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God does nothing, except in answer to prayer Skit #1

They shall lay hands on the sick

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Performers x 2

Barnaby/Narrator
George

Props

Bed and Chair

(Barnaby is laying in his bed, when George knocks and enters).

Bar. "George!...Hey man, I always hoped I'd see you again?"

Geo. "Well...Yes, you do...this is me...the one-and-only..."

Bar. "It is *so* good to see you man..."

Geo. "You too...But what are you doing...still lying in bed at...ahh..." (Looking at his watch). "Eleven o'clock in the morning?...This isn't life..."

Bar. "Sorry...but I thought you knew?...I've been lying here for nearly ten years now...I broke my back in a fall...and this has been my home ever since..."

Geo. "What?...You mean you haven't been out of this room in ten years?"

Bar. "No...I *can't* get out of it..."

Geo. "Can't?...That word isn't in my dictionary...and it wasn't in yours when we used to do outreach...and pray for the sick!"

Bar. "I've been trusting the Lord for my healing all these years...I believe the Lord *will* heal me...but it hasn't happened yet..."

Geo. "Have you been prayed for?"

Bar. "No..."

Geo. "In ten years?"

Bar. "No..."

Geo. "Bro...John Wesley wisely said...'God does nothing...except in answer to prayer' ...The Lord won't heal you just because you're sick...He works on earth in answer to believing prayer...that's what you need...believing prayer..."

Bar. "Really?"

Geo. "Look!...If you were hungry and you wanted food...would you just sit there and expect it to come to you?"

Bar. "No!"

Geo. "Why not?"

Bar. "Because I have to ask someone to make it for me..."

Geo. "Finally...you're talking sense...Don't just sit there and expect God to walk past and heal you...you need a believer to pray for you...If you believe?"

Bar. "Do you *think* He would heal me?"

Geo. "The George I grew up with would *never* have asked a question like that?...The Lord Jesus said...***'With God all things are possible'***...If you question that, it is unbelief ...and unbelief is sin...because you are limiting the power of God...That was one of Israel's sins on the way to the Promised Land...they limited God, by questioning what He was able to do...Are you going to limit God...or are you going to believe and trust Him?...God can do anything His Word *says* he can do...and anything else that He *chooses* to do...if you trust Him to do it!"

Bar. "What can I say to that?...This bed has become a tomb to me..."

Geo. "Well...You can choose to spend the rest of your life rotting in *that* bed...or you can choose to believe God...Those are your only choices...and you decide that one for yourself..."

Bar. "I'll trust God...I've trusted everyone else for the past 10 years...and it hasn't got me anywhere so far..."

Geo. "That's what a Christian should do...In Hebrews it says...***'Without faith it is impossible to please God'***...If you *don't* trust Him you *won't* please Him...And remember...the Lord's Word was...***'They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover'***...that's what a healing is...you recover...because God has promised it...If you're healed on the spot it's a miracle...But He *promised* you *will* recover...you *will* leave that bed and walk, before too long...If you trust Him?"

Bar. "I trust Him...Will you pray for me please?...I haven't really served the Lord all these years...except in prayer...I'd like to do outreach again..."

Geo. "Prayer is the greatest Ministry anyone can have...but you can pray just as well out of bed as in it...and it's a good to have a goal...God doesn't heal us just so we have a healthier body...He heals us, so we have a healthier body to serve Him with... He has a *reason* to heal you, when you *want* to serve Him again...so, let's pray..."

(George lays his hands on Barnaby).

Geo. "Lord Jesus...Barnaby needs the use of his legs again...so he can serve You...I lay my hands on him according to the Promise that You gave us, when You said...***'They shall lay hand's on the sick...and they shall recover'***...I thank you that Your Word is truth...and I thank you for healing my

friend...in the Name of Jesus Christ...Amen."

Bar. "Thank you George...I feel better already...I *know* I'm healed..."

Geo. "Are you ready to stand on your feet?"

Bar. "I've got legs like a crayfish at the moment...but the Lord will give me strength... then I'll walk out of here...I'm suddenly very hungry...I don't usually get hungry...not like I feel now anyway..."

Geo. "That's good...I'll go and get us some greasy's...like the old days...a steak burger and chips...or what?"

Bar. "I haven't had a burger since I've been in here...yes, please...and...you know what...I can feel my toes tingling...there's life in my feet again!...Bless the Lord!...I'll put some clothes on while I'm alone..."

Geo. "Good...I'll go get those greasy's while you dress...won't be long..."

(George leaves).

Nar. "John Wesley was right...God does nothing...*except* in answer to prayer...When we quote and believe God's Word...it gives Him a chance to be God for us...and be faithful to His Promises...In James 4:2 it says...'***You have not, because you ask not***' ...The Promises of God were put in God's Word for believers alone...because the Lord knew we would need them...There is a promise provided for every need we could ever have...but...as James warned us...we will *have not*...as long as we *ask not*..."

End.

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God does nothing, except in answer to prayer skit #2

You have not, because you ask not

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Performers x 3

Pastor/Narrator
Michael
Judith

Props

Desk or table
Chairs x 3

(The pastor is sitting at his desk, when there is a knock at the door).

Pas. (Opens door). "Michael and Judith...come on in..."

(They quietly come in and sit, looking desperate).

Pas. "How can I help?"

(Michael and Judith look at each other).

Mic. "Pastor...we're in deep trouble, financially...we've been overwhelmed with bills...and the car broke down...and we haven't been able to pay our mortgage for two months...and I'm afraid we'll lose our home...and it's all we have..."

Jud. "Yes..."

Pas. "No, it isn't all you have...you have the Lord, and He's bigger than any problem...He has lent that home to you to live in while you serve Him upon this earth..."

Mic. "Well...why is he letting this happen?...We would like you to pray that we can..."

Pas. "A few questions first?"

Jud. "Yes, anything?"

Pas. "Matthew 6:33...are you familiar with it?...The Lord promised if you seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, everything you need will be added to you...So, as long as you put Him first in all things...He has promised to supply everything you need...It's a promise!"

Mic. "We do...He comes first in our home...in our lives...we're always faithful to Him..."

Pas. "If He is not supplying something...then there's a reason for it...There's always a reason why...or why not?"

Mic. "Yes...but we can't see why it's happening?"

Pas. "It could be unconfessed sin...or it could be a trial...If you tell Him you trust Him, He may be wanting to find out if you really do trust Him?...If He has promised to supply something for you, then that is what we look at...not the circumstances...they are secondary to the Word of God...Your home came from God, not from the Bank...Do you believe that?"

Jud. "I think so?"

Pas. "You look worried...are you?"

Mic. "Well...yes, we are..."

Jud. "Yes!"

Pas. "To worry is sin...You know that don't you?...Because it tells the Lord, you don't trust Him..."

Mic. "We have to worry...because the Bank keeps reminding us, we're behind with our mortgage payments...and it's no fun getting threatening letters from them...because the ball is always in their court..."

Pas. "Look...when did things begin to go off the rails for you?"

Mic. "About two months ago...when someone hit our car and ran...The insurance wouldn't cover it, so we had to buy another car...and that put us in debt...and we couldn't pay the mortgage that month...and it's snowballed since then..."

Pas. "So, what did you do about it at the time?"

Mic. "We went to the Bank and explained our situation...They were sympathetic...but they said we still had our obligations to them..."

Pas. "Did you pray about it?"

Mic. "Pray?...Not really...our obligation was to the Bank...not to the Lord..."

Pas. "Well, that's where the problem lies!...Did your Bank promise to supply all your needs according to their riches in glory, by Christ Jesus?...as Philippians 4:19 promises?"

Mic. "No...the Lord promised that..."

Pas. "The Bank is not your Heavenly Father...The Bank is not your provider...The Bank is only secondary in the matter, if you look at it from the Lord's point of view...which a Christian always should..."

(Michael and Judith look at each other).

Mic. "Yes, we should have prayed about it..."

Jud. "Yes...why didn't we?"

Mic. "I think we panicked?"

Pas. "The Lord comes first...always...Before the Bank...and before any man...myself included...James told us...'You have not, because you ask not'...and as John Wesley so wisely put it...'God does nothing, except in answer to prayer.'"

Jud. (Sighs). "So, it's our fault?"

Pas. "I would say it was a trial...The Lord wanted to see if you really trusted Him, or not...You don't lose your salvation if you fail...But there is a price to pay...like the two months of headaches that you've had to endure..."

Mic. "I am so sorry Pastor...Can we pray now?"

Pas. "Yes...you can pray...and tell the Lord you're sorry...not me...It's between yourselves and Him...it always was...Look...I suggest you go home...Kneel by your bed together...Admit you failed the Lord by not asking for His help and trusting Him...Tell Him the exact amount you need...and trust Him to supply it...and He will...He promised to!"

Mic. "Oh, man...it's been that simple all along?"

Pas. "Yes, it has...The Lord never put these promises in the Bible just for us to read...They're there for us to believe, when we need them...like you two do..."

Mic. "Thankyou..." (Looks at Judith). "Let's go home and pray...and end this?"

Jud. "Yes, lets!...Thankyou Pastor..."

Pas. "God always comes first...If you have a question...If you have a need...No matter what it is...First you take it to the Lord...Then to man...in that order!"

Mic. "We will, from now on...We've learned a valuable lesson through all this...It's been such a terrible time...and to think it was self-inflicted?"

Pas. "The Lord allowed it to happen, to show you how much He loves you...Go home...and pray together...then leave His business to Him!"

Jud. "We will...I feel like it's over already...and I'll sleep properly again tonight..."

Pas. "God richly bless you both...and have a pleasant evening."

(Michael and Judith leave).

Nar. "There is only One who has all the answers...and whenever we have a need...be it physical...financial...emotional...or spiritual...we first take that need to Him...As Peter puts it...'Casting all your care upon Him, for He careth for you'...Give it to Him...and leave Him to supply it...and never pick it up again and take it with you...or you will find it is a burden too heavy for you to bear alone."

End.

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Not my will but thine be done

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Performers x 3

Pastor/Narrator
Alan

Props

Table and chairs

(The pastor is sitting at the table, when there is a knock at the door).

Pas. (Opens door). "Well...Hello Alan...come on in...Have a seat...Would you like a cup of tea or coffee?"

Ala. "No...Nothing thanks...(Sits). "Look...I needed someone to pray with...urgently..."

Pas. "Oh no!...What's happened?...Is it Carol?...Has something happened to Carol?"

Ala. "No...It's nothing like that...It's the unit next to ours...It's for sale..."

Pas. "Okay...So...do you want to buy it or something?"

Ala. "No...It's just that...It's going to be auctioned next week...and we're worried about what sort of neighbours we might get...We're worried they might be like that last crowd were...with kids screaming all the time...or they might have big dogs, or something...You know how Carol hates dogs?"

Pas. (Thinking). "Hmm...Okay...so, you want me to pray that the Lord will give you good neighbours...The type you and Carol really want?"

Ala. "Yes!...We'd like our neighbourhood to be calm and peaceful...No barking dogs...no screaming children..."

Pas. "Sure...Why not...Let's pray!"

(Both bow their heads).

Pas. "Lord...You know Alan and Carol are going to have new neighbours soon...And you know the worries they have about what these neighbours might be like...Our desire is, as always... 'Not my will but thine be done'...Please direct someone to the Auction, who is the person you want Alan and Carol to have as neighbours..."

Ala. "Yes, Amen!"

Pas. "May they be the perfect neighbours that you need them to have..."

Ala. "Amen!"

Pas. "Lord...if they should have big dogs that bark all the time...so that Alan and Carol learn to accept the desires of others...may that be so...If they should have children who run around yelling joyfully with the abandon of childhood, so that Alan and Carol learn toleration...may that be so too...If they are unsaved and need perfect examples of Christian love to make them thirst after you...May that be so..."

Ala. "Amen!"

Pas. "If they should hate Christianity...and be at enmity with Alan and Carol all day long, every day...so that they have to stand as gallant Christian soldiers...living true to your Word, which says...'When reviled we bless'...and which exhorts us to...'Love our enemies'...may that be so..."

Ala. "Um..."

Pas. "Lord...Whether you choose the new neighbours for Alan and Carol's sake...or whether you choose Alan and Carol as neighbours for their sake...May your perfect will be done...Amen"

Ala. "Um...Amen..."

Pas. "How do you feel now Alan?...At peace?"

Ala. "No...quite the opposite of course!...Why did you have to say all that stuff about dogs and children?...I don't get it?...I asked you to pray that we *wouldn't* have dogs and brats and noise...we want peace and quiet!"

Pas. "Alan...The prophet Balaam once wisely said...'Who can curse what God has blessed'...I can't ask the lord to do something which is outside of His Will...We are told that in First John, five, fourteen...'If we ask anything according to His Will...He heareth us.'"

Ala. "Carol's going to be really mad...That's all I can say..."

Pas. "Look Alan...Should I please Carol...or the Lord?...The Lord's desire is for both yourself, and Carol to be perfect in heart..."

Ala. "Yes, I'm aware of that..."

Pas. "If you have an attitude in your heart that isn't right...then the Lord will allow you to go through some situation, to get that thing out of your heart...something that will make you repent of it..."

Ala. "Um...Yes, go on..."

Pas. "And if you moved somewhere else...even to the other side of the world...It would follow you there...and rear its ugly head again...until you get it out of your heart...because it not only comes between you and your neighbour...it also comes between you and the Lord...'Not my will but thine be done'...That is the *only* Christian way...We cannot live self-centred lives...we must live Christ-centred lives...There are no other options..."

Ala. "Really?...So, I have to go and tell Carol...God is going to bring us some neighbours with a pack of marauding dogs to torment us?"

Pas. "Alan...The Lord gave each person on earth Free-will...Everyone of us have the freedom to choose our own destinies...and the freedom to order our own lives as we please...If my neighbour chooses to have big dogs...that is their God-given choice...and if I try to stop them from doing that...by deeds or thought...I am fighting against God...and I am in the wrong..."

Ala. "So, they can do anything they choose...no matter how sinful it is?"

Pas. "Alan...as long as it is *not* sinful...it is sanctioned by the Lord."

Ala. "This isn't what I came here to hear...I want a peaceful street...with the sort neighbours we like..."

Pas. "That's what the ungodly want...to have everything their way..."

Ala. "We had a quiet street...till that last lot moved in...Carol will be really angry when I tell her what you said!"

Pas. "Maybe that's the heart of the problem?...People get angry when they aren't having something their way...But if what we desire is contrary to the Will...Plan...or Word of the Lord...then we are in the wrong...This universe and all it concerns centres around the Lord...and Him only...‘Not my will but thine be done’ was the Lord's example to us, for a reason...Because fulfilling His Will should always be our desire!...You *should* tell Carol all that I've said"

Ala. "Yes...I will...and it will start World War Three!...Why couldn't you just pray that we will have nice people for neighbours...instead of all this religious stuff?...I have to live with my neighbours...not God...I bet He doesn't have neighbours like ours to put up with?"

Pas. "Alan...You asked me to pray...and I did...according to the Will of the Lord...I hope you really don't mean any of what you just said?...Because if you do, your heart really isn't right with the Lord?"

Ala. "What?...I'm not going to sit here and be insulted by you...Don't be surprised if we aren't in Church next week!"

Pas. "I won't be...But this isn't between you and me...it's between you and the Lord..."

Ala. "Oh yes...insult me, then fob it off on God..."

(He gets up and leaves).

Nar. "If we ask anything according to His Will He hears us...Balaam was asked to prophesy against Israel, outside of the Will of God...But the words the Lord put into Balaam's mouth were always according to His Will...The Lord will never speak or act outside of His own Will...and a Christian who is right with Him will never do so either...Not my will but Thine be done...should always be the first desire of a Christian."

End.