

A script from



## "The Journey of No"

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- What** Chris is on a journey to search for answers, but can he trust the answer givers?  
**Themes:** Truth, Wisdom, Trust, Questions, Answers, God's Will, Direction
- Who** Chris- a journeyman in search of answers  
Yes- a bubbly and insanely happy girl  
Wait- a troubled and indecisive hiker who's given up on the journey  
NoMan- The wise, seer/Jesus character
- When** Present
- Wear (Props)** Hiking gear for Chris, Yes, and Wait  
NoMan could be using a large Gandolf-like cane
- Why** Proverbs 2:1-5
- How** Obviously you won't be able to build a mountain on your stage (or could you?), but it's possible to make boulders out of large paper bags such as lawn and leaf bags you get from the hardware store along with some gray and brown spray paint. You can also use alpine trees that are used at Christmastime. Give each character a separate position on stage to give the feeling that Chris must "travel". You might even use the aisle to enter.
- Time** Approximately 8 minutes

**Chris** walks in carrying backpack, map and basic hiking gear. Obviously tired from a long journey.

**Chris:** Man. Eight solid days of hiking into this vast unknown. *(Stops to look at his map, turns it sideways; seems to have lost his way)* ...and unknown it is! I have no idea where I am!

**Chris** keeps looking to the left and right, checking the map to what he sees, trying to decide which way to go. **Yes** enters walking into the scene, carrying their own hiking gear, but definitely traveling light. They have a spring in their step and a huge smile on their face.

**Chris:** *(Sees Yes walking through.)* Excuse me...

**Yes:** Yes...

**Chris:** Excuse me, did you just come from that way?

**Yes:** Yes!!!

**Chris:** Good. Maybe you can help me.

**Yes:** Of course I can! Be glad to!!

**Chris:** Great. You see, I'm here in search of answers. I was told that if I truly wanted the answers to life's great questions, that I needed to take this journey. So, here I am in search of answers. But, it seems the only answer I'm looking for right now is which way to go...

**Yes:** Well, you've definitely stopped the right person!! I am always ready to help and give assistance!! What exactly are you looking for? *(Motions with fingers as if wanting to receive something)* Give it to me. I can help.

**Chris:** Ok, well, I was told that there is a great and wise person that lives on this mountain that has THE answers to life's greatest questions. Obviously, with all that is going in the world today, there are so many questions! What political party to follow? Who should I marry? What should I do for an occupation? Sometimes I just want to know who to trust in this world, you know?

**Yes:** Oh, I know!!! I ask those questions all the time!!

**Chris:** You do? Really? You seem so positive and happy though. All these questions just stress me out! Don't you get stressed out by all the questions of life? I mean, what if I make a wrong decision? What if I missed my calling or something. *(Mortified at the thought)* What if I marry someone and the RIGHT one comes along later?

**Yes:** I don't worry about all those questions! I'm happy because I always say "yes" to life!

**Chris:** What?

**Yes:** Yes. Yes! Yes!!! It's so much easier, you know? Political party? I check BOTH boxes! Occupation? I say yes to whatever job comes along! I trust everybody!! And the whole marriage thing? Shoot, I'll get married to who I want and if another comes along, then "hey!", drop the other and go for it! Saying "yes" just makes every decision so much easier.

**Chris:** Yeah...

**Yes:** No, not "yeah"... "yes". Try it with me. (*Helps Chris with saying "yes" properly*) See how easy that is?

**Chris:** I don't know...it seems all too easy. I think I'll just keep moving. Which way would you suggest?

**Yes:** (*Points in a direction*) Definitely that way.

**Chris:** You think? It kinda dark and treacherous looking...what about that way?

**Yes:** Yes! Definitely!!

**Chris:** You are no help at all!!

**Yes:** Look, if you want *easy* answers, listen to me. If you want something else, ask that guy. He's been sitting there forever! I've passed him out here like 20 times and he's still sitting there!!

**Chris:** (*Looks behind him and sees Wait sitting on a rock behind him. Wait has been sitting there the whole time*) Oh! I didn't even see him!

**Yes:** I know, right? (*Elbows Chris in the arm*) Like a knot on a log. Literally. Ok, gotta run! See ya! Enjoy your trip!! (*Bounces off stage.*)

*Wait is sitting with his hiking stuff beside him. He's obviously concerned about stuff and acting very indecisive. He looks at a map, points in a direction, looks back at the map, points in another direction, etc.*

**Chris:** Hey! Didn't see you sitting there.

**Wait:** (*Ignores him*)

**Chris:** Hello...

**Wait:** Wait. What? You talking to me?  
**Chris:** Yes... *(surprised at himself for saying "yes")*

**Wait:** Whadya need? I'm a little busy here.

**Chris:** Oh! Are you on the journey to find answers to like also?

**Wait:** What? Journey? Heck no. Just sitting here trying to decide.

**Chris:** Decide what?

**Wait:** *(Opens mouth to speak, then realizes...)* I have no idea.

**Chris:** Come on. You have no idea?

**Wait:** Yeah, I was sitting here trying to decide which way to go, so I sat down on this rock to think about it...and I couldn't decide. So, I just stayed. WAIT! *(Like he finally figured it out)* Oh, no. Never mind.

**Chris:** This is weird...

**Wait:** I know, right? At least I think I know. I don't know. I can't decide. Is it weird?

**Chris:** YES!

**Wait:** You sound just like that chick that keeps walking past here.

**Chris:** Dude. I just want to know where to find answers. Can you help or not?

**Wait:** Well, you could sit down with me. It's pretty comfortable here. I've been here for about three years now.

**Chris:** Three years?! No way! I need answers NOW!

**Wait:** Ok, then, just go. Or stay. Either way. *(Talking to himself)* Ok, now what was I doing?

**Chris:** *(Begins to walk away)* This is impossible! How am I going to find the answers I'm looking for? *(As he walks, he begins to look around)* Man, it is really dark and creepy here...

**NoMan** enters the stage, dressed in dark clothing, maybe a hood.

**Chris:** *(Cautiously approaches NoMan)* Excuse me. I was told that I could find answers to life's questions on this mountain. Can you give me some direction? I'm having a little trouble finding good help.

**NoMan:** Absolutely. I can definitely help you. My name's No-Man, by the way.

**Chris:** Oh. That doesn't sound very promising.

**NoMan:** What do you mean?

**Chris:** I mean, come on. No. Nobody wants to hear from a No person.

**NoMan:** You might be surprised by a No. It's all a matter of trust.

**Chris:** What do YOU mean?

**NoMan:** My son, getting answers to life is less about the answer and more about the person giving the answer.

**Chris:** Huh?

**NoMan:** Listen. The girl you first approached on the journey. She gave you answers, right?

**Chris:** How do you know about that?!

**NoMan:** I know a lot about you. She gave you easy answers? So, why didn't you follow her?

**Chris:** Because I didn't trust her...

**NoMan:** Trust. See?

**Chris:** *(Begins to understand)* Yeah...

**NoMan:** And the guy sitting on the rock. Very indecisive, but comfortable. Why did you not stay with him?

**Chris:** *(Realizes what he's saying)* I get it. Trust. I didn't trust him either.

**NoMan:** Exactly.

**Chris:** You seem to know an awful lot about me. But, how do I know the answers you give me are the right ones?

**NoMan:** *Because* I know you. See, life throws lots of questions at us. We ask why? When? Who? How far? But, it isn't so much about the answers. The

answers don't matter. What does matter is whether you trust the person *giving* you the answers. Let me ask you, who would you trust more to be honest with you? A close friend or a stranger off the street?

**Chris:** The friend, of course.

**NoMan:** And why?

**Chris:** Because they know me better.

**NoMan:** See? So, if a friend told you something you didn't want to hear, you may not like the answer, but you'll accept it because it comes from someone you trust. Yes, No, Wait. The answer is nice to have, but it's not the end of the matter. It's more important to seek out the relationships of trust and lean into them for answers.

**Chris:** Wow. You know a lot. I wish I could take you back home with me.

**NoMan:** You can.

**Chris:** Wait. You'd leave this mountain just to walk with me through life? Isn't this your home?

**NoMan:** *(Alluding to Jesus leaving heaven to come to earth)* Yes it is my home. And yes, I would leave it.

**Chris:** Wow! Great!! Can we take this path though? It's looks much easier.

**NoMan:** No. We won't be taking the easy path back. Trust me. You don't want that.

**Chris:** Ok, then. Let's go. *(Motions forward)* You lead the way.

**NoMan:** Good idea.

**Chris:** *(As they are walking away)* By the way, that question I had about who I'm gonna marry. Got any words for me there?

**NoMan:** You're just gonna have to wait on that one.

*Lights out.*