

Mini Skit: Remission

By Doug Grantham

Two people sitting in a hospital waiting for the doctor.
The doctor enters the room.

Doctor:

So we have the results of the CAT scans back. As you know, you had breast cancer which has been in remissions for 5 months. I am deeply sorry to say, that scans show new growths around your right pectoralis major. The chemotherapy you took destroyed the previous cancer lumps, so we were hopeful. But this new growth poses serious risk. To be blunt, the new growths may have reached your lymph nodes under the arm. This complicates things.

Patient:

Oh no, Oh no! You can't be serious?! Why why, what happened? I thought we tackled this? Why now? Did I do something wrong? Did I screw up the chemotherapy some how?
Patient begins to cry in with her head in her hands.

Doctor:

No, sometimes these things just happened. We don't fully understand why one patient may see worse results than others. Its really try and hope for the best.

Friend/Family/Spouse:

What can we do doc? Is there anything we can do? More chemo?

Doctor:

We can try another round of chemo. But since the chemo didn't work previously you're at higher risk of it not working again. We can also try Mastectomy, however if the growth has reached your Auxiliary Lymph nodes there is a significantly high risk that the disease has spread to other parts of your body.

Friend/Family/Spouse:

Ok doc. Thanks for your help. Can you give us a minute?

Doctor:

Sure. If you need anything I'll be in the next room.
The doctor walks out.

Friend/Family/Spouse:

I'm so sorry. I'm here ok. You just tell me what you want to do. You let me know if you want the surgery or more chemo. I'm here for you.

Patient:

I don't know what to do? What if it gets worse? What if they can't fix it? What if I die? Why is God letting this happen to me?

Mini Skit: Late

By Doug Grantham

Parent sitting in the chair waiting for child to get home.

Child comes in the door

Parent:

Finally you are home. I was worried about you. Why didn't you come home when I said to be home, you're two hours late.

Child:

Oh come on. I can't do anything if I come home that early. Its so unfair. Billy's mom lets him stay out later. Why can't you let me?

Parent:

Because, I want you home in time to get a good night's rest for school.

Child:

School stinks. I don't even want to go. I don't learn anything there. Its just a bunch popular kids wanting to show off.

Parent:

That's a little rude to say. And it doesn't matter, you're still going.

Child:

I don't have to go if I don't want to. You can't make me go.

Parent:

Oh yes I can. I'm your **[Mother/Father]**.

Child:

I'm not a child anymore, I'm 17 years old. I can do what I want.

Parent gets a whiff of something in the air. Then begins to smell the child's clothing.

Parent:

What is that? What is that smell? It smells like... It smells like marijuana. Have you been doing drugs?

Both child's and parent's voices get loud.

Parent:

Have you?!

Child:

No

Parent:

Don't you lie to me. I can smell it in you clothes. You've been smoking dope. How dare you! After what we've taught you! How can you smoke dope?! We've told you not to do it. Oh boy are you in big big trouble. You're grounded! You're ground for 6 Months buddy.

Child:

Oh come on! That's bull!

Parent:

Don't you start with me. You march up to your room right now. You are grounded starting tonight!

Child:

I hate you. You're so unfair! You don't love me do you?!

Parent:

Get up to your room!!

Child leaves, slamming door.

Parent closes eyes, takes a deep breath, lets out a large sigh. Then sits in the chair and begins to cry.

Parent:

Why? ... Why do you torture me like this?

Mini Skit: Reason

By Doug Grantham

Two people are exercising at the gym

Person 1:

So, you seem a little down today. What's up?

Person 2:

Nothing much. Work, bills, and all. But I'm good, you know the routine.

Person 1:

Good? Come on, you don't really look good. Why is it that when someone asks how we're doing we always say "Good" even when we're not? Do you have something on your mind? You can open to me, I'm your friend.

Person 2:

Well, actually, I've been a little heart broken. The [guy/girl] I was dating just decided to break up. Things were going great and but then they just said they needed space. [He/She] ended it for no reason. I don't understand.

Person 1:

Aw, that's a bummer. How long were you two dating? Wasn't it like 2 or 2 and half years.

Person 2:

Closer to 3, so it was a pretty long relationship. I was beginning to feel like they were 'the one.' I mean, we loved hanging out, goofing off, we liked the same music and movies. I don't know. They just up and wanted out. I hadn't noticed anything strange or odd. Things seemed like they were great until last Wednesday they just left. Now [He/She] won't return my calls.

Person 1:

No reason why? Man that's got to be hard. Now you're probably questioning and analyzing yourself. You know, "where did I go wrong" kind of stuff.

Person 2:

Yeah, a little. But I'm not that worried about the reasons. The part that upsets me the most is I was really praying for our relationship. I really felt [He/She] was the one. I felt God put them in my life to be there forever. Now, I wonder if God was just playing a game with me.

Person 1:

Don't say that. Sometimes these things just happen. We've all had break ups before.

Person 2:

Well its true. I felt like God was giving me all the right signs and feelings. Then it all gets yanked away. Why would He do that?

Mini Skit: Layoffs

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Person 1 is outside and walks in the door and goes to the table.

Person 2 is inside working on something at the table.

Person 1:

I'm home. I hope dinner is ready because I'm hungry and I've had a terrible day. You won't believe what happened at work. My boss told everybody that company his going to have to make cut backs. The economy is in the pits and our merchandise isn't selling like it use too. He said that in the next month they're going to start laying off people if the business doesn't pick up.

Person 2:

Oh no! Are you at risk of getting laid off?

Person 1:

He said they'll be making cuts across the board, but that supporting staff will get hit the hardest, which I fall into. So yes, I'll probably be laid off.

Person 2:

What if you get laid off, what are we going to do?

Person 1:

I have no idea. We don't have enough saved as a cushion to help me find a new job. And since the economy is down, it might be really hard to find one.

Person 2:

Can you simply take a pay cut and keep your job?

Person 1:

I'm up for negotiation, but ultimately its going to be their decisions. I'll do my best. For now, we just need to focus on being careful with our finances.

Person 2:

And the kids? Will Jimmy be able to continue his Karate? What about Karen's dance lessons? I think they'd be heart broken if they had to stop.

Person 1:

I don't know. We may have to lose a lot of things. We can only try our hardest. Its going to be very stressful on all of us.

Person 2:

So what's the first step? You want to pray about it?

Person 1:

I'm not sure it matters. We've trusted God and look what's happened. Matthew 6 says do not worry. Yeah right. I know I'm going to be worrying now, where is God when we need help?

Mini Skit: Class

By Doug Grantham

Person 2 is sitting at a table.

Person 1 is walking around confused and lost.

Person 1:

Excuse me? Can you help me find this room? I'm a little lost and I'm late for class.

Person 2:

Sure, what room?

Person 1:

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Person 2:

I know where that is, follow me.

Both people act like they're walking down the hall and continue till the end of skit.

Person 2:

My name is [make up name].

Person 1:

I'm [make up name]. Its nice to me you.

Person 2:

Same. Isn't that class psychology?

Person 1:

Yes, it is? Have you taken it?

Person 2:

Yes, but I failed it. I had Professor Smith. He was a horrible teacher in my opinion. He would assign so much homework and reading there was no possible way I could complete it along with my other homework. When I went to talk to him about, he said tough. I was a tenth of a point from passing that class and I asked if I could make it up somehow and he said no.

Person 1:

Ah that stinks. I think he's my teacher too.

Person 2:

Yikes. If feel for you. Are you new here?

Person 1:

Yes, this is my first semester. Its all kind of overwhelming.

Person 2:

Yeah, college is like that. Hey, I've got a church party this weekend. You wanna come? You'll be able to meet some new people?

Person 1:

I don't know, I don't think I could go. My mother is scheduled for surgery on Friday, so I'll be with my family helping them out.

Person 2:

That's a bummer, I hope its nothing serious.

Person 1:

Well, its kind of serious. If things don't go well, she'll need a lot of care. Based on how much homework you said this teacher gives, I may have to drop some classes to help her. Hopefully I won't have to drop out of school completely.

Person 2:

Yikes, that's not cool. I know that's got to be painful to see your mom go through that.

Person 1:

Yeah. It is painful. I know this sounds a little selfish. I love my mother dearly, but not only is it hard to see her like this its hard for me because I might have to put my life on hold.

Person 2:

We'll I'll be praying for you and your mom.

Person 1:

Thanks. While you're praying, why don't you ask Him why bad things happen to good people.

Person 2:

Yeah, that's a tough question. Well we're here. Good luck with your class.

Person 1:

Sounds like I'll need all the luck I can get. Thanks for the help, and the invite. Maybe I'll see you around.

Person 2:

Later.