

Don't be so ...extra - Chuck Goodin

Synopsis: A teenager experiences the joy of dedicating her life to God and immediately faces opposition from an unlikely sources. **Note:** casting is flexible and may be changed to suit the needs of your group. **Run time:** approximately 5 minutes.

Two teenagers, LISA and DEREK, enter the fellowship hall after a service. They have been Soldiers a long time and are a bit cynical. They are in uniform. As they enter, Derek immediately unbuttons his tunic and takes off his tie. Lisa lets down her hair and fixes it. After a beat, AMBER, also a teenager, runs in with excitement. She also wears a SA uniform. She is new to the Corps and new to Christianity.

AMBER

Hey guys, I just became a Soldier!

LISA

Yeah, we were there.

AMBER

Isn't this exciting?

LISA

(without enthusiasm)

Great.

DEREK

(flat)

Really cool.

AMBER

Think, we're all soldiers in God's Army!

DEREK

Yep.

LISA

Yeah, you're one of us.

AMBER

(happy)

Yeah!

(beat)

So now what do I do?

DEREK

Do? What do you mean?

AMBER

What do I do now --as a Soldier?

LISA

Oh, I don't know ...I guess, you just ...soldier.

AMBER
What does that mean?

LISA
You know ...show up.

DEREK
Yeah,
(rolling his eyes)
and wear your uniform.

AMBER
Ok, but there's more, right?

LISA
Of course there's more ...there's
... well...

DEREK
Don't worry they will call you.
You're on the list now.

LISA
There's some programs at the Corps
during the week.

AMBER
(excited)
Are they about Jesus?!

LISA
Whoa calm down.

DEREK
Yeah it's way too early in the
morning for all that.

AMBER
Sorry

LISA
It's ok, you're just being a little
...extra.

AMBER
Its just that I am really excited
about Him right now.

DEREK
Yeah that happens sometimes.

LISA
For some people.

There is an awkward pause.

LISA

Oh, you know what I just heard?
Miley Cyrus wears a cross! Isn't
that cool?!

AMBER

Uh, I guess. I don't watch her
anymore.

DEREK

Why?

LISA

Yeah why? Because it's sinful?!

AMBER

I was going to say-

LISA

See that is what's wrong with
Christians today, always judging.

DEREK

You know I was watching this cop
show the other day, and there was
this pastor who was trying to keep
all these people from sin, but you
know what? In the story HE was the
one who was committing all the
crimes!

LISA

I hate that.

AMBER

Hate what?

LISA

Hypocrites.

AMBER

Oh, I don't think that really
happened, it was just a tv show.

LISA

Oh it happens, I see it all the
time.

DEREK

Yeah, Christians just need to be
more loving and not so judgmental.

LISA

Yeah and stop being so ...you know-

AMBER

So what?

LISA
So different.

AMBER
So you don't think Christians
should be different?

DEREK
All I'm saying is, I just don't
know why Christians always have to
be SO different.

LISA
And weird.

AMBER
What do you mean? Doesn't it say
somewhere in the Bible that we are
supposed to be Holy --as in set
apart?

DEREK
Yeah, but come on, we are different
enough, I mean look, we're wearing
these uniforms!

LISA
Yeah, we go to the Corps, my
friends don't do that, what more do
you want?

AMBER
I don't know, well, look at Major.
She has a lot of passion. She seems
to really love Jesus. She's
different and it doesn't seem like
she even tries.

LISA
She's different, thats for sure.
Did you see her jumping up and down
during worship?

DEREK
(laughing)
So weird.

AMBER
I don't mind it --I just think
she's really into it --you know,
she just really enjoys it.

DEREK
Yeah, I can enjoy it too, but you
don't see me making a fool out of
myself.

AMBER
You think she's a fool?

LISA
Well...

DEREK
It's embarrassing.

AMBER
Don't we always jump up and down
when we go to concerts? Or football
games?

DEREK
Yeah, but ...I mean, who jumps up
and down for worship music?

LISA
For real, if my friends from school
ever saw her, they would totally
just die!

AMBER
But that's what I'm saying, aren't
we judging her by what others
think, not by what God thinks?

DEREK
Do you think God wants Major
jumping up and down? Does that seem
dignified?

AMBER
(thinking)
Oh, I don't know, maybe you're
right ...Oh, wait! Didn't David
dance? and ...Oh! I know the Psalms
say we should shout and clap for
the Lord --and dance.

LISA
But that was then, this is now.

DEREK
Yeah that was way back in the
Bible.

AMBER
But the Bible ...its God's word,
right?

LISA
Sure, but you don't have to take it
so seriously.

AMBER

We don't?

LISA

No. Come on, we have to live in the real world.

DEREK

Look Amber, I understand. You're really into all this right now and that's ok.

LISA

Yeah, I was really excited at one time too. But don't worry, give it time, soon you'll calm down.

DEREK

Yeah and then you'll be just like us. Now come on, lets go get some lunch across the street.

LISA

Good idea, but let me get changed first.

AMBER

You're not going to wear your uniforms?

LISA

(laughing)

Uh, no.

DEREK

Yeah the service is over, we're done with all that.

Derek and Lisa exit. Amber takes off her tunic (and/or collar buttons) and looks at them in her hand. She is confused and stands thinking as she looks where Lisa and Derek exited.