perfect Sports Car or Taking the Bus? I don't know! From that card, all I know is that no matter what happens, God will be with me in

it. No guarantee on what happens, just the guarantee that I won't be alone through it.

**Man 1:** *(looking at Man 2)* Wow. I guess the choice is harder than I thought. What will you choose?

**Man 2:** *(turning to the audience)* What will YOU choose?

*Lights out.*