

A script from



"The Time Machine"

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What Here's a humorous look at what it might have been like if our heroes of the faith hadn't been so faithful. **Themes:** Faith, Commitment, Trust, Called, Purpose, Mission, Chosen, God's Will

Who	Narrator	Nathan
	Noah	Peter
	God	Jesus
	Abraham	Luke
	David	Paul
	Moses	

When Bible Times

Wear (Props) Bible costumes for all characters except the Narrator

Why Hebrews 11

How It's important here to keep the dialogue conversational, which adds to the humor. Don't be overdramatic. Practice the comic timing. You may either have two actors play each role, or have different actors play each role.

***NOTE: Feel free to edit the script for time.**

Time Approximately 15-17 minutes

Narrator: All right, so we are going to take you into a Time Machine. We want to give you a look at some familiar Bible stories, except we are going to give the characters some of the traits and characteristics of some church-goers today. We'll start with Noah, who was charged with an enormous task...

Noah enters wearing water floaties.

God: Hello again, Noah. How are things coming with the ark?

Noah: Oh, hi God. Well "hi" as in "hello," not like high as in up in the sky. Well, I guess you are that too. So hi, High God!

God: Hmm, that ark I told you to build looks about the same as it did last week.

Noah: Well, yes. I haven't exactly had time with all the...stuff and things I have to do.

God: Noah, you aren't that busy. Nine to fives don't exist yet.

Noah: What's a nine to five?

God: Never mind. Why isn't the ark more complete?

Noah: Well, I'm thinking it might be a little too big. I think it's more efficient to have all the animals first, and then I can just build around them ya know? I'd hate to build it too big or use too much wood. Someone might need it later.

God: Noah, I'm going to flood the Earth. There won't be anyone left to need it. What are those things on your arms?

Noah: Oh these! I came up with these as an alternative for the ark. They are smaller, easier to make, and fit better in the garage! I'm just going to hand these out to my family and the animals and such and we'll be fine! I call them "life-saving air deposits around your arms for floating."

God: Noah, I commanded you to build an ark and you come to me with these "floaty things"?

Noah: AH! Floaties! That's a good name. Mind if I borrow that?

God: Do those even work?

Noah: Well, I haven't exactly been able to find another test subject brave enough to try them out. Apparently they don't help you much in the event of a shark attack...

God: Noah, you've been wasting your time and energy trying to come up with your own way out. Do you really think those things will work better than my plans?

Noah: I suppose not (*removing floaties*). Too bad too. These things could have been big...

God: So besides the fact you are wasting time and energy with your own ideas of what's best, why isn't the ark complete?

Noah: Well honestly, God, I'm embarrassed and scared.

God: Of what?

Noah: God, it's all these sinners. They think I'm crazy. And they are making fun of me, laughing at me.

God: But you are right because you are following me.

Noah: But it doesn't feel right. My wife won't even walk on the same side of the street with me, partially because I said the dress made her look fat, but also because she doesn't want them to make fun of her too! Even the village idiot makes jokes! God, it's just ridiculous to build a giant boat on your front lawn! No one does that kind of thing! Why can't you give me something normal to do? This is hard!

God: Noah, you have been set apart to accomplish my will.

Noah: Right, but no one else is doing it and I don't see why I have to.

God: Because I called you to do it.

Noah: God, I just want my life back. I want to be able to be normal and do what normal people do. I'll take my chances with these (*picks up floaties*). If obeying you was easier or more normal, I'd do it but I'm tired of being different. (*Leaves*)

Narrator: So often in the Bible we see God asking people to do abnormal things, like Abraham. Here's a guy who was so blessed for his faith and ability to listen to God...

Abraham enters, hears God.

God: Abraham, leave your family and your home and go to the land I will show you. Great things will happen. You will be a blessing and you will be blessed.

Abraham: Sure thing God, I'll pack up right now. Um, where are we off to?

God: To a place I will show you.

Abraham: Ok where's it at?

God: I will show you.

Abraham: Okay, can you give me a hint?

God: All you need to know is I will show you and be with you every step of the way.

Abraham: Okay I get it. But God, there's a lot of things going for me now. I got a great home, my whole family is here, we are prospering...ya know makin' bank!

God: But I have even greater things in store for you. Just go.

Abraham: Okay, but like, I'm not really feelin' this whole mystery thing. I mean, what happens when I move? Will I have what I need? Will the people there like me? How do I break it to Grandma that I'm leaving? Before I go I'll need a forwarding address, a secure job. What is the crime rate there? Do I need a passport? God, the more I think about this, it seems kind of crazy. My life is here. My 401k is looking REALLY good, and I've always been here. I'm comfortable here, but you want me to just go? That's kind of out of my comfort zone. It's just not reasonable. Hey, I'm expecting the pool guy soon, but while you're here, my wife has really been wanting a child. Think you could help us out, ya know, make us like a normal family? Thanks. I'll talk to you later. *(Exit)*

Narrator: And now we turn to a critical point in Biblical history: The giving of the Law at Mt. Sinai.

God: And thou shalt not covet. There you have it. Two tablets, Ten Commandments. No excuses. Now we need to discuss getting the priests some new threads. I can't even get a whiff of the incense for all the goat smell radiating from Aaron.

Moses: *(Reading the tablets)* Hang on just a second God. I've got a problem here.

God: You smelled it too?

Moses: No. Well, yes. But that's not the problem. It's these commandments. I'm just not sure these are going to work for us.

God: Well, I already got rid of two others. The Dozen Demandments just don't sound holy enough.

Moses: Well, I appreciate that. I really do. But these commandments. Well, resting on the Sabbath I like, so if it's okay I'd like to move that to the top of the list. But these others. Number 1's too tough, number 5 is inconvenient, and numbers 6-8 I just don't think the people want to do those.

God: But these are my commands.

Moses: Right and I get that, but it is *my* life we are talking about here.

God: I gave you that life. Wanna give it back?

Moses: No! Of course not, it's just that Baal over there on that other mountain is giving out a pretty sweet deal. It's more fun. It's easier, and I think he's got dental too.

God: But I am God Almighty. The Great I Am.

Moses: And I am the great I Am Not... not gonna do these (*laughs*). But seriously God, I think you're awesome. That trick with the bush and the snake out of a staff thing was really cool. But now you're asking a lot. I mean you freed us just to give us a bunch of new rules?

God: Moses, I brought you out of slavery and gave you a new life and am about to give you more that you ever dreamed.

Moses: Right. Okay, let's compromise. Keep them in the same order and we will keep command number 8, but only obey number 1 when we can. And number 5 should only apply to people who can't keep the rest of them. But number 7 definitely needs to go okay? Just doesn't seem important. Thanks! (*Turns to leave.*)

God: No, Moses. These commandments are MY commandments.

Moses: (*Half-joking*) Well possession is 9/10ths of the law and I've kind of got the tablets right here so...

God: Moses, I created you and I know these Laws are the best thing for you, to keep you from harming yourself or others.

Moses: Well, that's your opinion. Look, I lead the people and they are happier than ever so I think I got this. Now if you'll excuse me, I've got to go tell the people what they want to hear. (*Yells*) Hey check it out guys! I've got the Seven Suggestions straight from God! (*Exit*)

Narrator: I'm sure a few of us have seen that in others. Even fewer will see themselves. Now we go on to David, who is known and admired for being a man after God's own heart. And we also have Nathan who had great courage to deliver a message from Almighty God.

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ENDING:

Narrator: The Jesus we know remained true to His calling. So did the apostle Paul and he was witness to some great things because of his knowledge of and faith in the power of God. So was his companion and author of Acts- Luke.

Paul enters to Luke, who is waiting with pen and paper to take notes.

Luke: Okay, Paul, tell me again what happened, I need to write this down.

Paul: Well, it was a long day, and I was teaching in the house and I heard a bear in the room with us! But then someone said it was just Eutychus sleeping. My grandmother made the exact same sound (*mimic intense snoring*).

Luke: (*Writing*) ...patient entered into a phase 3 sleep...

Paul: Well, I guess he was sleeping by the window and the next thing I know everyone's sayin' this guy fell out of window!

Luke: (*Writing*) ...great disturbance...

Paul: Yeah, it was terrible 'cause I was in the middle of the joke about the farmer and the rabbi. You know that one right? It's my favorite.

Luke: (*Writing*) Paul told another preacher joke...

Paul: Well, anyways I went downstairs and he was dead.

Luke: (*Stops writing*) Wait, he was dead? But now he's alive?

Paul: Yeah! Like I just felt God moving in me and him and so I took him in my arms and he was alive!

Luke: So then he wasn't dead?

Paul: Yeah, he was dead. Bought the farm, kicked the bucket, pushin' up daisies...like he was toast.

Luke: Paul, I'm a doctor. People don't die and then live. They live and then die. I'm gonna write he was in a coma.

Paul: No he died from that fall. He was all mangled...looked like a smashed mosquito! Like, he was gone.

- Luke:** *(Trying to write again)*...patient was half-dead...
- Paul:** No, Luke! He was dead. Like really dead. Like super dead. Deader than Elvis dead.
- Luke:** Not hard to do. Saw Elvis yesterday...
- Paul:** Okay, bad example. But Eutychus was dead.
- Luke:** Okay, so he was dead. What did you do? CPR? Inject him in heart? Use one of those shocky thingies? *(Imitates)* CLEAR! I've always wanted to do that.
- Paul:** No I am pretty sure God healed him. *(Thinks)* Yep that's what happened.
- Luke:** Paul, if someone is dead, they are dead. They can't just miraculously jump up. John the Baptist isn't going to just glue his head back on.
- Paul:** I don't know how God did it but its true! He healed Eutychus!!
- Luke:** *(Looks at Paul skeptically)* Paul, the universe works according to certain laws. Laws that can't be broken...
- Paul:** Even by the one who made those laws?
- Luke:** Paul, miracles don't happen every day!
- Paul:** So you've never prayed for a miracle?
- Luke:** Of course not. I always pray that God is with the doctors, or that the disease isn't dangerous. Most of the time I just pray they will go peacefully and clear the room for the next patient because it's ridiculous to believe that someone can be healed like that.
- Paul:** Luke, don't you know that God can do anything? Don't you know that He works in mysterious ways? You're a Christian! Where is your faith?
- Luke:** *(Stares at Paul for a minute)* If you don't mind, I'll write something a little more reasonable *(writes as he leaves)* ...and Paul puts his arms around Eutychus who turned into a zombie...

Lights out.