

Real World Skit

Uncle Bud

Cast: Lauren, Hannah, Derek

HANNAH and DEREK are talking to each other as LAUREN enters.

HANNAH: Hi, Lauren.

LAUREN: *(Looks upset)* Hi.

DEREK: What's the matter?

LAUREN: Oh, I just can't believe it. My uncle is really sick. My aunt took him to the hospital yesterday, and they don't know if he is going to be OK.

HANNAH: What happened?

LAUREN: I'm not sure. My parents were upset and on the phone. That's all they told me.

DEREK: I'm really sorry, Lauren. That *is* bad.

LAUREN: He's my favorite uncle. It doesn't seem fair. Why would God do this? Uncle Bud is really nice, and he's a Christian, too!

HANNAH: Oh, Lauren. I am so sorry. I know it doesn't seem fair. And it is OK to ask why God would do it—but sometimes we don't know why God does things.

LAUREN: Well, I don't like it. It isn't right. There are plenty of mean people who could get sick. Not my uncle! Sometimes I wonder where God is, if He even cares about me at all. Or Uncle Bud.

HANNAH: You are doubting God's love right now because of what is happening to your uncle. But I want you to know that God does care about you and Uncle Bud very much. But we don't always know why He allows things to happen, especially the bad things.

DEREK: Sometimes God allows a bad thing to happen so that a good thing can come out of it.

HANNAH: Remember Joseph? We talked about him at church.

LAUREN: Yes. He did have some really terrible things happen. His brothers were jealous of him because of a coat! And they wanted to kill him.

DEREK: That's right. And God allowed it! Joseph was sold into slavery in Egypt. He was put into prison and things were looking very bad for him.

HANNAH: Yes! But God worked everything perfectly so Joseph ended up saving a lot of people's lives, including his own brothers and his dad.

DEREK: If Joseph hadn't gone through the bad things first, he wouldn't have been in the position to save his family. God allowed the bad things to happen so that good things could happen later.

LAUREN: So what does that have to do with me? And Uncle Bud? And the fact that he is in the hospital?

DEREK: Well, God doesn't change. He was able to use the bad things that happened to Joseph for his good. And He can use the bad things that happen to us for our good.

LAUREN: But there is nothing good about Uncle Bud being sick.

HANNAH: You don't know that for sure. What we do know for sure is that we can trust God's promises in His Word. He promises to work all things for our good if we love Him.

DEREK: That doesn't make it any easier. But we can believe and trust God! And I believe that God is going to use Uncle Bud's sickness for good somehow!

HANNAH: Do you remember the verse we were studying at church? In Genesis? About Joseph and his life?

LAUREN: Yes, I think so. Didn't it say something like, "You meant it for evil; but God meant it for good"?

DEREK: That's right. Joseph was talking to his brothers AFTER they had sold him into slavery and told everyone he was dead!

LAUREN: Hmm. That was terrible. And I bet Joseph was really scared at the time, but he did trust God, didn't he?

HANNAH: Yes. He never stopped trusting God. And God blessed that.

DEREK: Lauren, you can trust God, too. Even when we don't always understand things, we need to trust God! He is our Creator! He is in control of everything. He is sovereign over everything.

HANNAH: We can pray for Uncle Bud and we can trust that God's perfect plan will be done!

LAUREN: Thanks, Hannah. Thanks, Derek. You two are great friends. Will you pray for me too? That I will trust God the way Joseph trusted Him? And not worry?

DEREK: Of course we will. It is something we all have to keep telling ourselves. No matter what is going on, God is in control. And God uses things in our lives so we can honor Him.

Hannah, Lauren, and Derek exit.