

DRAMA (1): INTERVIEW WITH CHRISTIAN

Cast: Interviewer, Christian (*Hopeful is present, but doesn't have to say anything*)

Interviewer:

Hello everyone. My name is....and I thought it would be a great idea to try and get hold of Christian and find out from him, firsthand, just how his journey is going. I'm on the Straight and Narrow Way right now, trying to find him.

(Enter Christian and Hopeful who walk past the group slowly)

Interviewer: *(with hand shading eyes, straining to see)*

Ah! Yes, I think I can see two people ahead....a man and a woman.... yes...it's Christian and someone else....oh good!

Interviewer: *(shouting)*

Christian, Christian - wait for me!

(Christian and Hopeful stop walking and wait until the Interviewer catches up. Hopeful sits down for a rest and Christian turns to face the Interviewer)

Interviewer:

Christian....it has taken a good while to find you, but I've tracked you down at last. I understand you're on a special journey which you hope will take you to the City of Gold? Would you tell us why you wanted to make this journey?

Christian:

Very happy to. It was sometime back now....I just knew I had to move away from all that was familiar to me....even from the people I loved....and begin a journey that would change my life.

Interviewer:

How do you mean....**change** your life?

Christian:

I don't mean....just change my life....as much as **save** my life. I was reading the Bible and it hit me so forcibly that one day I would have to stand before my Maker and be accountable for my life. Believe me...I didn't feel ready for that.

Interviewer:

So what did you do?

Christian:

Well....I ran! It felt like that anyway. There was an urgency about it....but I suppose you could say that I began a journey....a journey that will take me a lifetime....and I am still on that journey.

It's not been easy, you know....I've met people who have mocked me....distracted me, tempted me....I've been in situations that have almost seen me go under....I've been pulled in all

directions....my courage has been sorely tested....in fact, at times I've almost given up, but something inside me....(or is it someone?)....keeps me going.

In the beginning I met a Preacher who told me to keep reading the Guidebook to help me.

He said that Pilgrims were setting off every day for the City of Gold and asked me, "Who wouldn't want to go there? A place full of perpetual bliss, sublime happiness and everlasting life." He told me that he was bound there himself and that I hadn't a moment to lose, but he couldn't guarantee that I would survive the journey, as it wasn't an afternoon stroll, by any means.

He finished by telling me not to lose the Scroll as, without it, I would not be allowed into the City of Gold. I keep going over this conversation in my head.

Interviewer:

What has challenged you most about the journey so far?

Christian:

Hard to say really....it's all been very challenging. I suppose I could summarise it by saying....keeping to the Straight and Narrow Way. Yes....that's it....keeping to the Straight and Narrow Way! I'm finding it is so easy to be pulled away without even realising it.

Interviewer:

I see you have a companion now? Has she been with you all the time?

(Interviewer turns to look towards where Hopeful is sitting)

Christian:

Oh no....Hopeful joined me when I left Vanity Fayre.

I've had many companions....some of them not much help to me....but others have been supportive and helpful. In fact, one of them saved my life. His name was Faithful, but he was put to death in Vanity Fayre.

My other constant companion has been this Guidebook, God's Word, and the more I read it the more I am learning to trust it.

(Thoughtfully) The most challenging experience of all was when I stood before the cross of Jesus Christ and realised, for the first time, exactly what He had done for me. I was overwhelmed!

I fell on my knees in gratitude and sensed such love and forgiveness. The burden of guilt that I have carried for so long just fell off....the weight of it just rolled off my shoulders. It was a life changing experience for me.

Interviewer:

Thank you for sharing with us Christian. I know your journey is not over yet, so I won't delay you any longer....but simply remind you, "Keep to the Straight and Narrow Way, hold on tight to your Scroll and keep trusting in your Guidebook to help

you as you travel.”

Interviewer: *(facing the group)*

And it’s back to you all in the studio at*(place)*

Hope you enjoyed hearing from us?

Goodbye and God bless.

(End of Drama)