

“PRISON BREAK”

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Synopsis

A teenage boy struggles with his inner man. He feels as if he's a prisoner of his carnal nature and doesn't know how to break free. With his last ounce of faith, he decides to turn away from his carnal man and yield to the Spirit of God.

Scripture

Romans 6:6

Ministry Lesson

Our carnal nature is constantly enticing us to continue living in sin, but God has set us free from the bondage of sin, through His Son, Jesus Christ.

Ministry Focus

Freedom, Sin

Genre: Drama

Cast:

Tyrell - (15-19) Confused, frightened
Jack - (25+) Controlling, manipulative
Father - (40+) Caring, understanding

Props:

Deck of playing cards
Cigarettes
Table and 2 chairs

Costumes

Tyrell is wearing a shirt and tie.
Jack is wearing street clothing (tee-shirt, jeans, etc.)
Father is dressed in a suit.

Time: 7 mins.

Director's Note:

In this script, although Jack is physically present, he's not seen by Tyrell or the Father. Jack represents Tyrell's carnal nature which is trying to convince him to continue his old lifestyle. Although Jack directly speaks to Tyrell, Tyrell never actually looks back at Jack. Tyrell only responds to Jack to address his inner thoughts.

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INTERIOR - BEDROOM

TYRELL IS STANDING IN FRONT OF A MIRROR IN HIS BEDROOM STRUGGLING WITH HIS NECKTIE. HE IS OBVIOUSLY FRUSTRATED. JACK IS SITTING AT THE TABLE SHUFFLING A DECK OF CARDS.

JACK

(with annoyance)

He's calling you again.

TYRELL

(Deep sigh) Yea, I know.

JACK

So... what you gonna do?

TYRELL

(Hesitates) I...I'm going this time.

JACK

(Gives a disgusting nod and becomes agitated) So what do you think you're gonna do when you get out?

TYRELL

(Confused)

I don't know. I just want to get my life together.

JACK

(Snickers in disbelief) You guys are all alike. You think you can just break away and everything is gonna be all right. *(approach Tyrell)* I've seen brothers like you all my life. Talkin' 'bout how you gonna get yourself together. Two months out there and you'll be right back here with me.

TYRELL

Naw man, I...I can't deal with this prison no more.

JACK

Sure...right. *(Pause, then offers Tyrell a cigarette)*. Here Bro.

TYRELL

(Tempted, but rejects offer) No, I...I need to stop smokin'.

JACK

Suit yourself. I'm just tryin' to help you out. I mean...I know where you're comin' from. It ain't easy dealing with the system. The Man telling you to do this and don't do that. You're too aggressive. You've got to learn to love everybody. But everybody don't love you. They're the ones that got you in the situation you're in now. I'll be honest with you...I'd rather be locked up in here. At least I'm true to who I am. If you ain't yourself, then you ain't nothin'!

TYRELL

I wanna be myself. I wanna be how I used to be. I'm tired of living this way. Didn't you ever want to be free?

JACK

Free! I am free. The problem is you don't know what it means to be free.

(MORE)

Freedom is being able to do what you want, when you want to do it. Then you'll get the respect you deserve.

TYRELL

I...I don't know. I mean, sometimes I just don't know what to do. Everything was so simple when I was young. I didn't have to deal with all this. I don't even know how it all started. Seemed like something was in me that made me do wrong. I blamed my parents, my teachers, and my buddies, but it was me. Nobody made me do nothin' I didn't want to do. *(Becoming emotional)* But I never wanted to hurt anyone.

JACK

(Unsympathetic)

That's life...know what I mean? The important thing is that you're still here. Only the strong survive, and if you want to survive you gotta' be strong...right?

TYRELL RELUCTANTLY NODS IN AGREEMENT

JACK

Look, this life ain't all that bad. You just need to stop trying to be somebody you're not. C'mon man, chill out. Let's play a couple hands *(holds up deck of cards)*. I'll even let you deal.

TYRELL

*(Gives up) Well, might as well. (sits
at table begin to shuffle the cards).*

FATHER ENTERS. (FATHER NEVER REACTS TO JACK'S STATEMENTS,
BECAUSE JACK IS ACTUALLY THE THOUGHTS OF TYRELL).

FATHER

Tyrell! Tyrell! Didn't you hear me
calling you? Your mother and I are
waiting in the car. *(Tyrell does not
answer)* What's wrong Son?

TYRELL

I don't know Dad. I just don't feel....

FATHER

I'm listening.

JACK

You don't feel well, you're sick.

TYRELL

I don't feel well, I'm sick.

FATHER

That's what you said last week...

- End of Preview -

The Father helps Tyrell understand that there's a spiritual war
going on inside of him (inside of all of us). Our flesh is at
war with our spirit. With God's help we can win the war.
