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EVEN SO

by JOHN COSPER

GENRE: Drama

SYNOPSIS: A number of people who have fallen away or sinned greatly share their stories. To each one, Jesus reaffirms his love.

DIRECTOR'S TIP: Alternate direction: bring this drama into your audience. Scatter the actors in the crowd – some standing, some on stools, at different places. Use spotlights to focus the attention on them.

TIME: 5 minutes

CAST BREAKDOWN: 3M, 3F

THEME: Sin, Forgiveness

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: Luke 15:11-32

CHURCH YEAR SEASON: Any

SUGGESTED USE: Seeker Service; Call to repentance and salvation

CHARACTERS:

HOLLY - a teenager
TOMMY - a teenager
GLEN - a husband
SUZANNE - a mother
CRYSTAL - a young woman
JESUS

PROPS: None

COSTUMES: Modern attire appropriate for each character.

SOUND: Wireless microphones (optional)

LIGHTING: General stage or spotlights

SETTING: An office

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Each line or monologue is spoken in spotlight. Jesus is up center, elevated on a platform. The others form a semi-circle, with Jesus as the center point, facing the audience. They should not be in order, but be jumbled up.

HOLLY: Everyone had tears in their eyes. Everyone was caught up in the moment. Even me. I hadn't wanted to go to church camp, but there I was, down front, crying my eyes out. I renounced my sin. I accepted Christ, and then I was baptized. I vowed to change my life when I got home. No more parties. No more drinking. I'd save sex until marriage. I went to church that Sunday morning. I was back in bed with my boyfriend Monday.

JESUS: Even so, I love you.

TOMMY: I'll be in court tomorrow morning. Tomorrow night, I'll probably be in jail. This wasn't how I was raised. My parents took me to church. They told me to love God and to follow Jesus. Then Dad followed his heart out the door, with a twenty-one year old from his office. Mom tried to keep me focused on Christ, but it was just so meaningless after that. I missed my father. I needed a father. That's why I started following Aaron and his friends. That's how I ended up in that convenience store last month with a gun in my hand.

JESUS: Even so, I love you.

GLEN: I never meant to get mixed up in that garbage. It's not like I went looking for it. Not at first. It was so innocent. I opened the wrong email, an email I was trying to delete. I should have deleted it then, but I let it sit there. I clicked on a link. Then another. Two years later, I'm still clicking those links. My wife almost found out the other day. She wanted to know what all the charges were on the gas card. I can't believe I lied to her. I can't believe I'm still looking at that trash.

JESUS: Even so, I love you.

SUZANNE: It's been eight months since Jesse walked out. Not a day goes by I don't think about him. I wanted so much for him. I wanted him to get a degree, get a good job, and not make the same mistakes we did. I made him go to church, Sunday morning, Sunday night, and Wednesday night, every week. He acted like he enjoyed it. He wanted to go so he could play his guitar. He never told me about the band. I had no clue about what he was really doing until the day I cleaned his room. When I found that bag, I felt like such a failure. Why would he do drugs when we had raised him in church and taught him to never, never take drugs? I said so many horrible things that night. How humiliated I was. How much he had disappointed me. (Shakes her head) I was just so scared, I wanted to scare him back into the little boy who once listened to me. When he left, I could only think of one thing. I failed him.