



Drowning Man

contains multiple additions/options

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Characters: 2+ = 1 Male if using Jesus, all others either. Lifeguard (L), Christian (C). Optional: Jesus (the Best LifeGuard), other lifeguard, spectators/multiple Cs can divide up the lines, but was written for two actors total, so use however many actors you want.

Props: Sunglasses, beach towel, a t-shirt with either a red cross printed on it or "Life Guard."

Settings: the beach on a warm day.

Scripture: Matt. 28:18-20; Jude 1:20-25 "...snatch others from the fire and save them...", or 2Tim. 4:1-2,5.

Opening: L: *[enters wearing sunglasses, t-shirt, and towel around neck.]* **Ah, what a day! I love the beach. The water's clean, clear, and dangerous.** *[stretches arms and does side-bends; keeps stretching]*

C: *[runs in from side, or jumps up from seated position behind Lifeguard pointing to the far back of the room]* **Hey! Someone's drowning!** *[yells to Lifeguard]* **Help them!** *[nearly screams incredulously]*

C (2): **What are you doing?!**

L: *[keeps stretching and speaks non-chalantly]* **I'm just warming up.**

C (3): **Hurry!** *[bouncing]* **...and jump in!**

L: *[still stretching, speaking too calmly]* **Nah. I don't wanna get in their personal space.**

C (4): *[shocked]* **If YOU don't try then...**

L: *[stops stretching]* **Yeah, but it's always the same: I jump in, I swim ALL OF THE WAY over there, and they yank on me and pull me down. And one time, *[wincing from the embarrassing and painful memory]* a man even slugged me and took my floater. They don't WANT to be saved.**

C (5): **But, you're a LIIIFEGuarDAH.**

C (6): **And they're drowning *[frantic again]* and you're just-gonna-stand-there?!**

L: **Nah, I'm gonna "rest-up-a-bit" just in case I FEEL like jumpin' in... later.** *[flips out towel, lays down on it and stretches for a nap]*

C: *[staring out into the water]* **Oh, Noh! No time left.** *[prays with eyes tightly closed]* **Lord, I can't save anyone, but You can, so, please, save the drowning man and help me to do WHAT-EVER YOU want.** *[if using another lifeguard: C takes a deep breath and Jesus or Other lifeguard runs past and down center aisle at full speed disappearing from the room.]* **I've studied, but I sure don't want to get slugged. Holy Spirit, help me to remember my training and follow Your guidance no matter the response aimed my way.** *[C takes a deep breath - runs full speed down centre aisle and disappears into the far room while spectators follow behind, but more slowly and talking to each other until they exit.]*

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L: *[snores for three count, flips over for three count, snores for three count, wakens, stands up and stretches then winces and checks out sunburn. Calls out toward the water in jest]* **Wouldn't the water be better for a baptism. *[shrugs shoulders and talks to congregation]* Despite the trouble it can bring us, maybe, for us to ignore someone's need for salvation is the part that is really cruel.**

Optional additional ending:

Jesus: *[returns up the isle to front and centre of the platform]* **As recorded in Matthew 28, verses 18 through 20 ...All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.**

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