

# **“ONE-EYED BOXER”**

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## **Synopsis**

A boxer with one-eye is engaged in a boxing match. He is fighting against his problems and temptations. He doesn't believe he can win. He's ready to "throw in the towel". However, his trainer encourages him to fight back using the Word of God.

## **Scripture**

Philippians 4:13 *"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me"*

## **Ministry Lesson**

God never promised that our life would be easy. We may feel we don't have the means or ability to deal with our trials and tribulations. However, no matter what limitations we have (physical, financial, social status, etc.), we can overcome any problem with Christ on our side

## **Ministry Focus**

Life Challenges

**Genre:** Comedy

## **Cast**

Boxer  
Trainer  
Cut-man  
Announcer

## **Costumes**

Boxer in true boxing wear or shorts and sleeve-less tee-shirt.

## **Props**

Stool  
Sponge  
Water bottle  
Boxing gloves  
Towel  
Smelling salt  
Bandage wrapping (or ace bandage)

## **Sound Effect:**

Boxing ring bell  
Soundtrack from the Rocky movie (optional)

**Time:** 10 mins.

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INT. BOXING RING

SOUND EFFECT: BOXING RING BELL

THE TRAINER AND CUT-MAN ENTER. THEY DRAG THE SEMI-CONSCIOUS FIGHTER (RAY) BACK TO THE CORNER OF THE RING (CENTER STAGE). ANNOUNCER SPEAKS AS TRAINER ENTERS.

**ANNOUNCER**

Ladies and Gentlemen, what a fight!  
What a fight! This is the end of the  
8th round between Sugar Ray Johnson and  
Life. Only 2 rounds to go. Let's go to  
the challenger's corner.

ANNOUNCER SITS DOWN.

**TRAINER**

Get the stool.

CUT-MAN GRABS STOOL AND A WATER BUCKET.

Let's sit him down.

BOXER FLOPS DOWN ON THE STOOL. TRAINER TRIES,  
UNSUCCESSFULLY, TO REVIVE HIM

Give him the smelling salt.

CUT-MAN WAVES SMELLING SALT UNDER THE NOSE OF THE BOXER.  
THE BOXER JUMPS UP AND STARTS SWINGING.

(calms Boxer down) Ray...Ray, the round  
is over.

CUT-MAN SPONGES RAY DOWN AND RUGS HIS ARMS AND SHOULDERS  
WHILE THE TRAINER SPEAKS WITH RAY.

**RAY**

(still dazed) Did I win?

**TRAINER**

No, you were saved by the bell. We had  
to drag you back to the corner. (beat)  
Ray, we got two more rounds to go.

TRAINER (cont'd)

Life is really beating up on you but you can do it.

**RAY**

I...I can't hold on. Life is too rough. I can't even see what's comin' at me. I only got one-eye.

**TRAINER**

Stop making excuses! Just use the good eye God gave you.

**RAY**

I can't.. (Ray shouts out "Adrian" mimicking the movie Rocky).

**TRAINER**

(grabs Ray's shoulder) Ray, pull yourself together! This isn't a movie. Look, don't let the problems of life beat you up. You're stronger than them.

**RAY**

Yeah, but there are a lot of them and only one of me.

**TRAINER**

That's life! Problems don't come one at a time. They like to gang up on you. Look protect yourself and just keep bunching.

SOUND EFFECT: BOXING BELL

RAY (VERY SCARED) GOES BACK INTO THE RING (EXITS STAGE)

SOUND EFFECT: CHEERING CROWD

THE TRAINER AND CUT-MAN PANTOMIME THEY ARE WATCHING THE ACTION...BOBBING, WEAVING, BOXING. THE TRAINER SHOUTS INSTRUCTIONS...JAB, JAB, KEEP MOVING, ETC.

SOUND EFFECT: BOXING BELL (NOTE: RING AFTER ABOUT 30 SECONDS. THIS IS A SKETCH AND NOT A REAL 3-MIN ROUND FIGHT)

AFTER BELL RINGS, RAY RE-ENTERS. HE STUMBLES BACK TOWARD THE CORNER. THE CUT-MAN RUNS OVER TO HELP RAY TO THE STOOL. RAY IS EXHAUSTED

**TRAINER**

Sit him down. (Gets Ray's attention)  
That's good Ray. You got knock down 9  
times, but you got back up.

**RAY**

(Touch his head) I think my head is  
bleeding.

**TRAINER**

Don't worry about that Ray. We got the  
best cut-man in the business. (to cut-  
man) Bandage him up.

THE CUT-MAN WRAPS A BANDAGE AROUND RAY'S HEAD WHILE THE TRAINER COACHES RAY. (NOTE: WRAP UP THE BOXER TO MAKE HIM LOOK FUNNY...THIS IS A COMEDY SKETCH)

**TRAINER**

Now Ray, this is the last round. You  
have to KNOCK OUT your problems to win  
this fight!

**RAY**

I can't do it. (grabs towel) Can we  
throw in the towel?

**TRAINER**

(grabs towel from Ray) No, we're not  
giving up.

**RAY**

(complaining) But my problems are to  
big. Did you see my Bills? First my  
rent bill punched me in the face, then  
my electric bill hit me in the gut. How  
am I gonna fight against them?

**TRAINER**

The Lord will fight your battles.

**RAY**

Oh yeah...I don't see Him in the ring!

**TRAINER**

Look, stop worrying. God didn't give you a Spirit of fear but of power.

**RAY**

But you don't understand. It's not just my problems, it's my sins and temptations. Every time I knock them down, they keeps coming back. They're too strong...I can't win!

**TRAINER**

Yes, you can Ray. You just have to believe, have faith, and use the Word of God!

SOUND EFFECT: BOXING BELL

Okay, this is the last round. You ready?

**RAY**

(scared) Can I use the bathroom first?

**TRAINER**

No, stop making excuses. Now go out there and trust in the Lord!

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- End of Preview -

The tension builds and his corner shouts out scriptures as Ray battles through the last round to victory.  
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