

I Can't Wait

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Theme:

This play reminds the audience that the rapture could happen at any minute.

Biblical Reference:

1 Corinthians 15:51-52

Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed -- in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.

Approximate Running Time:

15 minutes

Props:

Two Stools at center stage.

A pencil.

A notepad.

Cast of Characters:

Shawn: A Christian teenager who is good friends with Dave.

Dave: A Christian teenager who is enthusiastic and creative. He needs to have a great laugh.

Notes:

The names of this play can be changed to those of the performers. If the actors are to be two females, then there needs to be a few minor changes to the script.

Scene:

As the play opens Dave is sitting on a stool at center stage. He is engaged in the writing of a list. He is thinking of ideas and writing them down on his pad of paper. Each time he writes an idea down he lets out a laugh. After three or four laughs, Shawn enters and sits down next to Dave.

Shawn: Hey, Dave, what are you doing?

Dave: Oh, hi Shawn, what's up? [*Laughs as he thinks of another idea and adds it to his list.*]

Shawn: What's so funny? [*Dave again laughs and writes another idea.*] Come on Dave, out with it, what's so funny?"

Dave: These ideas that I have written down. [*Laughs as he thinks of another to add to his list.*]

Shawn: What ideas? Come on Dave, tell me what you're writing down!

Dave: It's our homework assignment from youth group last Sunday. [*Laughs as he adds another to his list.*]

Shawn: You get homework from your youth group?

Dave: Yeah, we do every Sunday. I guess they want us to think about the lesson. [*Laughs as he adds another idea to his list.*]

Shawn: We never get homework from our youth group. And if I did I know that I would not be laughin' about it. What makes you want to laugh about your homework?

Dave: Oh, let me tell you, our youth group is a lot of fun. But it's good fun, good clean Christian fun. FUN! [*Laughs and writes another idea down.*]

Shawn: [*Tentatively.*] Gee, Dave, do you think that I could help you do your homework?

Dave: Homework! [*Laughs as he adds this to his list.*] Why didn't I think of that!

Shawn: What is so funny about homework? I think that it's just awful. Just what was your lesson about last week?

Dave: We learned about the rapture.

Shawn: Uh, Dave? What's so funny about the rapture?

Dave: Well, Shawn, I'll tell you. You see our assignment is to write down some places that we would like to be in when the rapture occurs. Rather than write down serious ideas, I thought that I would write down some of the funniest places to be in when the rapture occurs.

Shawn: That sounds pretty cool. I never really thought about where I would like to be when the rapture happens. let alone some funny places to be. Well, what do you have written down so far?

Dave: Let's see...number one. Just after I have given my order at the McDonalds drive-thru. 'Yes, I'd like two Big Macs, a large fry, and a large coke.' Then I go to pull ahead and zoom, off into the sky.

Shawn: Yeah, what would they do with all of your food?

Dave: The guy behind me would probably get my order.

Shawn: He'd probably get pretty mad if he didn't like Big Mac's.

Dave: Only if he wasn't a Christian. If he was a Christian he probably wouldn't care.

Shawn: I know I wouldn't care. I'd be on my way to heaven.

Dave: Yeah, talk about having your break today.

Shawn: Hey, Dave, that's really funny. What's number two?

Dave: Waiting to use the bathroom in the morning.

Shawn: Oh, man, does your sister take forever, too?

Dave: Forever isn't the word. It's more like she camps out in the bathroom every morning. Sometimes I think that she should start to get ready for school before she even goes to bed the night before.

Shawn: She could take as long as she wanted to, I'd be gone!

Dave: Isn't your sister a Christian?

Shawn: Yes, she is. I wonder if she would ask Christ if he wouldn't mind waiting a few minutes because she wasn't quite ready to go yet.

Dave: I can't believe that He would be willing to wait for her.

Shawn: It's now or never. That's a great thought. I'll have to pray for the rapture the next time that I get stuck outside of our bathroom. How about number three?

Dave: Waiting in line at Dairy Queen.

Shawn: Yes! Or when they go to put the sprinkles on your cone. They turn around and go to hand your cone to you and... [*moving head, searching*] you're gone.

Dave: And if they are a Christian, plop, plop, - two cones on the floor.

Shawn: Would you like dust bunnies along with those sprinkles?

Dave: Or would you like gum and floor scum flavoring in that milkshake?

Shawn: I'm glad that I wouldn't have to be there to clean up. I'd be on my way to heavenly delight.

Dave: Number four is when I'm playing hockey.

Shawn: The defense takes the puck and feeds a great pass to Dave. Here he comes up the ice. Oh, a defender falls down and now it's a two-on-one. NO! All of a sudden it's a two-on-none!

Dave: Or if I'm playing goalie. The rapture happens and all of a sudden there's just pads and a stick lying in the goal crease.

Shawn: It's a ghost goalie.

Dave: Talk about a game winning goal. I'd be celebrating with high-five's in heaven.

Shawn: Or when we are playing basketball. I'd have no problem making a slam dunk as I'm flying through the air on my way up to heaven.

Dave: That's if you're paying any attention to the game after your feet leave the floor.

Shawn: I could try to hit one last basket at the buzzer.

Dave: Don't you mean the trumpet? [*Slight pause.*] That's a great one. I think that I'll write that one down.

Shawn: What's the next one?

Dave: Let's see...number five. During one of Mr. Cook's' history tests.

Shawn: [*Imitating a teacher like monotone.*] Question number 356. In what year did Columbus sail the ocean blue?

Dave: Vroom...gone! Just like that!

Shawn: No more history tests.

Dave: We'd be history!

Shawn: I would have put math class, whether or not there was a test. I just hate math class. Mrs. Cosine is not my favorite person.

Dave: I agree. Speaking of school, did that bully Butch ever follow you home from school and try to beat you up?

Shawn: Yes. That would be great if I was raptured just before Butch got his hands on me. Talk about being 'saved.'

Dave: [*Mimicking Butch as he reaches out to grab Shawn but only gets an armful of air.*] Duh, which way did he go?

Shawn: Did he ever make you give him any good dessert that your ma packed for lunch that day?

Dave: Yeah, he can have it if I'm on my way to heaven. I'll put a star next to his name.

Shawn: What's next?

Dave: Number six. Getting stuck in a traffic jam. No more honking the horn for me, we're outta' here!

Shawn: Can you imagine if all of the people stuck in traffic were Christians, at the time of the rapture the freeway would turn into a parking lot. Those that don't go to heaven, can choose any car that they want.

Dave: They can have ours. I'd rather be gone!

Shawn: Me too. I bet there won't be a traffic jam while we are on our way into heaven.

Dave: I guess not! Well, that's all that I have written down so far. Do you want to help me come up with some more?

Shawn: Sure. How about...while we are on your youth group's annual hay ride. Can you imagine that old farmer if he isn't a Christian. [*Chews like he has a mouthful of tobacco. Imitating farmer.*] I wonder where they could be...they was here just a minute ago.

Dave: The horses wouldn't be that upset. They can't make the trip up to heaven anyway, and at least the way back to the barn would be a lot easier.

Shawn: Can you imagine if we were playing hide and seek. If there was a non-Christian who was doing the looking and all of them that were hiding were Christians...

Dave: That guy would be looking for the rest of his life and he wouldn't find anyone at all.

Shawn: He would if he looked in heaven.

Dave: Yeah. Can you think of another one?

Shawn: Let's see...How about when I get sent down to the principal's office.

Dave: Oh, man, that's for sure. I'll write that one down.

Shawn: That is one situation that I don't need during my day. I'll have to remember to pray for the rapture the next time that I get sent down to see the principal.

Dave: Hey Shawn, you'll never believe what my parents did to me last week. They set me up on a blind date with the daughter of a friend of theirs. It was the worst night of my life.

Shawn: What did you two do all night?

Dave: We just sat on the porch and talked all night long. But we didn't talk about anything that I wanted to talk about. She just talked and talked. I just sat there and listened. All that she wanted to talk about was school. Math, English, History, and science. I was sitting there yelling at her in my head - 'that's enough!'

Shawn: If that ever happens to me...[*looking to the sky.*] Lord, take me now!

Dave: How about when I'm getting up to deliver the Sunday morning newspaper and I see that it's really pourin' outside.

Shawn: I hate that!

Dave: The water gets on the ink...

Shawn: And it runs all over your hands...

Dave: And on your clothes...

Shawn: What a mess!

Dave: And then the people can't read half the paper.

Shawn: I always get a ton of phone calls as soon as I get back home. "My paper is all wet."

Dave: "I can't read it."

Shawn: "I want another one."

Dave: "If you don't shape up I'm going to complain to your boss."

Shawn: Boy, things will be a lot easier in heaven.

Dave: That's for sure.

Shawn: Dave, where would you really want to be when Jesus returns?

Dave: You know, I've been spending so much time thinking of funny places that I never thought of where I really want to be.

Shawn: I think that I'd want to be in church on Sunday morning.

Dave: Yeah, or in youth group Sunday night.

Shawn: It would be great to meet Christ in the air with my family and all of our Christian friends.

Dave: My thoughts exactly. What more could we ask for?

Shawn: The other places may be more fun, but this one is the right answer!

Dave: I sure hope that he does come soon. No matter how much I enjoy life here on earth, the sooner that I can go to heaven the better off I'll be.

Shawn: It's just like Paul says..."to live is Christ, and to die is gain."

Dave: There is no way that we can lose. I mean if we live here on earth, we have our relationship with Christ to enjoy.

Shawn: But if we go to heaven, our relationship with Him becomes perfect.

Dave: I can't wait!

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