

The Story of Bob and Felicia

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Theme:

This play encourages the audience to be bold in witnessing their faith.

Biblical References:

Matthew 10:32-33

"Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge before my Father in Heaven. But whoever disowns me before men, I will disown him before my father in Heaven."

Approximate Running Time:

10 minutes

Props:

The two teens are dressed as they would be dressed for a typical day of school. They should be carrying books, a back pack, purse, etc.

Cast of Characters:

Narrator: Anyone can play the part of the narrator.

Bob: Bob is a typical teen who is dressed for school on any given day.

Felicia: Felicia is a typical teen who is dressed for school on any given day.

Scene:

[Narrator is standing upstage center. Bob and Felicia are standing at the foot of the stage on either side - standing as far from each other as possible. Bob and Felicia are facing forward and deliver their lines to the audience until they acknowledge each other.]

Narrator: This is the story of Bob and Felicia. *[Indicating each as he mentions their names.]*

Bob: Hi. I'm Bob. How's it going, eh?

Felicia: And I'm Felicia. Good day.

Narrator: Yes, it is a good day. As I was saying, this is the story of Bob and Felicia. *[Again, indicating each as he mentions them by name.]* You'll find on the surface they're two every-day high school students.

Bob: Well, I might not go to high school every day, *[emphasis on every]* if you know what I mean.

Felicia: I go to school every day. If you miss a day of school you might miss lessons you need to get into an Ivy League college. And I wouldn't want to chance that.

Narrator: Yes, we wouldn't want you to chance that.

Bob: She might not want to chance that. I couldn't care less. I'm happy as long as I get through school with as little work as possible - if you know what I mean.

Narrator: Yes, I believe we do know what you mean. Okay. Let's get on with our story. As I was saying, this is the story of Bob and Felicia. Quite a bit of their story involves circumstances and events that led up to this summer, but we're not going to tell those stories. We'll summarize everything up to this point by saying that both of them went to a Christian summer camp this summer.

Bob: Dude, camp this summer was great! I admit it was a lot better than I expected! My grandmother signed me up for camp as my birthday present. Yeah, one of those kinds of birthday presents! I never really wanted to go and I wouldn't have gone if it was anyone but my grandmother. I could think of better things to do with my time off of school. But my parents told me I had to go to make my grandma happy. So I went - 'cause I had to. But it turned out to be way cooler than I thought it was going to be and I'm glad I went.

Felicia: I couldn't wait to get to camp again this summer. I asked my mother for the privilege of going to camp again this year. I mean, after the awesome things I saw God doing last summer I couldn't wait to see what He had planned for this summer. And He didn't let us down! We saw Him working in our lives every day we were at camp.

Narrator: That's right. Both Bob and Felicia were impacted by the messages they heard preached from the Bible at camp this summer.

Bob: You know, that was the first time I ever heard someone talk about the Bible in a way that I could understand. I thought the sermons were going to be boring, but they weren't. All of a sudden God became real to me. I could understand what the Bible was trying to say to me. It was seriously the coolest thing that ever happened to me.

Felicia: This wasn't the first time the Bible came alive to me. My youth pastor's really cool and he teaches from God's Word in a way I can understand all the time. My parents take time to talk to me about God too. Camp for me is a time to confirm what I've been learning throughout the year. You know, it's cool to hear it from someone other than your mom and dad, or your pastor, or your youth pastor.

Narrator: Both Bob and Felicia were so impacted by the messages that each of them went forward to give their lives over to Jesus Christ while they were at camp.

Bob: That was a cool experience! I would have laughed at you if you told me I was going to pray to receive Christ as my Savior at summer camp this year - and in some ways I still can't believe I did it. I was sitting there during the sermon and suddenly I was overwhelmed with this need to make things right with God. I went forward and talked with my counselor. Then we prayed together. After I prayed I felt peace and this freedom I've never felt before in my life.

Felicia: I went forward to recommit my life to Christ. I know I'm saved from my sin and that I'm going to spend all of eternity in Heaven when I die. I went forward because I knew there were things in my life that weren't right. I knew that I needed to confess them to God and allow my counselor to pray with me and for me. I felt cleaner after I left my sins at the altar.

Narrator: At the end of the week the speaker talked about how important it is for every Christian to share their faith with their friends. Then he spent some time giving all of the students ways they could effectively share their faith with their friends.

Bob: That's where I drew the line. I mean, I went to camp, I had this cool God experience, I went forward, I talked with my counselor, and I prayed. Now I know I'm gonna go to heaven when I die, but I don't know if I can tell my friends about it. I mean, I have a reputation to keep up, you know.

Felicia: [*Turning and speaking directly to Bob.*] What? You have a reputation to keep up? You're going to deny God because of your reputation? I don't get it.

[*Bob isn't sure what to do. Felicia wasn't supposed to talk directly to him. He looks at her and then walks back to the narrator.*]

Bob: Can she do that?

Narrator: Do what?

Bob: Talk directly to me like that?

Narrator: What do you mean?

Bob: I thought we were just doing monologues. I didn't know she was going to address me directly. That wasn't in my contract.

[Felicia breaks from her spot and moves to where the two are standing.]

Felicia: I signed up to do monologues too, but I don't like the direction that your monologue is heading. I'm not sticking to the script if he's saying things that I don't like.

Bob: Can she do this?

Felicia: Are you afraid of me calling you out on what you're saying?

Narrator: She's got a really good point. I know this isn't how this was supposed to go, but I think you should hear what she has to say. I know that I'd like to hear what she has to say.

Felicia: Thank you. I was there at camp too. You told me what you were experiencing. You were excited about it. You didn't say anything about keeping this to yourself when we got home. Now you're changing your mind?

Bob: It's not as if I was changing my mind..

Felicia: Then what was it?

Bob: Look, I'm not comfortable with this. We were supposed to do monologues. I think you should tell her that she needs to go back to her spot and just tell her own story. I'll go back to my spot and tell my story. That's how this was supposed to work.

Narrator: Forget how this was supposed to work. I think she has a really good point and I'd like to hear what you have to say about it.

Bob: Great. Now it's two against one. Now what do I do?

Narrator: Look, I think the two of you should talk this out. You don't need me here anymore. We can continue the monologues later. *{Narrator begins to exit.}* You guys figure this out and I'll close it out at the end.

Bob: How are you going to end this up?

Narrator: Don't worry about that. That's my job as the narrator. You just worry about settling things with Felicia.

[Narrator exits with a wave.]

Felicia: I thought you said you went forward at summer camp to give your life over to Christ.

Bob: I did.

Felicia: I thought you said you experienced this sense of peace and freedom that you've never experienced before.

Bob: I did.

Felicia: If it was that life changing, why wouldn't you want to tell your friends about what you experienced?

Bob: Because of my reputation.

Felicia: Yeah, you said that already. What's so big about your reputation and why are you so afraid about losing it?

Bob: My friends are important to me. I've spent my whole life building up this reputation with my friends and I don't want to lose it now that we're just about done with high school. I mean my friends will laugh at me if I tell them I believe in God now. My reputation is really important to me.

Felicia: Why would they laugh at you?

Bob: Come on. Look at me. Do I look like some wimpy Christian kid?

Felicia: I didn't know you had to be a wimp to be a Christian.

Bob: You know what I mean.

Felicia: No, I don't know what you mean. Do you really think that believing in God will take you out of the cool club at school?

Bob: I've seen it happen for others and I don't want to see it happen to me.

Felicia: Did you really become a Christian at camp this summer?

Bob: Yeah, I did.

Felicia: Are you ashamed that you became a Christian?

Bob: I'm not ashamed of it, but I don't think it's something about my summer that everyone needs to know about me. I don't really have to tell all of my friends, do I? Can't I just have my Christian friends over here and keep my non-Christian friends over there?

Felicia: You can try that, but it won't work. You know, Jesus said that if we let our friends know we're Christians He'll let God know we really believe in Him, but if we're afraid to tell our friends we're Christians He'll tell God we weren't real with Him.

Bob: So, you're telling me that if I'm really a Christian I should tell my friends I am and if I don't tell my friends then I might not really be a Christian?

Felicia: That's exactly what I'm saying. Let me put it to you this way. Would you rather have a better reputation with your friends or with Jesus?

Bob: Ummmmm. That's a tough one.

Felicia: Remember, Jesus is the one who's gonna get you into Heaven when you die.

Bob: Well...

Felicia: Remember, Jesus gave up everything in Heaven to live here on earth and then to die on the cross for you.

Bob: But I'm not sure what my friends will say. They might laugh at me or even shun me.

Felicia: Remember, people stood by and laughed at Him and yelled at Him and cheered when He was beaten and crucified. He did that for you and He did that for me.

Bob: Ahhhhh. I guess you're right. I mean, if He did all of that for me - and I'm really glad He did - and if I want to be with Him then I just can't hide it.

Felicia: No matter what your friends might think?

Bob: No matter what my friends might think.

Felicia: That's awesome! I'm glad that's what you decided. Hey, you never know, your friends might be looking for the same peace and freedom that you found. Maybe God will use you to help your friends start a relationship with Him too. Maybe being a Christian right in front of them - everyday - will become a cool thing to do with your friends at school.

Bob: Do you really think so?

Felicia: It could happen. He could even use you to make it happen this year.

Bob: Wow. That would be awesome!

Felicia: Oh yeah!

Bob: I guess I should have paid better attention on the last day of camp so I would know what to do.

Felicia: Ah, don't worry. I took good notes. Besides, my youth pastor can teach you what you need to know about sharing your faith with your friends. You can even invite your friends to come to our youth group so they can get to know God too.

Bob: I've got to tell them about youth group? Can't I keep any of these things secret?


Felicia: We've got a lot of work to do. Come on. Let's go call my youth pastor and tell him it's an emergency!

[They exit as narrator returns to center stage.]

Narrator: Yeah, Bob does have a lot of work to do. But Felicia and her youth pastor will help him - and he'll make progress with time. Bob's not alone. We all have a lot of work to do to be conformed into the person that Christ wants us to be. God's working in all of our lives. Some of us don't know Him personally yet. If that's you, do what Bob did. Check Jesus out - He's the real deal. Some of us have things in our lives we have to give over to Him. If that's you, do what Felicia did. Surrender your sins to Him - He'll bless you for it. Some of us have to share our faith with our friends. If that's you, do what Bob's gonna do - learn how to do it and don't be ashamed or afraid.

So, that's the story of Bob and Felicia. I'm sure there is a whole lot more to the story of how God uses them in the lives of their friends. God gives us the great promise of using us to do His work in the lives of those around us when we surrender our lives to Him. I don't know about you, but I can't wait to hear what they have to say the next time they stand on this stage and present their monologues.

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