

Finding the Time

CHARACTERS: 1 with 2 off stage voices

PROPS: None specified

COSTUMES: Street clothes

SETTING: Computer desk

RYAN: Grab that switch, fire, fire again, JUUUUUUmp. Got the ledge. Herc, grab that medipack. A keystone!

Mom: (*from off stage*) Ryan, are you about done with that computer? Your dad has some reports to print out.

RYAN: (*calling out*) Yeah, just a minute. (*to self*) Parents. They should just get me my own computer. A floating blue crystal... guesses it's time to rest, Hercules.

JESUS: Ryan.

RYAN: Huh, who said... hey! (*looking around in surprise*)

JESUS: Ryan.

RYAN: That's not in the game! Must be a virus. Dad couldn't have rigged up.... Gabe, yeah, Gabe might, maybe he rigged up something to freak me out.

JESUS: No Ryan. It's not the computer or Gabe. It is me, Jesus. I just want to talk about us. You & I. The lord and his servant. The two of us. It's been a long time since you last checked in for orders, Ryan

RYAN: Yeah, I know. I've been real busy. Homework and all.

JESUS: Its summer, Ryan

RYAN: (*Weakly*) Oh (*More boldly*) I have a job.

JESUS: 4 hours a day. That leaves 20. By the way, I'm glad you give Mrs. Joyner a break on mowing her lawn.

RYAN: (*Making excuses*) Yeah, speaking of which, I need my sleep so.....

JESUS: If you sleep 8 hours, that leaves 12 hours.

RYAN: (*Weaker excuse*) And we have to eat. That takes time, especially if you have to cook or clean up.

JESUS: 11

RYAN: (*Stalling*) My friends. I need time for them. They're Christian friends.

JESUS: 9

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RYAN: (*Flustered*) I'm just really busy

JESUS: I know what its like to be busy. Lepers to heal, people to feed, stopping to talk to a woman who needed to hear the word. Teaching in the temple, giving sight to the blind, traveling by boat on rough water, preaching from the mountainside. Finding time for the little children to be brought to me.

RYAN: (*Greatly humbled*) Jesus, I think I haven't been a very faithful servant.

JESUS: I can forgive you and help you start again.

RYAN: Just like new?

JESUS: Just like new.

RYAN: I'll take you up on that offer.