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"The Godphone User's Guide: Powering Up" Script 1 in the series

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What

Wendy desires a deeper connection with the Lord, but her GodPhone seems to be on the fritz. For starters, it keeps asking her to insert a sin card that she's certain she never had.

This script is part of the GodPhone series. These skits can each stand alone or be used as a five-part series that may coincide with Advent, Lent or other seasons of prayer focus.

Themes: Prayer, Intimacy, Sin, Holy Spirit, Lent, Student Ministry, College Ministry

Who

Wendy George Alicia Brandon

When

Present

Wear (Props)

4 Apple smart phones, one for each character

Why

Matthew 6:5-13; 1 Chronicles 16:11; 2 Chronicles 7:14; Ephesians 6:18; Matthew 26:41; Romans 12:2; Psalm 145:18; Romans 8:26; Colossians 4:2

How

A video component is key to the action. As notifications from God appear on Wendy's phone screen, they'll also ping and appear on a video screen, allowing the audience to see what's on Wendy's phone (Wendy will only react to the phone). A 'ping' sound effect will accompany each new notification on the screen.

Time

Approximately 4 minutes

Wendy, George, Brandon and Alicia enter together, all of them with their faces in their phones. George, Brandon and Alicia sit, consumed. Wendy stands looking at her screen confusedly.

Wendy: Hey, you guys.

Alicia: *(phone-focused)* Mm.

George: (phone-focused) Huh.

Brandon: (phone-focused) Yeah.

Wendy: (still staring at her screen) Guys, I think...I think my GodPhone isn't

working.

George: *(phone-focused)* Sure it is.

Alicia: *(phone-focused)* It's a GodPhone.

Brandon: (phone-focused) It always works.

George: *(phone-focused)* Reboot.

Wendy: I... I tried...but I can't seem to get it to—

A ping is heard. On the video screen—replicating the screen of **Wendy's** phone—these words appear:

TO POWER UP, PUSH PRAYER BUTTON.

Wendy: Oh, wait...wait, I've got something here. Okay...

Wendy takes her index finger and touches the screen. Another ping, and onscreen:

TO POWER UP, PUSH PRAYER BUTTON. REPEATEDLY.

Wendy: *(confused)* What?

She begins pushing the screen with her finger. These lines are added to the original notification.

(Ping!) ON ALL OCCASIONS.

(Ping!) WITHOUT CEASING.

(Ping!) WITH ALL KINDS OF PRAYERS & REQUESTS.

(Ping!) AT ALL TIMES IN THE SPIRIT.

(Ping!) FOR KINGS AND ALL IN HIGH POSITIONS.

(Ping!) FOR ONE ANOTHER.

Wendy: (exasperated) Guys!

Alicia: (phone-focused) Mm.

George: (phone-focused) Huh.

Brandon: (phone-focused) Yeah.

Wendy: Is there, like, some way to bypass all this?

Brandon: (phone-focused) Bypass all what?

Wendy: (gesturing to phone) All this! All the...you know, the prayer!

Alicia: (phone-focused) Nope, you can't bypass the prayer.

George: *(phone-focused)* It's a GodPhone, Wendy.

Brandon: *(phone-focused)* The prayer's the whole operating system.

George: *(phone-focused)* You don't have prayer, you don't have a GodPhone.

Wendy: Yeah, OK, all right, I know, but...I mean, I've got to go through this every

single time? A little live streaming from the Holy Spirit, that's all I'm

looking for.

Alicia: (amazed, at her own phone) Oh, yeahhhh...the live streaming...you

should see it!

George: (at his phone) Absolutely awesome.

Brandon: (phone-focused) The Holy Spirit clarity is incredible!

Alicia: *(phone-focused)* Talk about resolution!

Wendy: I wanna see! (looking at Alicia's screen) Ohhhhhhh, look at that! How do

I get that picture on my GodPhone?

(Ping!) PLEASE INSERT YOUR SIN CARD.

Wendy: (looking at her screen) Wait, wait...hold on. So...this takes a sin card?

Alicia: *(phone-focused)* Well, yeah.

Brandon: (phone-focused) That's one of its most distinctive features.

George: (phone-focused) That's how you know it's a real GodPhone, when it

takes a sin card.

Wendy: Really?

Alicia: (phone-focused) Why do you think they went with this company logo

(tapping back of her phone): "The Apple with the Bite Out of It"?

George: *(phone-focused).* The *Original* Sin card!

Brandon: *(phone-focused)* Boom.

Wendy: Well...ok. What if I don't have one?

Alicia: (phone-focused) Have one what.

Wendy: A sin card. What if I don't have a sin card?

Alicia, Brandon and George all look up at her slowly, for the first time. They stare at her for a long moment—then burst into laughter.

Alicia: Yeah, good one!

Brandon: Epic!

George: What if you don't have a *sin card?!*

Ping! A face-palm emoji appears on the screen.

Alicia: Listen, we've known you since you were 8-years-old. Believe me, you've

got a sin card.

Wendy: I do?

Brandon: Oh, come on, now! Your sin card used to have more capacity than all of

ours put together!

Wendy: It did?

George: Back in the day, nobody played their sin card faster than you did,

Wendy!

Wendy: Oh. I...I didn't realize that...

Brandon: Don't worry, don't worry. (looking on Wendy's phone) You're not the

first person to come along who didn't think they had a sin card. Your GodPhone comes with this feature right here, see? The sin card locater.

George: Oh, *that* really works.

Alicia: It does.

Wendy: (looking at her phone) Sin card locater? It looks...it looks like the Bible

app.

Alicia: It is! If you want to know exactly where you've been playing your sin

card, the Bible will show you. Every time.

Wendy: (a little unsettled) Every...time?

Brandon: Pinpoint accuracy.

Wendy: Really. But...I mean, you can use your GodPhone *without* inserting your

sin card, right?

George: Well, you can try. But your GodPhone's going to have limited function.

Alicia: Besides. You leave your sin card just floating around out there, you'll be

poisoning the environment.

Brandon: Like, toxic.

Wendy: (offended) What does that mean?

Alicia: Look, you want a closer connection with God, right?

Wendy: Right...

Alicia: It's the whole reason you got a GodPhone, right?

Wendy: Right...

Alicia: Ok, then you're going to need to know where your sin card is.

Brandon: And how much is on it.

Wendy: How much is...on it? (alarmed) Wait, how much do you think is on it?!

Alicia: How much sin? Well, that's not for me to say...

George: But if I was you, I'd be looking for some more storage soon.

Wendy stands agape, staring at him.

Wendy: That's a terrible thing to say! I'm deeply offended, George!

(Ping!)"LET A RIGHTEOUS MAN STRIKE ME—THAT IS A KINDNESS."

PSALM 141:5

Wendy stares at her screen and frowns.

Alicia:

(looking over her shoulder) Hm. GodPhone seems to be working just

Alicia, Brandon and George exit, and Wendy trudges out behind them.

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