



# 'Cause That's What You Want to Hear

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**Characters:** 6 = Female. Kris, Ellen - Seniors, Christians. Sarah, Jen, Tina, Erika - Freshmen. Kris and Tina are sisters. Ellen and Erika are sisters.

**Props:** none.

**Setting:** the girl's restroom at school during a class break. Sarah poses a question that begs an answer forcing the younger girls to think it through as the older girls already have.

**Opening:** Kris, Sarah, Jen, Tina, and Erika are hanging out talking and waiting for the last, Ellen, to arrive.

Sarah: Oh, Jen, did you watch "the O.C." last night? (Kris enters to wash hands, and check face and hair in "mirror".)

Tina to all: Yeah, it was exciting, but it didn't finish the topic. The two teens ran off together, so it just kinda said, "sure, everything's fine."

Erika: Ooooh, true love. (to Jen) Would you run away with Marshall if he asked? (Tina whacks Erika's arm.)

Sarah: But, what's wrong with that?

Tina: Well, (pause) it just doesn't sound right. (pause) Kris, what do you think?

Kris: What if I said, "Sarah, your hair...wait (pauses and changes tone)... what do you want to hear?" (Sarah walks around frantically looking to get to the mirror. Kris realizes that Sarah didn't understand that she was just using an illustration.) No, no, just kidding, it's fine, really. When I look at you I see a beautiful Sarah. **But, what if** you've tucked your skirt way into the back of your hose, **should I...?** (now teasing her to make a point) oh wait... No... you're fine, in fact go on. There's a bunch of gorgeous guys out front. Go sashay in front of them, right now. **'Cause that is what you want to hear.**

Erika: No, that's not o.k.

Kris to Sarah: Not if I cared about you. Not if I loved you at all.

Tina: So what about those two teens taking off together? Was it just a matter of true love?

Ellen: (walks into the "bathroom" speaks to Kris) Hey, I remember when we had a tragedy every five minutes it seemed.

Kris: Yeah!

Ellen: When we were freshmen. 'I can't wear makeup!'

Kris: 'I can't get a date for the dance!'



Ellen: 'I can't do my Algebra!'

Kris: 'I can't open my locker.' (both laugh together at how silly they once were.)

Ellen: Wow, that was only a couple of years ago.

Kris: Yeah, but now its easier. That's 'cause we try to help each other to learn the Truth, and follow it.

Ellen: You first had to tell me locker combinations work Left, 2 times Right, Left. And to start over spin it 3 times, take a deep breath, and slow down. It all comes with practice.

Kris: And then, we'd show up on Saturday...

Ellen: when everyone else was at the Walk-up...

Kris: eating burgers...

All: and sipping frozen Pepsis...

Kris shushing with first finger like it's a secret: and we'd practice our combos.

Sarah: But, **isn't life different? I mean, isn't there more than one way?**

Kris: Well, we could have busted open the sucker. Ka-pow!

Ellen: And then paid the penalty. Ka-Ching, Ka-pow, Ka-pow.

Kris flirty-like: Or, we could have asked a Senior to do it for us.

Ellen: And then we'd never be able to do it ourselves.

Kris: Or, we could have asked for a new locker.

Tina thinking it was a jab at her: Hey! Mine really was broken.

Erika: Yeah, but we'd never have known it if we hadn't asked.

Ellen getting back to the point: Sure, life is like that. But, there are consequences for breaking the rules. And as a freshman, I couldn't afford to buy the school a new locker door with just my cheerleading money.

Kris: Or, my Student Newspaper Reporter money.

Sarah: Hah, Hah. Really funny.

Tina: Consequences. I couldn't have relied on my sister (gestures to Kris) to always be there to open my locker for me. She's only human and she doesn't go here so I can have a great life.



Kris: But the Truth is: **life is like that**. There's only one way to have eternal life, and Jesus is the only One who could open the door.

Tina: After we slammed the door in disobedience setting the lock.

Kris: He had the combo. He knew how to open the door again. But He had to do it through obedience... even all the way to death on that cross.

Ellen: He obeyed so that we could live and open the door.

Sarah following their logic: But that would mean God did the hard thing: He lived like us.

Jen: A freshmen. (Everyone stares at her in amazement, and then breaks out into laughter until Sarah breaks in.)

Sarah: I don't care. If I want to run off with my boyfriend, then it must be True Love.

Ellen: No Sarah. True Love does the difficult for itself in order to take care of the one it loves.

Kris: Jesus didn't have to be a freshmen. He didn't have to come here and be obedient, and He didn't have to die.

Erika: But, He did.

Tina: That's because He loves us.

Kris: And that's not all. He helps us know the Truth, choose True Love for ourselves, and to give toward others. He, unlike my sister (jokingly elbowing Tina), is always there... (corrects herself) here... for me, whenever I need Him.

Kris: So what did you want to hear, Sarah? "It's fine. No, it's great. Go ahead and do what you want!"

Erika to Sarah adding in: "God's already paid your way into heaven... so everything's fine. **Believe** what you want."

Tina to Sarah: **Is that what you want to hear?**

Kris to a primping Sarah pretends to ignore them: By the way, your lipstick's on straight and those gorgeous guys really are out there.

All except Jen to Sarah with Sarah mocking back: **'Cause that's what you want to hear!**

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