

Thy Kingdom Come

Taglines:

Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done. On earth as it is in heaven

- God has a plan – to bring his Kingdom on earth as in heaven. Building his Kingdom includes social action and evangelism. I have a part to play in this
- I know at least one thing I could do

Basic Premise:

Someone is waiting to go sailing. As they chat to their colleague, it becomes clear that whilst they 'talk the talk' (shown through their discussion of the best equipment to use etc) there is no way that they actually 'walk the walk'. This finally comes to a head in the revelation that have never actually been sailing properly

General Notes:

- This needs clarification that we are not telling people that they shouldn't take the plunge, just that it requires some consideration of where they will best be suited and that there isn't a specific thing that we all have to do. God has given us different gifts and it is our responsibility/privilege to play to these strengths
- This is therefore something that should be celebrated – our collective differences combine together to make a united change
- Maybe start talk by addressing the drama. This could include the mistakes this person makes in assuming that sailing is just about stepping into a yacht and that that isn't enough
- Focus on what we can do to get involved

The Script:

Two actors enter from opposite sides onto the stage, both carrying large rucksacks.

Actor 1: Morning!

Actor 2: *(With a lot less enthusiasm)* Morning.

Actor 1: *(Inhaling)* Ooh – get a bit of that in yer gills. Nothing like a fresh morning breeze to make you feel alive eh?

Actor 2: *(Disinterested)* No.

Actor 1: As my father always says to me, start off with a good sail and you're set for the whole day.

Pause

Actor 1: *(Limbering up in an exaggerated fashion)* This should do the trick – blow away a few of the cobwebs. Care to join in?

Actor 2: If I must *(he joins in, although rather reluctantly)*

Actor 1: All part of my routine this. I've even made up a rhyme to help me remember. Do you want to hear it?

Actor 2: *(To himself)* Do I get a choice?

Actor 1: *(Not hearing Actor 2 and singing)* When you want to go for a sail
Remember these things so you won't fail

Stretching, breathing and your tools

Forget to do this and you're a fool!

Actor 2: *(Deadpan)* Wonderful.

Actor 1: Isn't it?

Pause

Actor 1: Right then, better sort out all the equipment *(he mimes laying out all the things that he needs to sail. Fastidiously he moves the pieces around, muttering under his breath about what all the individual pieces do)*

Actor 2: Someone knows their stuff!

Actor 1: Why thank you! It's always best to be prepared.

Actor 2: Do you take quite this much time to get ready every time you go sailing?

Actor 1: Why of course. As my father always says, 'Fail to prepare and prepare to fail'

Actor 2: Full of useful sound bytes is your dad!

Actor 1: Well he was a famous yachtsman – twice American Cup champion I'll have you know!

Actor 2: Looks like you're following in his footsteps.

Actor 1: Why of course. I've been sailing in Barbados, South America, even made it to Cowes week once!

Actor 2: Impressive.

Actor 1: Sailing has taken me all around the world. Of course it's in my blood which helps, and my family have always told me that sailing is the most honourable sport there is. And it keeps you fit too!

Actor 2: So when did you decide to take up sailing?

Actor 1: Well father encouraged me to start from a very young age. I've been in and around yachts all of my life and I've been solo sailing as long as I can remember.

Actor 2: Well with that introduction – I think you need to show us what you're capable of *(he gestures for Actor 1 to get into the yacht)*

Actor 1 spends a little bit more time making some finishing touches, and then finally decides to step into the yacht. However almost immediately he steps back out again. He then starts to pack away his things, clearly looking as if he is going to leave

Actor 2: Anything the matter?

Actor 1: Excuse me?

Actor 2: You're not going to go sailing this morning then?

Actor 1: I just did!

Actor 2: Just did? You barely stepped into the yacht before you got out again!

Actor 1: What do you mean? That's was one of my furthest and most exhilarating sails yet!

Actor 2: Right...

Pause

Actor 2: So you've got all the equipment.

Actor 1: Yes.

Actor 2: You've checked for the right wind.

Actor 1: Of course.

Actor 2: And your yacht is in top condition.

Actor 1: Goes without saying.

Actor 2: So why don't you sail properly, you know – explore the harbour a bit?

Actor 1: Well I wouldn't want to risk getting hurt now would I?

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