

A STAR IS BORED

Filmmaker Liz wants to direct a blockbuster, but he only has Morrie to act in it. Can Liz make Morrie into a star?

Let's Get Started

Episode Theme: Dealing with disappointment

1. In [Psalm 143:8](#), David says that he has entrusted his life to the Lord. What does it mean to entrust your life to the Lord?
2. In [Romans 1:10](#), Paul writes about his desire to travel to the city of Rome and visit the Christians there. But before he could go to Rome, he wanted to visit Jerusalem. While there, he was arrested for teaching about Jesus Christ. He spent three years in various prisons. Paul eventually made it to Rome as a prisoner—certainly not in the way he had planned to get there. Still, he took advantage of his time to tell everyone he met about Jesus—even the soldiers in Caesar’s own palace! Think about what it means to trust the Lord, even when plans go wrong, as you listen to today’s episode.

Memory Verse

⁸ Each morning let me learn more about your love because I trust you. I come to you in prayer, asking for your guidance.

Psalm 143:8b

After You Listen

In this episode, Liz planned on making a serious movie with Morrie and Lucille. But things didn’t go as planned, and his funny out-takes become a big hit on the Internet. Liz learns to trust God, even when things go wrong.

Another word for trust is “faith.” Both words mean believing that what somebody says is true. Faith in God means believing his word, the Bible, and then doing what the Bible says. It’s easy to have faith when things are going well. But real faith will stay strong even when things don’t go as planned. [Hebrews 11:6](#) says that “. . . without faith it is impossible to please God.” If you don’t trust him, you won’t do what his word tells you to do. And if you don’t do what his word tells you to do, you won’t be saved from the punishment for your sins.

Dig deeper into the importance of trusting the Lord by reading [Proverbs 3:5-6](#); [Romans 8:1](#); [Romans 8:28](#).

Challenge

What is happening in your life right now that isn’t going as planned?

- Are your grades in school not what they should be?
- Is a friend or family member upset with you about something?
- Have your plans for the weekend fallen apart?

Life rarely goes exactly the way we want it to. We can be discouraged and angry. Or we can trust God and do the next right thing. How can you take your messed-up plans and turn them into something good? Talk to a trusted adult about a time when they trusted in God when things weren't going according to plan.

Take the Episode Quiz

Question 1: How does Liz get a video camera?

Answer: It is a birthday gift from his parents.

Question 2: What does Liz name the hero of his movie?

Answer: Illinois Smith.

Question 3: Why is Morrie so funny in the movie?

Answer: He is sneezing and has a stuffed up nose.

Question 4: Why is Liz so angry at Morrie?

Answer: The movie becomes a hit, not because of Liz's brilliance, but because of Morrie's bloopers.
