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“Lunch”

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What	Three friends meet in the school cafeteria after one of them makes an offensive joke in class. This piece touches on the theme that the way you live each and every day is as much of your mission field as when you go overseas on a missions trip.
Who	1 Male Actor 2 Female Actors
Why	Proverbs 27:17, Colossians 4:6
Time	Approximately 8 minutes

At Rise: We are in a Highschool Cafeteria, it is loud. Two students entering - JOSH and NATALIE. They are friends and go to Church together.

In the class before JOSH made an offensive “joke” in his history class directed toward Muslims. The “joke” was inferring that all Muslims are dangerous and do not belong in the United States. MARIE, who is a Muslim student, was deeply hurt by this joke. It is important to note that this “joke” didn’t just superficially offend or “trigger” MARIE but truly hurt her in a way that caused other students to take note and defend her in class.

Entering the cafeteria, NATALIE rushes up and meets JOSH as he heads towards a table

Natalie: Hey! You’re moving pretty quick for somebody about to meet their doom via school cafeteria food.

Josh: (gestures lunch box/bag) Brought stuff in from home today. It’s lasagna day, AKA “anything we have left over we’ll cook it in marinara and see how long it takes ‘til we get sued.” Not worth risking it.

Natalie: Smart man. I guess I’m just used to walking with you and Abby, but then I saw you fly down the hall right when I got out of Calculus. I waited for Abby, but I never saw her come out of Ms. Ross’ classroom. Everything okay?

Josh: History was just weird today.

Natalie: How so?

Josh: I dunno, people are just sensitive. I don’t really wanna get into it.

Natalie: Ah I gotcha... If it helps, I got stuck trying to explain to the rest of my class that an algorithm doesn't necessarily relate to TikTok.

Josh: Mhm.

(They sit in silence for a second)

Natalie: (fishing for something to talk about) Are you going to be at church tonight?

Josh: (lighting up) Yeah... Pastor Ed asked me to talk a little bit about the mission trip we're taking this summer because we're going back to Haiti, so that's pretty cool.

Natalie: Yeah...

Josh: Do you think that you'll be able to go this year?

Natalie: I mean I really want to...

Josh: I can't wait to be back at that orphanage, those kids were so fun...

Natalie: They looked really happy in the pictures from last summer! I just don't know if I can afford it...

Josh: You gotta go...Maybe we can help set up a fundraiser for you at church! Or maybe we can set up a GoFundMe. You would love it, Natalie. And the kids would love you.

Natalie: You think?

Josh: Of course... Someone like you who is so nice; you're exactly what those kids need. I'm so ready to go back. I just feel like I grew so much being over there... like I almost feel like I got more out of it than the kids did.

Natalie: What do you mean?

Josh: Just being someplace where everything that we did was for Jesus... I felt really connected and purposeful. I really hope I can get that again.

Natalie: I mean... what's stopping you from doing that right now?

ABBY Enters

Abby: What the heck Josh...

Josh: What?

Abby: What do you mean "what," why would you say something like that?!?

Josh: Here we go again -

Abby: Josh/

Josh: Can't you just let it go, Abby? / I'm tired of talking about this

Abby: /No, I can't!

Natalie: Wait, what are you talking about?

Abby: I just spent the last 15 minutes with Marie crying in the bathroom...

Natalie: What?

Josh: It was just a joke...

Abby: Jokes don't make people cry... you need to go apologize to her right now...

Natalie: Josh, what did you say?

Josh: Oh my gosh... Abby, you're blowing this way out of proportion.

Abby: I don't understand why you would say something like that...

Josh: What are you going to "cancel" me now?

Natalie: Josh.

Abby: You're not listening to me....

Josh: I am hearing you just fine.

Abby: Then what am I saying?

Josh: That you would rather just go along with everyone else from class than your friend. You guys are making me out to be some sort of villain...

Abby: Josh... I am not trying to attack you... I am trying to be your friend. Saying things like that is not a good look...