

A script from



“Opportunity Knocks at the Water Cooler”

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What Kyle gives Tyler a wide-open invitation to share his faith at the water cooler, but Tyler is completely unprepared and drops the ball.

Themes: Missed Opportunities, Sharing Your Faith, Evangelism, Be Ready With An Answer

Who Kyle
Tyler
Terry

When Present

Wear (Props) Water Cooler or Coffee Cart- you can go as big or as small with this as you want; just something to indicate that it's a break place at an office.
Cups with water or coffee
Actors are dressed in work attire

Why 1 Peter 3:15

How Keep the dialogue conversational.

Time Approximately 4 minutes

Kyle is standing at the office water cooler, obviously in anguish. **Tyler** enters briskly.

Tyler: Hey, Kyle! How's it going?

Kyle: Not so great, I'm afraid...

Tyler: Good! Glad to hear it! See ya! *(Starts to leave)*

Kyle: *(Stopping him)* Tyler... I said not so great.

Tyler: You did? Sorry. *(Awkward pause, looks at watch)* So... what's not so great? That pesky gall bladder of yours acting up again?

Kyle: No, its nothing like that. *(Notes Tyler's disinterest)* But, hey, you're busy. In fact, I'm busy. *(Downs water in one gulp)* So, back to the salt mines. No rest for the weary. Idle hands and all that stuff.

Tyler: You got that right! See ya!

Tyler turns to hurriedly exit, **Kyle** watches and slowly turns. After a moment, **Tyler** softens, grimaces, and turns back.

Tyler: Hey, Kyle! Kyle! Wait just a minute. On second thought, I've got a major report printing out in my office. Probably won't be done for a few more minutes. So, tell me. What's not so great?

Kyle: *(Returning to him)* Thanks. I've really been looking for the chance to talk with you for quite a while now.

Tyler: Me? What about?

Kyle: Well, *(beat)* it's all these changes we're going through around here. I'm really worried about my job. "Re-engineering" they call it now. Last year it was called "right-sizing" and the year before that it was "down-sizing" and the year before that it was plain old "layoffs".

Tyler: Look, Kyle. That's the way things are now. Don't let it get to you. You just gotta keep that old chin up. They can't keep a good man down and all that stuff.

Kyle: *(Angrily)* Look, Tyler, the last thing I want from you is bunch of tired old clichés.

Tyler: Okay, okay. I'm sorry, Kyle. Just take it easy. But why come to me with this?

Kyle: Well, I've heard you talking to folks. You go to church. You know God, don't you?

Tyler: *(Beat)* Was that my printer? I think I heard it jam up again... *(turns to leave)*

Kyle: Come on, Tyler...I need a friend.

Tyler: *(Stops, turns)* Yes. Yes, I know God. But what does that have to do with anything?

Kyle: I've been watching you through all the turmoil we've been going through.

Tyler: You have? Watching me?

Kyle: None of this seems to bother you at all. Either your blood runs colder than the water in this cooler here, or you've got something I don't.

Tyler: *(Nervously)* Oh, come on Kyle, I hear the same rumors you do. But, I don't have any inside information or anything.

Kyle: That's not what I'm talking about. I've heard that God guides the lives of you Christians or something like that. Messages from God? I'd call that about as inside as you can get!

Tyler: Well, yeah, He does guide us. When we pray and ask Him to.

Kyle: *(Excited)* So what does He tell you about what's going to happen to our jobs?

Tyler: Well, it's not like that. I mean, God isn't a fortune teller. There's more to it than that.

Kyle: Yeah? Like what?

Tyler: *(Struggling for words)* Well, it's a life-change sort of thing. See, God wants the best for us, but we must make a commitment to follow Him.

Kyle: Follow Him? What does that mean. And what sort of commitment?

Tyler: Look, I'm really not the best person to talk to about these things. Maybe I can find you a book to read, or I'll have someone call you, or there's this guy that has a blog called "Sermonette for Christianettes"!

Kyle: I was really hoping you could tell me what it means to you.

Terry enters.

Terry: Hey guys, what's up?

Kyle: Oh I was trying to get Tyler here to tell me how God guides him through all this upheaval we're going through.

Terry: Oh, really? You think God cares about our puny little insignificant jobs? God's got too much else to worry about these days. You've got to take responsibility for your own destiny, Kyle. If guys like Tyler here want to waste their time whining to God, that's fine. Just stay out of my way or get run over.

Kyle: Is that the way it is, Tyler?

Terry: Sure it is, right Tyler?

Tyler: *(Beat)* That printout of mine is probably finished by now. I gotta go.
(Exits)

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