“Take the Plunge”
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What
Three everyday scenes are shown as three everyday people are faced with an opportunity to make a difference in someone's life. Will they take the plunge?
Themes: Boldness, Evangelism, Sharing, Service, Witness, Testimony

Who
Actor 1 - male
Actor 2 - male
Actor 3 - female

When
Present

Wear (Props)
4 Chairs
1 Table
Coat rack
Doctor's coat
Ragged coat for a homeless man
Toboggan
Baseball cap
Purse with cell phone, dollar bill, two tracks/pamphlets

Why
Matthew 25:35-40

How
This skit is divided into three scenes that can be used independently or as a whole. Each scene begins with a brief monologue and should be conducted in a casual tone. The stage is setup with a table and two chairs stage left, two facing chairs stage right and a coat rack up center stage. On the coat rack there should be a doctors coat, a homeless looking coat and toboggan, a baseball cap and a purse with cell phone, dollar and tracks inside.

Time
Approximately 5-7 minutes
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**Actor 2** enters and addresses the audience.

**Actor 2:** *(Front and center to the audience)* We hear a lot these days about “evangelism”. And for many of us, the idea of sharing our faith is terrifying. How will I know what to say? What if they become offended? What if I mess up? All these things run through your mind,

**Actor 2** moves to the coat rack, puts on a hat and then makes his way to the table where **Actor 1** is seated and posed motionless. Both chairs are facing the audience.

**Actor 2:** *(Cont’d)* but at some point you just gotta take the plunge.

**Actor 2** sits and when he does the scene comes to life. **Actor 2** and **Actor 1** both react enthusiastically to a bad call on the game.

**Actor 1:** That’s two blown calls…

**Actor 2:** Patience son, it’s just the second inning.

**Actor 3:** Hey guys, can I start you off with a drink?

**Actor 1:** What do you have on tap tonight?

**Actor 2:** I think what my son’s trying to say is that he’ll have water with lemon and I’ll have the same.

**Actor 3:** Two waters with lemon coming right up.

**Actor 3** exits stage right.

**Actor 1:** Wow, and I thought mom was a killjoy.

**Actor 2:** Look, son, you’ve been on the wagon for six weeks now…don’t let an umpire ruin it.

**Actor 1:** *(Laughing)* I don’t think one beer’s gonna ruin anything.

**Actor 2:** *(Laughing)* Well, if we stick to water that won’t be an issue.

**Actor 3** arrives with the waters, she drops them off and then exits again stage right.

There’s an awkward moment as they both just watch baseball and eat peanuts. **Actor 2** takes a deep breath as if to ready himself for the conversation to come.

**Actor 2:** Hey, Trey, I need to ask you a favor…

**Actor 1:** Yeah, what is it?
Actor 2: Well, Mikayla is getting baptized this Sunday and I'd like for you to come to church with us.

Actor 1 smiles deviously as if he's caught on to some kind of entrapment.

Actor 1: Oh that's sneaky...using my own daughter to get me to come to church...that's sneaky.

Actor 2: C'mon Trey, it's just one Sunday and it's been weeks since she's seen you.

Actor 1: *(Growing indignant)* We've already been through this and I've told you that I don't do church!

Actor 2: You wouldn't even come one Sunday to see Mikayla get bap...tized?

Actor 1: *(Indignantly)* I wouldn't step foot in a church if the pope himself were getting baptized. *(With an incredulous laugh)* So let me get this straight, I'm supposed to listen to my dad who came home drunk every night for 20 years and finally got religion? No thanks!

Actor 2: Trey, that was years ago. I'm a different man now…

Actor 1: It doesn't matter now, dad, the damage is done! I'm telling you right now that I don't need you or mom or some God telling me how to live my life…I'm perfectly capable of doing that myself!

There's a pause as Actor 1 gathers himself and resumes watching the game.

Actor 2: How's that working out for you, Son?

Actor 2 exits stage right.

Actor 1: *(To audience)* For some it's the fear of rejection. For others it's a fear of someone putting our faith on the spot. You know, it's a scary thing not have clean-cut bumper sticker answers to life's tough questions,

Actor 1 stands, walks to the coat rack, puts on a doctors coat and makes his way over stage right to where Actor 3 and Actor 2 are frozen in place. Actor 2 is sitting in a chair with Actor 3 behind him. Across from them is an empty chair.

Actor 1: *(Cont'd)* But at some point we have to trust that God will give us the words we need...and we take the plunge.

Actor 1 sits and immediately the scene begins.

Actor 1: How are we feeling today, Mr. Johnson?
Actor 2:  (Grumpily) Terrible, I don’t know what’s worse, the nausea, the fatigue or this stupid port you put in.

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ENDING:

Actor 3:  (Cont’d) And a willingness to take the plunge.

She sits and the scene starts.

Actor 3:  (Talking on her cell phone) Sweetie, listen, I really don’t have time for this. (Pause) Well just get the pliers and get it out like I showed you. (Pause) Honey, it’s not infected. (Pause) Listen, if it’s infected we’ll just take it to Best Buy and have the hard drive erased. Look I’ve gotta go, I’m late for Bible Study…

She snaps the cell phone closed just as Actor 2 walks up dressed like a homeless man.

Actor 1:  Excuse me ma’am, you got any spare change?

Actor 3:  I’ve got a dollar.

She fishes around in her purse and pulls out a dollar. Hands it to him but jerks it back as he reaches to take it

Actor 3:  Now you promise that you won’t spend it on booze, cigarettes, pot, crack, lean, meth, black tar, blue peppies, pixie dust or fantasy football?

Actor 1:  Ma’am, I just want a hamburger.

Actor 3:  Make it a soy burger and you can have the dollar.

Actor 1:  Fine, I’ll make it a soy burger.

She hands him the dollar and stands to leave.

Actor 1:  Say, don’t you go to Big Community Mega Church?

Actor 3:  I do (again fishing in her purse). Here’s a brochure that tells about our Actor 1evolence ministries…you can apply for help online.

Actor 1:  And don’t ya’ll talk a lot about Jesus?
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**Actor 3:** We do *again fishing in her purse*. And here’s a track that will tell you all about Him…look I’ve really got to go.

**Actor 1:** I’ve really got a lot of questions, don’t you have one minute to talk to me?

**Actor 3:** *(Impatiently)* Look, I’m late for my Women of Compassion Bible Study but I promise to answer your questions, just not right now.

_She fishes in her purse pulls out her cell phone._

**Actor 3:** What’s your Monday next week look like?

**Actor 1:** *(Sarcastically)* Well I’m getting my nails done.

**Actor 3:** *(Ignoring him)* Oh, that won’t work for me either, I’ve got yoga till noon. How about…

**Actor 1:** *(Interrupting)* You know what, why don’t you go to your Bible study, I think I’ve learned all I need to know about Jesus.

**Actor 3:** Great! Glad I could help. Buh-bye!

**Actor 3 drops her phone in her purse. Actor 2 walks in from stage right**

**Actor 2:** *(To the audience)* Fear of rejection, fear of tough questions or simply not having time. The question is…what’s keeping you from taking the plunge?

_Lights out. The end._