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“Story”

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What	This is a highly theatrical sketch where three actors tell three different parables, the parable of the great banquet, the parable of the hidden treasure and the parable of the lost sheep.
Who	3 Actors
Why	Luke 14, Luke 15, Matthew 13
Time	Approximately 8 minutes

Character Breakdown

Through the Script, the three actors will transition in and out of multiple characters. When they are not a character, then they should be themselves, if not a tad elevated version of themselves.

Actor 1: Storyteller, Ruler, Worker

Actor 2: Storyteller, Servant, Abram, Townsperson

Actor 3: Storyteller, Invited Guests, Owner, Shepard

At Rise: *Lights up on ACTORS standing across the front of the stage. On the stage, there is a hat rack and a stool that houses simple props and costume pieces used throughout the sketch.*

Intro

Actor 1: *Over the course of Jesus' ministry on earth He told a lot of stories.*

Actor 2: These stories were vehicles for teaching us about what the Kingdom of God is like...

Actor 3: and reveal to us the Love that God extends toward us.

Actor 1: Jesus Called these stories *Parables*

The Great Banquet

Actor 1: Here is a parable of Jesus from Luke 14,

All: The Parable of the Great Banquet

ACTORS sweep stage as we enter the next scene

Actor 3: Jesus had gone to eat in the home of a pharisee, a member of the religious elite. They were trying to manipulate him,

so as he sat down to eat, he told a story of a powerful ruler who was planning a banquet.

Servant: Everything is in order for the banquet my Lord.

Ruler: Good! Go and invite the guests, tell them that everything is ready and that I

want to enjoy this meal with them.

Actor 3: So the servant went out and invited the rich, powerful and important, but they all gave excuses for why they would not come and enjoy the banquet prepared for them.

ACTOR 3 portrays these three characters with simple prop or costume changes.

Servant: Hello! My Lord has prepared a great banquet and he wants you to come and enjoy it with him.

Rich: I have just purchased a new yacht; I would rather enjoy that the come to your banquet.

The servant is discouraged but goes to look for another guest to invite.

Servant: Pastor! My Lord has prepared a great banquet and he wants you to come and enjoy it with him!

Religious: I have just planted a new church; can't you see I have too much work to do to enjoy a banquet with your master.

The servant is confused but goes to look for another guest to invite.

Servant: Sir! My Lord has prepared a great banquet and he wants you to come and enjoy it with him!

Politician: I can't waste my time at a banquet with your master. I am running a political campaign, but maybe your master would like to come and offer his support at my campaign rally?

The servant is heartbroken and goes to return home.

Servant: My Lord, I am sorry but none of the people who I invited would come to your banquet... Would you like for me to clean it up?

Ruler: Who did you invite?

Servant: I invited those who I thought you would want at your table, the rich, powerful and important.

Ruler: *(With a smile)* Go back out into the streets and invite the poor, the sick, and those pushed to the fringes of society tell them there is a seat for them at my table, and I want them to enjoy this banquet with me.

Actor 3: So the servant went out again.

Servant: Hello, my master has prepared a banquet, and he wanted me to invite you to come and enjoy it with him.

Down-and-Out: Why are you coming to me? I don't feel welcomed anywhere and you tell me that I am invited to a banquet. Thank you but I belong there...

Servant: No... this is exactly where you belong. My master said to seek you out specifically. He wants you to eat with him.

Down-and-Out: Why is he doing this?

Servant: My master wants to share his abundance with any who will come and enjoy it with him.

Ruler: Welcome to my home, I am so glad that you have come. Please relax and enjoy!

Down-and-Out: Thank you, sir, I have never experienced kindness like this in my life.

Servant: Lord, I have brought back many guests but there are still seats available... Should I go back to the guests that were first invited?

Ruler: No, go back out and find anyone who feel they have no place to belong and spread the word that there is a great banquet that they have been invited to, all they have to do is come... not one of those who were first invited be permitted to sit with me and enjoy this banquet.

Actor 2: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

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