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Is This the Last Song?

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(Can be used as Part 3 of the 'Been There, Done That' series)

Scripture:

Rom 12:2

2 Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Theme:

Every day stuff often gets in the way of spiritual needs

Applications:

Easy to miss ministry ops due to normal things of life

Cast:

2 teen women
1 Voice from 'stage'

Setting:

Same church

Time:

That evening

Characters:

Jenny Bellman
Jamie Snider
Daughters of parents in Part 2

Performance time:

Approx. 5-6 minutes

Daughters of 'soldiers' go to a Christian concert and one wants to sneak out during the invitation to get the t-shirt. Same format, character dialogue is interrupted by voice over and they go on as if hadn't heard it.

Feel free to substitute the names of real school in your area for the Christian School and 'State'.

(They enter excitedly. Dressed in trendy fashions and look nearly identical)

Jenny- I can't believe they're here. In our church.

Jamie- I know. I can't believe it either. Just this morning I was sitting in this same pew, bored out of my mind.

Jenny- This is gonna be the best concert ever.

Jamie- I know. We've been waiting forever for this.

Jenny- I think they're starting. This is going to be great.

(Concert Music over the two girls 'talking' silently, mouthing conversation to signify time passing. 10-15 seconds should be enough to make the point)

Jamie- So then Rob goes...

Jenny- Your boyfriend Rob or his best friend Rob?

Jamie- *(laughs)* Rob and Rob, I just got it. That's funny. Like R & R. Rest and relaxation.

Jenny- More like, rowdy and ridiculous. Or rude and regurgitation.

Jamie- Anyway, Rob goes...

Jenny- *(a bit frustrated)* Which one?

Jamie- My *boyfriend* goes, "I don't think you love me enough."

Jenny- Oooooo...That's bad.

Jamie- What do you mean 'that's bad'?

Voice- I distinctly remember that concert. It had a big impact on my life. The singer kept asking the audience things like, "Is Jesus real to you tonight? Does he make a difference in what you do and where you go?"

Jenny- He's gonna start pressuring you.

Jamie- Pressuring me for what?

Jenny- Duh... To give in.

Jamie- Oh *(surprised, then resolute)*... No, he's not. Rob wouldn't do that.

Jenny- Yeah, he would. That's why Darren and I broke up.

Jamie- We'll see, but I don't think he will. That's why you two broke up? *(voices trail off)*

(More Concert Music over the two girls 'talking' silently. Another 10-15 seconds should be enough to make the point)

Jenny- But I don't want to go to that Christian school. I want to go to State.

Jamie- So, go to State.

Jenny- My parents say they can't afford it right now. I've got a full ride scholarship to the other one, but they don't have the same program.

Jamie- Oh yeah. I forget that not everybody has grandparents who put college funds away.

Voice- I wrote that last song as I struggled to decide whether I would go into secular music full time or follow the Lord's leading into ministry. I was a tough choice.

Jenny- You're lucky. Even with my scholarships, I'm gonna have to work at least 20 hours per week if I want to go to State.

Jamie- So go to the Christian school for two years and if you feel the same way, then change.

Jenny- I just afraid that the classes won't be as good and I'll be way behind.

Jamie- Even if they're not as good, you're smart enough to make it up. And if you work some while doing it, you'll have some money put away to help pay for the other school.

Jenny- My parents might really go for that. They both went to the Christian school. I know they're expecting me to follow in their footsteps.

Jamie- See. There you go. See now you have a plan. *(voices trail off)*

Jenny- I don't know. What am I gonna do?

(Yet again Concert Music over the two girls 'talking' silently. Another 5-10 seconds should be enough to make the point)

Jamie- Is this the last song?

Jenny- What?

Jamie- Is this the last song? I want to sneak out early and get a T-shirt.

Jenny- Sneak out?

Jamie- Yeah, and maybe a CD. I don't want to wait in line. If we go now, we'll beat the crowd.

Jenny- But we'll miss the best part of the concert.

Jamie- Not if it's the last song.

Voice- There are over 600 people in this auditorium tonight. In a crowd this size there may be many who have never made a personal commitment to Jesus as Savior.

Jamie- Wait, that sounds like what the preacher says when he's about to finish his boring sermons. I think they're done.

Jenny- I think we might miss something important.

(Continues...)