

Half Time

THE ORIGINAL SKIT



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Character

Tommy (Male)

Junior (Male)

Wayne (Male)

Max (Male)

NB: Skit can also be adjusted for an all-female cast, or a mixture of both male and female.

Setting

A changing room setting, with benches, lockers, towels, etc.

The Story

Life is not a game, but if it was, there are many people who give up or are tempted to before the final whistle is blown. This skit illustrates just how easy it is to give up when it seems like others are not playing fair or by the rules.

Play Details

Length: 5-10 Minutes

Cast: 4 Males/Females

Audience: Teens & Adults

Genre: Contemporary Drama

The Script



LIGHTS UP

Three football/basketball players: Tommy, Junior and Wayne, walk in, sweaty and disgruntled.

They sit folding their arms in defiance.

Max walks in. He is the Manager of the team.

MAX: Guys, what just happened?

No one responds.

MAX: Okay, it's obvious you are upset so please just talk to me. What is it?

TOMMY: I quit.

JUNIOR: Me too.

WAYNE: Me three.

JUNIOR: It's just not fair.

MAX: Guys, what is this about? You walked out on a game in progress before the half-time whistle?

TOMMY: The Ref is not treating us fair.

MAX: What do you mean?

JUNIOR: You were there, coach. You saw for yourself.

MAX: What was I supposed to see exactly?

WAYNE: I was tackled and the player got a warning. I did the same tackle and he gave me a red card.

JUNIOR: How is that fair?

TOMMY: That Ref just don't like us.

WAYNE: It's as if you have one set of rules for one. Another set of rules for another.

TOMMY: Either the referee is changed, or we quit.

JUNIOR: Yeah. (*points at Tommy*) What he said.

Pause.

MAX: Guys, there are many times in life when people are not fair, but that's no reason to quit.

TOMMY: Oh yes it is.

WAYNE: We play for fun.

JUNIOR: And we play for free. So we can quit if we like.

MAX: Then you will always be quitting in life and you will grow up to be a quitter. What you do should not be determined by how others act or re-act towards you.

TOMMY: Here comes the preaching.

MAX: If you want to hear preaching, come to church Sunday. This is just me talking. There is only one fair and perfect judge and that's God. Man is a faulty creature, unfair and not perfect. But God judges everyone equally and you don't need to worry about an unfair judge. Even he will stand before God one day to give an account.

Pause to consider.

JUNIOR: That makes sense, but why should we believe what you say?

Max finds his Bible and turns to a particular Scripture.

MAX: Remember what I told you about the Bible?

GUYS: It is the highest source of authority in the universe.

MAX: Excellent. Deuteronomy 32:4 says, "Everything He (meaning God) does is just and fair. He is a faithful God who does no wrong; how just and upright He is!"

The others agree.

JUNIOR: But wait a minute. That means we will be judged too.

WAYNE: Oh, that's not good. I have done some bad things.

MAX: See, and I am sure at some point all of us have judged someone else unfairly.

Pause.

TOMMY: Yeah, I let my brother get blamed and punished for something he didn't do.

MAX: Truth is, sometimes the things that people do to upset us are things we ourselves have done or will do. If any of you becomes a Referee in the future, you will have three disgruntled young men in the locker room discussing how unfair you are too and ready to quit.

Pause.

JUNIOR: You're probably right.

TOMMY: He's always right.

Pause.

WAYNE: You think the Ref will allow us back in the game.

MAX: *(smiles)* He's actually waiting on us to resume.

JUNIOR: Let's go then.

They leave excitedly.

Max looks up.

MAX: Thank you for that wisdom, Lord.

He exits after the boys.

BLACKOUT