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Since I Got Saved

Synopsis: Five teenagers have become disillusioned with God for a variety of reasons. They thought when they got saved, life would get better . . . and in some ways, it's gotten worse.

Themes: Salvation, accountability, backsliding, doubt, "dirty secrets" of being a Christian.

Characters: 2 males (Oscar, Tyler), 3 females (Faith, Crystal, Heather).

Running Time: 5 minutes.

Staging Needs: Bare stage. No special lighting or sound effects. No props.

Acting Difficulty: Moderate.

Tone: Dramatic dialogue.

Can It Stand Alone?: No.

Author's Comments: The moment of disillusionment comes for all young Christians--that moment when they realize "getting saved" didn't suddenly solve their lives. It came for me in Bible college (of all places), where I discovered you could still wrestle with sin, depression, and doubt after you knew Jesus. I was afraid to tell anyone--certainly *they* never experienced those problems! I almost dropped the whole "faith" thing in the process. A Christian community with a code of silence is a community that drives people away from God.

Performance Tips: The characters' lines should follow one another without pauses, except where indicated in the script. Avoid the temptation to let the actors read off scripts for this piece. The audience won't believe they're real people if they have papers in their faces. Practice separately with each actor, helping them find the angst of their character, before you combine the cast to work on timing and flow.

Since I Got Saved

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(Five TEENS are spread across the stage.)

FAITH

My life was full of sin, drunkenness, and immorality. But then I got saved at the age of three-and-a-half, and everything has been different.

CRYSTAL

I want to share what God did for me with everybody!

HEATHER

I go to Bible study twice a week, church three times, and the Electric Praise Christian Dance Club on Saturdays. That's where I met Oscar.

OSCAR

Life isn't perfect, but whenever I have problems, I just talk to Jesus. Or Heather. She's such a gift from God.

TYLER

My favorite Bible verse is Philippians 4:13--

FAITH

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." That is so true!

CRYSTAL

I prayed before the Geometry test Monday, and you know what? It was like an angel gave me the answers! I can't wait to see my grade.

HEATHER

I love to dance before the Lord. I just have to remind Oscar to leave room for the Holy Spirit--

OSCAR

There's one little thing, but I'm sure it's no big deal--

TYLER

Once in a while, I have these thoughts--

FAITH

So I just pray, and everything is okay again!

CRYSTAL

Except last Wednesday, when I wondered--

HEATHER

And I know it's wrong, but I can't help it--

TYLER

So I wondered--I mean, just for a minute--if the Bible was true and God was really there.

(A beat.)

FAITH

I know Christians aren't supposed to get like this; I don't have enough faith! If I did, I wouldn't get depressed. I wouldn't want to--

CRYSTAL

--Do it. But all my friends smoke. I mean--the good stuff. So it's like I hang out and I remember how it feels, and when I'm really worried about tests or something--

HEATHER

Like last week when we left, we were on a Jesus high! Oscar kissed me, and then we parked the car, just for a few minutes.

(A moment.)

Then he forgot to leave room for the Holy Spirit!

OSCAR

I do so good, y'know? Standing up for Jesus. It's easy when I remember He died for me. Then something happens--

TYLER

But it never happened till last month. If God's there, how could he let Stacy die? What did she ever do to Him?

FAITH

Maybe I'm not really saved. Last week . . . I mean, I got out a razor. I was so scared if I did it, I'd go to hell. I didn't even feel real bad.

(a moment)

I just didn't feel *anything*.

CRYSTAL

I took, like two drags. Then I bought some from Tom. Then I felt so bad I flushed it when I got home. Except one smoke. This isn't fair; Pastor Andy said I have victory!

HEATHER

I didn't *lie* exactly. My Monday night Bible study, they asked. And I said yeah, me and Oscar, we're pure! We are. We didn't *do it*-do it.

OSCAR

If I'm supposed to take a cold shower, why did God make her so hot?

TYLER

The Bible says you have to believe and not doubt. Every time I walk by the piano it's like my sister should be practicing. Okay, I *believe* He could have stopped the car. Didn't You part the Red Sea?

FAITH

Didn't you heal people? From demons and stuff? I think I might have one.

CRYSTAL

Angie's testimony isn't like this. She says you took it all away.

HEATHER

I prayed at the beginning, if Oscar wasn't your will, you should make him leave. But if he's your will, how come we do stuff . . . that isn't?

OSCAR

If I'm with her, I want to be--touching. Because I care about her! But why are boobs such a big deal? They're lunch for babies!

TYLER

They say you have a sense of humor. If you get yucks off killing kids, I don't think I wanna worship You.

FAITH

Other people don't get like this. They have the "Joy of the Lord." So I can't tell them. They'll think . . . I can't remember when I was happy. I guess when I was a kid.

CRYSTAL

If you made everything and it's all good, how come I can't smoke it? Of course, I can't say that in *church*.

HEATHER

We love each other. My Bible study; they don't understand--

OSCAR

I just feel so guilty! I almost broke up with her--just so I'd stop feeling . . .

TYLER

. . . Like I'm not saved, when I think this stuff. I want to see my sister again. I just don't know if I can. That's all.

FAITH

Jesus, I know I'm a sinner. I'm such a mess.

CRYSTAL

But you took away my sins. Right?

HEATHER

I know you died on the cross. Why doesn't that matter--

OSCAR

--When we're kissing? Pastor says you know them by their fruits. Do I have those?

TYLER

I want to believe. Isn't that enough for you?

FAITH

They talked about "abundant life" when I prayed. I figured that meant I could be happy. Not all the time. Sometimes.

(A short pause.)

CRYSTAL

So God, if you can't take away drugs--I mean, you can't make me stop--

HEATHER

If we keep "living in sin"--

TYLER

Can I still be saved?

FAITH

And even if I am--

CRYSTAL

If this is all you got--

OSCAR

So if I'm just gonna feel guilty anyway--

TYLER

Does it really *matter* . . . whether I'm saved or not?

(Blackout.)

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