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NO FEAR

by JOY L. MASON

GENRE: Drama

SYNOPSIS: This drama examines fear in very real terms. The sketch starts in a reader's theater style, then breaks into short monologues from each of the four characters. In turn, each describes his or her biggest fear, though they all have been taught that they have no need to fear anything. But the script doesn't end there. It returns to a reader's theater style, with Scripture woven in to remind the audience: "Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

TIME: Over 5 minutes

CAST BREAKDOWN: 4

TOPIC: Fear, Trust

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: Joshua 1:9, Isaiah 41:10, Isaiah 54:14

CHURCH YEAR SEASON: Any

SUGGESTED USE: Worship service, Bible study, Youth group meeting

CHARACTERS:

Narrator 1 ~ Teenager; male or female; cocky, listens to the "advice" of the world

Narrator 2 ~ Teenager; male; tries to be brave but is fearful

Narrator 3 ~ Teenager; female; tries to be brave but is fearful

Narrator 4 ~ Teenager; male or female; calm, listens to the advice of God

PROPS: None

COSTUMES: Contemporary clothing, appropriate to character and setting

SOUND: Four wireless microphones

LIGHTING: General stage or spotlights

SETTING: Bare stage

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Lights up on the four NARRATORS spread across the playing area. They do not necessarily interact with one another, but they listen to one another.

NARRATOR 1: The T-shirt says, “No fear.”

NARRATOR 4: I have none.

NARRATOR 3: Nope.

NARRATOR 2: Me neither. *(Hesitates)* Well-

NARRATOR 3: Except-

NARRATOR 4: No fear.

NARRATOR 1: The bumper sticker says, “Fear nothing.”

NARRATOR 4: I don’t.

NARRATOR 3: Nope.

NARRATOR 2: Me neither. *(Hesitates)* Although-

NARRATOR 3: There are times-

NARRATOR 4: Fear nothing.

NARRATOR 1: *(Slightly mocking)* Even the Bible says, “Be not afraid.”

NARRATOR 4: So of course, I’m not.

NARRATOR 3: Nope.

NARRATOR 2: I’m not sure they meant it the same way.

NARRATOR 3: Well, and to be honest, it doesn’t help much because I really am ...

NARRATORS 2 & 3: Afraid.

NARRATOR 1: *(Cocky)* No fear.

NARRATOR 3: A couple of years ago, I was in this really bad car accident. A 15-passenger van. Going around a curve, our driver lost control and we started spinning out. We ended up tipping, skidding along the side-the side I was sitting on-and then finally flipping over. One of my friends was killed; a couple of others were hurt pretty badly. Sometimes I still dream about the skidding, about the screeching of metal, about the breaking glass. And when I’m in a car and we go around a curve a little too fast —