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*Written as a stand-alone People Skit in four scenes to coordinate with Unbridled Fire VBS/CAMP 2018.  
Scenes can be combined or adjusted for fewer presentations.*

**Setup:** An outdoor setting is preferred for the skit in order to utilize a live fire in Scene Four. However, an indoor setting is acceptable, with a slight adjustment in the way the prop is utilized in Scene Four.

- Zac:** Ranch Hand with a Plan. He is stacking boards, brush, making a burn pile. Over each scene it will become a VERY BIG burn pile as it will increase in size each time the next scene opens.
- Charlie:** Ranch Hand; level-headed tries to assist Zac to understand the difference in a wishbone and a backbone.
- Narrator:** Never seen; only heard reading his lines.

Appropriate music plays in the background to build up the entrance and assist with exiting. We suggest something like the Theme Music from the original *Magnificent Seven* Movie.

- Props:** Burnable brush; trash; lottery ticket; Big Bottle of Wishbone Salad Dressing; Old Inflatable Kids' Swimming Pool; Piece of Styrofoam.
- Place to have a burn pile.

## SCENE ONE:

*MUSIC UP and build for about 90 seconds before diminishing for characters to speak. Continue to play softly in background throughout the scene and then bring back up volume after the final dialogue of the scene. Play for an additional 60-90 seconds at the end.*

- Zac:** I wish I had some help with this mess. I wish this wasn't taking so long. *[Zac is murmuring to himself while he is building a burn pile of trash; he is in the process of adding more and more to the burn pile from a trash pile as Charlie arrives on the scene.]*
- Charlie:** Zac, how ya doing? You getting ready to roast hot dogs or a hog?
- Zac:** Charlie, I am doing okay. Come over to lend a hand, did you? *[Zac sits down for a minute.]*
- Charlie:** AWWW, Zac, you go right ahead; I have enough of that kind of work to do over at my ranch as it is.
- Zac:** Fine! Go ahead, have it YOUR way. But you might just find something in this stack of STUFF and JUNK that you could use before I set fire to it all!
- Charlie:** *[Laughs]* Looks like a bunch of **USEFUL** goods there man!
- Zac:** Know what you mean, Charlie. *[Sounding a little disgusted]* *[Walks over to junk pile and picks up odd shaped piece of Styrofoam.]* Like this for example; one of my more brilliant waste of money ideas!
- Charlie:** *[Still chuckling]* Hey you can't burn that, man!
- Zac:** Oh you can use it? *[Hands to Charlie.]*
- Charlie:** Why, Zac! That's Styrofoam; you can't burn that; it puts out toxic fumes if burned.
- Zac:** If that don't beat all! This **whole project** was a disaster. I WISH I'd never spent money on that one!
- Charlie:** What easy fix project was that, Zac?
- Zac:** I bought this here, drone you see.
- Charlie:** You mean you bought a drone and crashed it?!
- Zac:** You know me, always looking for an **EASY** way out!
- Charlie:** Yes, you are prone to that.

**Zac:** Well, I saw on late night TV that you could get a **DRONE CROP DUSTER**; so I INVESTED in it, assembled it, and well, let's just say the only crop that got dusted was **ME!**

**Charlie:** Well, that's a shame. *[Walks over to trash and picks up another item.]*  
What's the story on this beauty, Zac? *[Holds up a wadded up torn up piece of plastic that resembles a child's wading pool.]*

**Zac:** That my friend is another **WISHFUL** piece of wasted money and energy; not to mention the flack the wife gave me over that one.

That my friend is an **inflatable plastic stock tank that doubles as a kids' swimming pool** on hot Texas summer afternoons.

**Charlie:** **What happened?**

**Zac:** You don't **EVEN** want to know!!!

**Water had a tendency to turn the kids green.**

It's like I am ALWAYS using my **WISHBONE**.

**Narrator:** Tune in tomorrow when we hear Charlie say.....

**Charlie:** *[Charlie holds up a bottle of Wishbone brand salad dressing.]*

**There ARE other brands of salad dressing besides WISHBONE, Zac.**

*MUSIC UP*

## SCENE TWO:

MUSIC UP

*[Burn pile has gotten noticeably taller since Scene One; trash pile is still in sight as well.]*

**Zac:** *[Scene opens with Zac throwing more stuff on the burn pile.]*

**Charlie:** Zac, your burn pile is getting pretty big there.

**Zac:** Story of my life, Charlie!

*[Zac walks over and retrieves a couple of items from the burn pile and takes them each back to the trash pile. Then he looks over at Charlie to comment]*

I might be able to get some use out of this yet.

**Charlie:** I don't see much of anything worth keeping in any of this stuff, Zac.

All you seem to be doing is sorting it from one pile to another pile and sometimes back to the other pile all day long.

**Zac:** I just don't have the BACKBONE to throw it all away. It has taken up so much of my time, money, and energy already.

**Charlie:** You mean you intend to KEEP spending your time, your money, and your energy on worthless stuff.

**Zac:** **Not all worthless, Charlie! There's a little bit of good in everything you know.**

**Charlie:** **Who told you that?**

**Zac:** *[Stops; looks thoughtful for a minute, then comments.]*

**Well, I saw it on a church sign going down the road.**

But **SOMEDAY** I am going to do something with this **STUFF**.

**I'm hoping some of this turns out to be priceless.**

**Charlie:** *[Reaches for Zac's Hand and takes out a Lottery Ticket]* **Do you mean like with this LOTTERY TICKET dated 2008?**

**Zac:** Hey, that's my LUCKY lottery ticket, I need that back.

**Charlie:** It didn't win, Zac! How is that Lucky?

**Zac:** That's not the point. I keep that in my pocket to remind me to invest wisely.

**Charlie:** Really?

**Zac:** Yeah. After all, YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU. You might as well spend your time, money, and energy doing SOMETHING.

**Charlie:** Actually, there are some things you CAN TAKE WITH YOU, Zac.

**Narrator:** Zac clearly does not "get it." Will he wise up? Will he get more backbone and less wishbone? Will he buy a newer lottery ticket?

**Stay tuned when next time we hear.....**

**Zac:** I KNOW I can make this stuff work!!!!!! All I need is a little LUCK!!

*MUSIC UP*

## SCENE THREE:

*MUSIC UP* [Charlie and Zac are sitting on a bale of hay. Burn pile is piled high behind them.]

**Zac:** Well, Charlie, I've been waiting for my ship to come in ALL OF MY LIFE!

**Charlie:** You know, Zac, I think you have gotten yourself in a place where you have more WISHBONE than BACKBONE.

**Zac:** I had BIG dreams you know. Planned on winning the World Championship Bull Riding in Vegas?

**Charlie:** I didn't know you rode bulls, Zac?

**Zac:** I don't; and I never did.

**Charlie:** That'd probably be the reason you never won in Bull Riding.

**Zac:** Yep, probably. [Pause and sigh] BUT I was looking for a BIG BREAK to come along!

**Charlie:** Yeah?

**Zac:** Yeah, I got a Big Break all right; but it was my right arm when I fell out of the deer stand back in 2013.

**Seems like everything I get done, gets undone again. Like I said earlier, you just can't take it with you.**

**Charlie:** Zac, Like I said earlier, there are some things you CAN TAKE WITH YOU. You are a born-again Christian, right, Zac?

**Zac:** Yes, I am.

**Charlie:** Well, then, there are a few things you CAN take with you!

**Zac:** Where'd you hear a thing like that, Charlie?

**Charlie:** The Bible! There's a judgment coming for saved people called the BEMA seat where everything that we did that was not Kingdom worthy gets burned up; and everything that counted for eternity remains as rewards.

**Zac:** NAH, you're putting me on!

**Charlie:** [Pulls out his New Testament] It's right here: *1 Corinthians 3: 11-15 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.*

**Narrator:**

**Will you be at the Judgment for the saved or born-again people? Will you have rewards after the fire? Will you enter into Heaven with rewards or without?**

**Or will you be at the Judgment of the un-saved people where there are no rewards, only eternal death?**

**You must make the choice while in this life.**

*MUSIC UP*

## SCENE FOUR:

MUSIC UP

*[Large burn pile is stacked up. Zac and Charlie come in and light the pile.]*

**Zac:** Well, there she goes! All of that money spent on STUFF and used up and thrown out STUFF.

**Charlie:** But starting today, Zac, you can determine to have the BACKBONE to put your WISHBONE to work and INVEST in those things that YOU CAN TAKE WITH YOU!

**Zac:** Yeah, but I just WISH that I had not WASTED so much money, time, and effort already on stuff that didn't matter for eternity.

**Charlie:** **While you can't go back and get the time; you can make it all count for time and eternity from here on out!**

**Zac:** **That's exactly what I intend to do, Charlie!**

**Charlie:** *[Stands there with Zac as they silently watch the fire go up and the stuff burn for a minute in silence before he speaks.]*

Wait a minute, I have something for the fire, too, Zac.

**Zac:** You do?

**Charlie:** *[Charlie begins to toss in ribbons that he has won].* Got to thinking, Zac, I can't take these with me to Heaven anyway.

**Zac:** *[Waves his arms.]* But those ribbons represent a lot of hard work, a lot of money, and a lot of recognition!

**Charlie:** I can't take those with me to Heaven, Zac.

**Zac:** I know something you CAN TAKE WITH YOU CHARLIE!

**Charlie:** **What's that?**

**Zac:** It's more like WHO? You led me to Christ, Charlie. You were the one person that told me about the Lord Jesus Christ and stood by me until I understood and was saved! You are taking ME !!!!!

*[The two men do a quick embrace and a pat on the back.]*

**[Start music in background softly.] [LIGHTS go down; the two men stand in front of the burning pile.]**

**Narrator:** The Bible, God's Word says:

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**MUSIC UP**