

## “The Game”

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Scenes

Cheating

Christian is sitting in a classroom with four other students taking a test. One of the other students leans over and asks Christian a question about the exam. Christian tells the student that he must do his own work and that he is not going to help them cheat. The referee is not present on stage until his part in the scene happens.

(Sitting in class intently concentrating on his own exam, Christian is asked by another student for an answer)

(Looking toward the teacher to make sure the teacher is not paying attention while keeping head low.)

Student 1: “Pssstt. Hey Christian.”

(Glancing over at student 1 but trying to stay focused)

Christian: “Were taking a test man, what do you want?”

Student 1: “What did you get for #12?”

(Frowning, Christian considers giving Student 1 the answer.)

Christian: “I am not going to cheat, do your own work.”

(Flag is thrown onto the field accompanied by a shrill Whistle.... Referee comes running from back stage.)

(Facing the crowd like he is reporting a penalty in a football game makes the signal for “holding” ... grasping one wrist, the fist clenched in front of the chest. )

Referee: “Illegal Withholding of answers to help a classmate cheat on exam... number 56... 5 yard penalty, repeat 1<sup>st</sup> down”

(Football field goes dark, lights come up on announcer)

Announcer 1: Peer Smith

Announcer 2: Pressure Wilson

Peer: And that's the first penalty we've seen tonight Pressure, as early as it is in the first quarter Christian is going to have to step it up or those penalties are going to hurt him.

Pressure: Your exactly right Peer. It is simple things that if an athlete doesn't think about can result in penalties, and to many penalties can cost you the game.

Peer: New on the scene Christian Jones looks to be a promising edition if, like you said he can keep the penalties to a minimum.

### **Sticking up for a nerd**

Again sitting in the same classroom students begin to tease a member of the classroom for wearing glasses. Christian's friends laugh at the nerd and try to say something funny to Christian. Christian stands up for the nerd and gets them to stop.

(Pointing as if to make fun)

Student 1: "Hey, look at Ned, he's wearing his huge glasses again today. What a nerd."

Student 2: "Yeah Ned, why are you so dumb? Did your mom drop you on your head when you were a baby?"

(starting a chant that the other students take up)

Student 3: "Nerdy nerdy Ned, nerdy nerdy Ned"

Christian: "Hey guys... leave him alone, he is one of the smartest guys in the class, so quit teasing him."

(Flag is thrown)

(Referee steps to front to call the penalty giving the sign for 'illegal block' after the sign for personal foul)

Referee: "Personal foul, Number 56 illegal block of teasing, 10 yard penalty, second down.

(Lights go down on 'field' and come up on announcers.)

Peer: Were back in the second quarter and Christian has just had a personal foul called against him.

Pressure: I don't know what he was thinking stopping those kids from teasing Ned, he embarrassed his own team members by sticking up for what is right.

Peer: That's not the move I would have made either and I think the officials did the right thing by making that call. You got to wonder what the coach is thinking right about now, wondering if starting Christian this season was really the best move.

Pressure: Once again a penalty has been called on Christian here in the second quarter and if he doesn't avoid those penalties this is going to be a difficult game, not only for his team but for Christian as well.

Peer: And that wraps it up for us here in the first half. The half time show done by Billy and the goat milkers should be over in a jiffy and when it does we will start the second half here at the MiVoden Stadium in beautiful north Idaho.

42.7 percent of all statistics are made up on the spot.

3 out of 4 people make up 75% of the population.

### **Disobedience**

(Bell rings and kids start filing out onto the stage like they are exiting school. There are several kids with backpacks and they form groups and start talking. As Christian comes out, two of his friends come up to him and ask him if he wants to go to a party. Christian wants to go so he pulls out his phone to ask his mom for permission. His mom says that she doesn't want him out parting and that he has better things to do with his life etc. Christian's 'friends' convince him to go anyway saying that he can tell his mom that he was 'studying' with friends.)

Friends: Hey Christian, do you want to go to this really awesome party tonight over at Eugene's house? It's going to be great!

Christian: I don't know, my mom doesn't really like me to go to parties, especially if it means I stay out late.

Friend 1: Well call her and ask if you can go this time. It's going to be really cool!

Christian: Okay I'll give it a shot.

(Christian gets out cell phone and calls his mom. He talks with her but it is obvious she says no.)

Christian: Sorry Guys, I can't go.

Friend 2: What?!? That is so unfair, I can't believe parents.

Friend 1: Yeah what do they know your old enough to make your own decisions now, your almost 14 years old... you're practically an adult.

Christian: Well, I do want to go, but I don't know my mom told me that I couldn't.

Friend 2: Yeah but I am sure that she wants you to take some responsibility for yourself, that means you can be in charge of your own destiny, you have to come because it is what you want to do. You are old enough to do what you want.

Christian: You know what, you're right, I am going.

(Scene changes to the announcers)

Peer: What an exciting third quarter Pressure.

Pressure: You were kidding Peer. That was incredible. All the athletes performed well out there making it a spectacular experience for the fans. And Christian, what a good call deciding to go to that party. You know I thought there for a second he wasn't going to go through with it and was going to get another penalty. Lucky for us he was able to pull it off, and he did it with style.

### **Lying**

(Christian gets back to his house after going to the party and is confronted by his mom.)

Christian: Hi mom!

Mom: Christian! It is 11:30 at night. Where have you been?

Christian: Well you see mom I was over at a friends house studying late. We have this big algebra test coming up and we wanted to get a couple of extra hours in before tomorrow.

Mom: Oh, well great, I am glad I raised you to be such a responsible young man.

Christian: Yes you did mother. Hey mom, wait, I have to tell you something, The truth is that I went out to that party that you told me I couldn't go to because I thought I was old enough. But I realize I was wrong and I am sorry.

(Whistle)

Ref: Penalty Illegal use of the truth 10 yard penalty and loss of down.

(Cut to announcers)

Peer: And that does it folks, that penalty will lose the game for Christian and his team.

Pressure: Wow, what a way to go. Christian went down fighting but he wasn't able to pull it off in the end.

(Jesus comes out on stage and introduces himself to Christian as his coach.)

Christian: Jesus? What are you doing here?

Jesus: I'm your coach Christian. I've been watching you the whole game.

(Christian hangs his head )

Christian: Oh, you saw that did you?

Jesus: Yes I did, and I thought you did great!

(Christian looking confused)

Christian: But I lost? As my coach aren't you a little disappointed?

Jesus: There were times that you may have hurt me a little during the game, but loose? You didn't lose!

Christian: But you heard the commentators, they said I played bad and that I lost the game.

Jesus: That's because they don't know the game like I do. You see not only am I your coach but I wrote the rule book. They were using the rules of this world to ref the game, but the real rule book says. **23**for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, **24**and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

Christian: so that whole game was a fake? a phony a scam?

Jesus: No Christian, you were just being judged by a fake. They were using the worlds rules to judge you. But you have chosen to live your life with me, and where I come from we play the game "off the grid"

### **Conclusion**

Commentators express disappointment in Christians performance and that he could have played the game better, What a disappointing loss.

Christian is disappointed in himself, even though he didn't know what is going on.

The attitude is down and disappointed.

Then it switches to the heavenly sports casters and every is happy and amazed that he did so well.

Christian's coach comes out and the ref begins to argue with him.

Your rule book says that Christian penalty wont allow him to win in fact

If you noticed, that rule book that you are reading, "its written in my blood." I have paid for his penalties Therefore by my sacrifice, Christian has won the game. I declare Christian the new champion