

A script from



“Vines University: Spring Break”

Script 6

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- What** It's Spring Break on the VU campus and everyone is ready for a vacation! That is, everyone except Ivy. In this VU episode Dean Gourd helps Ivy realize the significance of quietness and rest. **Themes:** Abiding in Christ, Growing, Listening, Resting, and Children's Drama
- Who** English Ivy "Ivy"
Dean Gourd
- When** Modern Day
- Wear (Props)** Tables & Chairs,
Bookshelves
Books, Papers
Book Bags, etc.
- Why** Proverbs 19:20, I Kings 19:11-13, Isaiah 30:15 Like vines need to go through a period of dormancy to sustain long-term growth, there are times in our faith walk when we need to be quiet before the Lord and simply listen and rest.
- How** The setting is a library. This should consist of a help desk upstage in a corner, one table center stage surrounded by chairs, and bookshelves on both sides of the stage.
- Time** Approximately 5 minutes

Dean Gourd is upstage browsing through a book.

*Ivy enters carrying a number of books. She is unaware that **Dean Gourd** is in the library.*

Ivy: Hello. Is anyone here? *(Clearly annoyed)* Perfect. No librarian. There wasn't anyone in the lecture halls or at the tutoring desk, and now there's no one in the library. I thought this was a University.

Dean: It is.

Ivy: Oh. Mr. Gourd. I mean Dean Gourd. I didn't see you there.

Dean: You seem to be confused.

Ivy: I do?

Dean: There's no one in the lecture halls or at the tutoring desk or in the library because the University is on spring break.

Ivy: I know that.

Dean: Then what are you doing here?

Ivy: Well, I didn't go home for break. I decided that I needed a little extra time to focus on my studies. So, I collected a number of extra credit assignments for myself and decided to spend the entire week working here in the library.

Dean: That sounds ambitious.

Ivy: Thank you, sir.

Dean: But don't you think that you might want a break?

Ivy: Of course I want a break, but it's not what I need. What I need is to study and work a little harder.

Ivy sits at the table and opens her books.

Dean Gourd watches her, then sits down as well.

Dean: You know, there was once a petition to forgo spring break and let the semester end one week earlier.

Ivy: That sounds like a great idea.

Dean: I didn't think so.

Ivy: Why not? We don't need spring break. Actually, we don't need fall break or winter break. And if you think about it, what does summer break really accomplish? We should just study year-round.

Dean: Have you studied the vineyard's dormant season yet?

Ivy: Only a little. I'm still in vineyard 101, but I'll be studying dormancy in more depth next semester.

Dean: In the dormant season, a healthy vine rests.

Ivy: Rests and...does what?

Dean: Nothing. It rests.

Ivy: Why? What's the point of that?

Dean: Dormancy sustains long-term growth. If you want to be successful and grow, you need to learn how to take a break.

Ivy: But we have finals in just 5 weeks, and what about all this extra credit work? I can't just sit and do nothing.

Dean: You can take time to be quiet, rest, and regenerate. The reason I chose to keep spring break was so that as vines we could take time to rest.

Ivy: I don't mean to be disrespectful, but I just don't see how that encourages sustainable growth.

Dean Gourd stands.

Dean: Maybe that's because you've never tried it.

Ivy: Maybe.

Ivy continues to study.

Dean Gourd starts to leave, but then changes his mind. He takes a sheet of paper, writes on it, and folds it.

Dean: Ivy, since you're such a dedicated student, I am willing to give you an extra credit assignment.

Ivy: Really?

Dean: Really. And it will take the place of all the rest of your extra credit work.

Ivy: Ok. Thank you so much.

He starts to hand her the note but then pauses.

Dean: But I'll only give it to you under one condition.

Ivy: What's that?

Dean: You have to promise me that you'll do it.

Ivy: Absolutely.

Dean: Good.

He hands her the note and exits.

Dean: I'll see you next week.

Ivy: Great thanks!

Ivy excitedly opens the note.

Ivy: *(reading)* Write an essay on the effectiveness of rest after you have taken one week off of studying.

She laughs to herself and closes her books.

Ivy: Well, spring break here I come.

Lights down.