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"The Three-strand Cord"

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 4: 12

"Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not easily broken."

Dramatic Category: Skit

NOTE: This is the third of three skits on the topic of leadership. The entire "series" of leadership skits includes:

1. "Follow the Leader" (**Skit #S9**)
2. "The Dream Team" (**Skit #S10**)
3. "The Three-strand Cord" (**Skit #S11**)

Topic: God is the ultimate visionary

Performance Time: 3 minutes

Number of Players: 2 men

Objective: To show that God is the ultimate visionary in our tasks

Synopsis:

Joe, a contractor, has come to the realization that God's way is the best way to accomplish any task. After reading Ecclesiastes, he begins to understand that God is the third cord in the "three-strand cord that is not easily broken."

Cast:

Joe: *a confident contractor*
Paul: *Joe's friend*

Props:

A Bible
A table to roll the plans out on

The Script:

(Joe is seated at a table, reading his Bible. Paul approaches, Joe looks up and says:)

- Joe:** So, this guy, Nehemiah, built a wall.
- Paul:** No, the workmen built the wall.
- Joe:** Well, yeah, but without Nehemiah there wouldn't be a wall.
- Paul:** Without the workmen there wouldn't be a wall either.
- Joe:** Okay, you want to know who really built the wall?
- Paul:** I do.
- Joe:** God built the wall.
He wanted a wall around Jerusalem,
and he worked through a group of people to make it happen.
God gave the vision to Nehemiah.
- Paul:** I guess God did build the wall.
- Joe:** Wall, playground, no difference really.
I've discovered something through all this.
- Paul:** What's that.
- Joe:** A project is like a compass.
- Paul:** How's that?
- Joe:** Well, the team is the actual working parts of the compass,
the dial, the housing,
the degree markings, all that.
- Paul:** Okay.
- Joe:** The leader, on the other hand,
is more like the needle in the center of all the working parts;
the needle's job is to point out "due north."
- Paul:** "Due north?"
- Joe:** That's God.
He's the one the leader has to point to.
The vision comes from Him.
See, Nehemiah kept pointing out God's plan in all this.

(He holds up his Bible.)

These people drove him crazy!
Half the time he was attacked from the inside as well as from the outside.
He took all his troubles to God, and that's how the wall got built.

Paul: You got all this out of Nehemiah?

Joe: Yes and no.

Paul: Where, then?

Joe: Listen to this: Ecclesiastes. 4:12
“Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves.
A cord of three strands is not easily broken.”

Paul: That's a cord of three strands;
where's the compass?
You lost me.

Joe: Don't you wonder why he's talking about the power of two,
then he uses three strands on the cord?
Where did the third strand come from?

Paul: I don't know?

Joe: There's three strands to any project:
The leader, (*he holds up one finger*)
the team, (*he holds up two fingers*)
and the third strand is God! (*he holds up three fingers*)
When you've got that combination, you can't lose.

Paul: You're quite a leader, Joe

Joe: It was touch and go, there for a while.
I almost bailed and handed the whole thing over to you.
You know quite a bit about leadership.

Paul: That would have been a bad idea.

Joe: Why?

Paul: God gave you the vision; all I had was advice.

(They exit together.)

The End