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“Bless The Food”

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What	When siblings sit down for dinner, one admits they don't think they should have to pray because they don't believe they have anything to thank God for. A dramatic scene about God's timing and providence and our trust in Him.
Who	3 Actors
When	Present day; Dinner time
Why	Psalm 9:10; Proverbs 3:5-6
Time	Approximately 10 minutes

CHARACTERS

STEPHANIE - Youngest sibling

SAMANTHA - Middle sibling

HARRISON - Oldest sibling; college drop out

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Lights up on SAMANTHA waiting by the door, looking out of the window holding her Bible. SAMANTHA is the middle sibling. STEPHANIE, the youngest sibling enters putting on her shoes or earrings or both. She is about to head out for the evening.

STEPHANIE

He burnt it again.

SAMANTHA

(not paying attention)

What?

STEPHANIE

You're about to find out.

HARRISON, the oldest sibling enters singing with a slightly burned meal. Sets in on the table.

HARRISON

DINNER IS SERVED! Bon Appetit!

STEPHANIE

It's burnt.

SAMANTHA

Steph!

HARRISON

It's not burnt, its just... a little crispy.

STEPHANIE

It's for sure burnt. Again.

SAMANTHA

Looks great Harrison, thank you for making dinner for us.
Right Steph?

SAM gives a glaring look at STEPH.

STEPHANIE

Right.

(under her breath)

Even if it is burnt.

(back to normal voice)

Just wrap mine up for me for later, I'm heading out.

HARRISON

Heading out?! Yea right! After dinner then you can go.

STEPHANIE

Are you serious? My ride will be here any minute.

HARRISON

They can wait.

STEPHANIE

UGHHHHH.

STEPHANIE sits down at the table, starts to grab food to eat quick.

HARRISON

Woah woah woah! Let's pray before we dig in. Who wants to bless the food?

STEPHANIE

I don't think we should.

HARRISON

What?

SAMANTHA

Steph, what are you talking about?

STEPHANIE

I don't think we should have to.

HARRISON

We always bless the food.

STEPHANIE

Doesn't mean we have to tonight. Let's just eat. Pass the beans please-

HARRISON

Woah- No beans until you tell us whats up and then we pray.

STEPHANIE

Can I have the beans?

HARRISON

No.

STEPHANIE

The beans. Please.

SAMANATHA

Steph...

HARRISON

No.

"/" indicates overlapping lines.

STEPHANIE

Will you give me the beans please! / NOW! I don't have time for this.

SAMANATHA

Everyone / just calm down

HARRISON

I said no!/ Not until you tell us what's up!

STEPHANIE

(Blurts out)

God hasn't done anything for us to thank him for!

Silence.

SAMANATHA

Oh.

STEPHANIE

And I'm definitely not thanking him for this burnt chicken!

HARRISON

(after a moment)

First off - it is crispy. Crispy chicken. What is going on with you? What is wrong? You don't talk like this.

STEPHANIE

It's nothing. Just forget it.

HARRISON

It's not just *nothing*. What's wrong?

STEPHANIE

I don't know. I just... I just feel like since mom died and dad has been who knows where, drinking himself to death we haven't had anything good happen to us. Nothing worth saying a blessing over.

HARRISON

That's not true at all Steph.

STEPHANIE

If God loved us Harrison, why did you have to drop out of college to take care of us? It's not fair.

SAMANTHA

We have each other and thats important and something for us to thank God for.

STEPHANIE

I knew you would say something like that. Great answer bible scholar. "God this... and thank God for that." If that's the case then why do you wait by the door every single night? You think we don't see you? Waiting for dad to come back like some little puppy.

HARRISON

Watch your words, Steph.

STEPHANIE

God's not bringing him back. He's not bring our mother back and he's not bringing our dad back.

HARRISON

Stop it, Steph.

STEPHANIE

He might as well be dead too. And you're stupid for waiting on him. God doesn't care about us! And we'd all be better off if we started to believe that.

SAMANTHA

Shut up Steph! Shut up! Every night I wait by the door for our dad to come back because I trust the Lord. I trust His timing and His plan, even when I don't understand it. "Those who know your name trust in you, for you, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek you." And I trust and believe that what He says in His word is true. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own

understanding." He will bring him back. And until then I will wait and I'll continue to wait as long as I need to.

A moment. There is a quick car horn honk outside. They all notice.

STEPHANIE

I'm sorry Sam. I shouldn't have said any of that.

Another moment.

HARRISON

Sounds like your ride is here.

STEPHANIE

They can wait.

A small moment.

I'm just so angry.

HARRISON

I know you are. I get angry too. And you're right Steph. Life isn't the best right now, and dad may never come back. There seems not too much for us to be thankful for. But not only do we have each other like Sam said but we do have the Lord. He is our father and he will guide us. And for that I am thankful and forever grateful.

A small look to both his sisters.

I love you both. But I also love food. So, who is going to say a blessing because my *burnt* chicken is getting cold.

They all share a small laugh.

SAMANTHA

I will/

STEPHANIE

No/ I'll pray.

HARRISON

You sure?

STEPHANIE

I'm sure. Let's pray.

STEPHANIE grabs their hands across the table. They all close their eyes and bow their heads. She begins praying.

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