

A STATEMENT OF BELIEF

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GENRE: Light Drama

SYNOPSIS: Two friends are playing a word game when it begins to get too serious for one of the players.

DIRECTOR'S TIP: Should be light and quick interplay until Allan begin to realize he is all talk and no action.

TIME: 5 minutes

CAST BREAKDOWN: 2 (M or F)

THEME: Backing up belief with action

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: James 2:14-26

CHURCH YEAR SEASON: Any

SUGGESTED USE: Sermon illustration

CHARACTERS:

ALLAN - A person with many beliefs but no action to back them up

AMY - A person of integrity

PROPS: None

COSTUMES: Contemporary

SOUND: Wireless mics if desired

LIGHTING: General stage

SETTING: Unspecified

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Lights up on ALLAN and AMY.

ALLAN: Wanna play a game?

AMY: Sure, what did you have in mind?

ALLAN: It's called "I believe". You state what you believe and the first person to run out of statements loses.

AMY: Okay, you start.

ALLAN: I believe in equal opportunity for all.

AMY: I believe everyone has a right to a good education.

ALLAN: I believe you can do anything you put your mind to.

AMY: I believe in freedom.

ALLAN: I believe in recycling.

AMY: Do you?

ALLAN: *(taken back)* Yes, whole-heartedly.

AMY: No, I mean, do you recycle?

ALLAN: Oh, yes, for sure. *(fumbling)* Well, not always, I mean, I try. I mean, you know, sometimes ... *(shrugs)*. But I definitely believe in it. *(slight pause)* Can we get back to the game?

AMY: *(smiling)* Okay. I believe in being nice.

ALLAN: I believe in helping people.

AMY: How do you help people?

ALLAN: *(brushing it off, eager to get back to the game)* The usual.

AMY: You mean like volunteering at a shelter, tutoring after school, visiting shut-ins, delivering food baskets, offering help to the disabled?

ALLAN: *(interrupting with impatience)* Yes! I believe in those things!

AMY: Do you do them?

ALLAN: *(irritated)* Are you playing the game or not?