

A script from



“Serenity Prayer”

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What In this skit, packed with humor and depth, Tommy and Eddie dig into what the Serenity Prayer is all about. As one man prays the prayer, God challenges him to understand what the words actually mean, and to actually mean the words he says. **Themes:** Prayer, Celebrate Recovery, Surrender, Fear, Trust

Who Tommy
Eddie

When Present

**Wear
(Props)** 2 chairs

Why Philippians 4:13, Isaiah 40:31

How Keep the dialogue conversational and stay on top of your queues, careful not to let the dialogue drag. At the end of the script, the audience is asked to join in on saying The Serenity Prayer. If possible, have this displayed on screens. If screens are not available, you can print the prayer and have it already placed in the audience’s seats beforehand.

For ideas on how to perform this script, watch the video, Serenity Prayer, on SkitGuys.com.

Time Approximately 10 minutes

Tommy and Eddie are sitting in chairs on stage. Eddie begins praying.

Eddie: God?

Tommy: I'm right here.

Eddie: God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change—

Tommy: Hang on a second.

Eddie: Mmhm?

Tommy: You say this prayer a lot.

Eddie: I love this prayer.

Tommy: It's a good prayer.

Eddie: It's one of my favorite prayers.

Tommy: Really good.

Eddie: Top 10.

Tommy: Yeah. I don't know if you really understand it.

Eddie: Oh, I think I do, I really do, yes. Yes.

Tommy: That's pride. And we'll deal with that later. But for now, I want us to slow down and really think about what you're praying.

Eddie: Slow down. Okay! *(Quickly)* God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I can't—

Tommy: Hold on. Right there. Do you even know what serenity is?

Eddie: Yes, I know what serenity is! It's in the prayer, so yes, I know what serenity is. Yes. It's the act of serenening. *(Rambling)* It's the, uh, it's the serene-I-T, you know. He was a knight in King Arthur's court. He was Sir Enity and...and...he was there. And he was kind of the tranquil, nice knight, you know? And one time Lancelot and King Arthur are about to do a fisticuffs over Guinevere and he had enough and so he just said serenity now! Serenity now! And everybody thought he was talking about himself, but he was really just stating a philosophy of life, which we now use in this prayer, so hashtag serenity now.

Tommy: *(chuckles to self)* So you don't know what it means.

Eddie: Nary a clue.

Tommy: Serenity is the absence of chaos. It is a hush. A pause.

Eddie: Ooo, a hush, a pause. I like that.

Tommy: I want that for you.

Eddie: I want that for me, too. Okay...okay. Alright. God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the thi—

Tommy: Hush.

Eddie: Hm?

Tommy: Pause.

Eddie: Yes?

Tommy: You've already negated the prayer.

Eddie: How have I negated the prayer?

Tommy: Well, because you're saying something that you don't mean.

Eddie: No, I do! I mean that! I mean that!

Tommy: No, you don't.

Eddie: Yes, I do!

Tommy: No, you don't. Stop and think about it. You are always in the mix. You're right there in the middle, always trying to—

Eddie: —direct.

Tommy: Manipulate.

Eddie: Direct.

Tommy: Manipulate.

Eddie: I think we should use the word "direct".

Tommy: You cannot manipulate Me. Listen, I just accept the simple fact that there are things in life that are beyond your control.

Eddie: Right. If I'm gonna be honest with You, God, I think I like being in the mix of things. I like being in the middle of things, even if I shouldn't. I guess it gives me some significance in some sick, twisted way. And if I were to turn it all over to you I don't know what you're going to do with

it, and I don't even know if you're going to include me in it. But I know that I need to trust you...to believe and trust that there's nothing that you would give me that I could not handle.

Tommy: No, that's not true.

Eddie: What?

Tommy: Yeah, I never said that.

Eddie: No, but you said—

Tommy: No, no, no. I get misquoted so much. See what I said was, "There's no temptation that's gonna overcome you that you can't handle." As long as we're talking about this kind of stuff, can I just tell you something...when I close a door, I don't open a window, alright? That's just weird. Yeah. If I didn't want you to go outside, I'm not going to give you another way to go outside. Listen, this life...sometimes it's really going to be tough. And there are gonna be things that come at you that you cannot bear. But nothing will ever come at you that I cannot bear.

Eddie: Thank you. I like this hush...this pause. This is good. Okay, God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the diff—

Tommy: Okay, hush.

Eddie: Yes?

Tommy: Pause.

Eddie: Yes.

Tommy: Let's talk about these things that you CAN do something about. My Holy Spirit has prompted you to do some things and...you haven't done them.

Eddie: Alright, in my defense, if you...if you...if we're to look at all the things that I directly manipulated...um...we see that the time that I have left, it's not a lot. There are just a lot of things that I gotta do in life just to get things done, okay? This has just been a really busy season of life.

Tommy: That's an excuse.

Eddie: Okay, well here's not an excuse: Your word says to get wisdom from other people, and if I'm going to do my dreams and my visions that You want me to carry out and do, I need to get wise counsel before I take a step of faith and do them.

Tommy: Okay. But you're using that as an excuse.

Eddie: But it's not my fault!

Tommy: That's an excuse.

Eddie: I'm terrified!

Tommy: That's it.

Eddie: I'm just...terrified. I know what I've done. I know the mess that I've made of my own life. I know what it's like to fall on my face and to think that I'm going to step out on faith for You, to even attempt to do one of those dreams for you...to use the DNA that you created inside me and take a step of faith...I don't want to fail. And I don't want to fall.

Tommy: I have picked you up every time you've fallen. Every time. And I will continue to pick you up. I didn't give you a spirit of fear, but of power. And love. And self-control. I want you to live out of that.

Eddie: I know. I just need to let go, and let—

Tommy: Me.

Eddie: Yes. That is a good phrase.

Tommy: It is.

Eddie: It's so tough to do.

Tommy: I know.

Eddie: God, I'm so afraid.

Tommy: I don't want you to be afraid. Trust Me. Hear Me. That's how we're gonna deal with your fear. That's where you'll get your wisdom. And wait on My timing. Don't get ahead of Me. And don't lag behind Me. But wait on Me. Because that's when you're gonna mount up with wings as eagles! And you are not going to crawl through this life anymore, but you're going to start running! My child! You're going to run! You're gonna run and you're not gonna get tired. Because you're not running by your own strength, you're running with My strength. That's the way to truly live life. And when you do that, you know what?

Eddie: I can do all things through You, who gives me strength.

Tommy: Yes!

Eddie: Okay. God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference. Living one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time (*pauses, waiting for interruption*) ...aren't You gonna do the whole "hush" and the "pause" thing here, God?

Tommy: No. You're starting to understand how precious this life is.

Eddie: I sure am trying, God. Ever since I said yes to You, and I realized what the cross is all about...I'm so thankful. I try to savor every day. Every breath that I live on this earth...and I'm so thankful for the "yesses" that you've given to me. Thank you, God, for the "yesses".

And God, I'd be remiss not to say thank you for the trials and the tribulations. The times that I've fallen on my face. The times that you've just turned beauty out of chaos, God. I'd be remiss not to say "thank you" because the hardships have truly led me down a pathway of peace. But God, this world—

Tommy: Hush.

Eddie: Huh?

Tommy: Pause.

Eddie: Yes?

Tommy: This world, like my Son, I want you to accept this sinful world as it is. Not as you want it to be. And trust that I'll make things right.

Eddie: If I surrender to Your will.

Tommy: Right.

Eddie: Living one—

Tommy: Hush.

Eddie: Hmm?

Tommy: Pause.

Eddie: Yes?

Tommy: Surrender.

Eddie: Yep...

Tommy: Surrender.

Eddie: Mmhm...

Tommy: Surrender.

Eddie: *(shakes head no)*

Tommy: Surrender.

Eddie: I...I...I can't.

Tommy: I can.

Eddie: I can't!

Tommy: I can.

Eddie: I'm not—

Tommy: I AM. I AM the Great I AM. Don't forget that.

Eddie: I...I...I don't know how.

Tommy: Let me teach you the unforced rhythms of grace. My child, you have been living so long with this clenched fist, and inside is this hurt child who's built up walls because you don't want to hurt again. And just as a child holds on tightly to something they don't want to let go of, you are holding on to your hurts, your hang-ups, and your habits. And you will never overcome those things by white-knuckling them. This life that I gave you to live is not meant to be lived with a clenched fist. It's meant to be lived with an open palm. Surrender. Trust Me.

Eddie: *(palms open)* I surrender. I will trust You with all my heart. I will lean not on my own understanding. In all my ways, I will acknowledge You. And I'll just trust that You're going to direct my path...that I may be reasonably happy in this life—

Tommy: Hush.

Eddie: Huh?

Tommy: Pause.

Eddie: Yes?

Tommy: *(turns to audience)* Now let's all say the prayer together.

PURCHASE

God grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change;
the courage to change the things I can;
and wisdom to know the difference.

Living one day at a time;

Enjoying one moment at a time;

Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;

Taking, as He did, this sinful world
as it is, not as I would have it;

Trusting that He will make all things right
if I surrender to His will;

So that I may be reasonably happy in this life
and supremely happy with Him

forever and ever in the next.

Amen.

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