



Remember, I Give Your Life Meaning

Production Notes

The second in a series of three skits reminding us only that Jesus is the One who gives our life meaning.

SUMMARY: Felicity Forgetful sits down to watch TV and sees some very convincing people on TV who make promises of a better, happier, more meaningful life. She has forgotten that only Jesus can truly fulfill her.

THEME: Only God can truly give our lives meaning Jesus is our first love and meets our needs

CHARACTERS:

Narrator

Felicity Forgetful

Rhonda Reminder

Brenda, Home Shopping Network Hostess (exaggerated makeup!)

Tiffany (HSN testimonial)

Oprah

Dr.Phil

Career/Education Infomercial Speaker

SETTING AND PROPS

TV stage prop*, comfortable chair, remote control, telephone

*We used a large box (only three sides) with an opening for the TV screen (resembling more of the older version of TV. TV characters stood behind the cardboard.

TIMING: Approximately 10 minutes



“Remember I Give Your Life Meaning” SCRIPT

(Felicity is sitting in her easy chair in front of the TV, with the TV remote control in her hand.)

Narrator: Felicity Forgetful has the day off from her dead end job, and has chosen just to spend the day relaxing in front of the TV.

Felicity: I wonder what's on TV. Where did I put that remote? Do I have a TV guide around here? Let's see what's on. *(uses remote)*

Brenda, HSN Hostess: Do you want to be a “Perfect 10”? Welcome to this hour's beauty special. We'll be focusing on the Miracle Magic10 line of cosmetics guaranteed to make you beautiful and ten years younger, ten pounds lighter, and wrinkles will disappear in 10 days in 10 easy steps. We're going to hear a personal testimonial from Tiffany from Santa Monica who has used our product for 10 days. Tiffany, I can sure see a difference. Can you tell our audience how awful you really looked 10 days ago?

Tiffany: Oh, Brenda, let me tell you. My skin was like alligator skin

Brenda: You guys, we're not talking an alligator living in the Florida humidity... but it was like an alligator that had been cooking in the Mohave desert. We're talking DRY and FLAKING! We're talking PARCHED!

Tiffany: I had a few unsightly blemishes

Brenda: Mount St. Helen's!

Tiffany: I had to lay down on the bed just to zip my jeans... Those few extra pounds really made things tight!

Brenda: A few pounds? Honey, you should have seen the view from the rear!

Tiffany: I was so desperate and hopeless until I found Miracle Magic10! Those 10 easy steps changed my life!

Felicity: Maybe I need that! My life needs to be changed! I wonder how much it costs?

Brenda: Yes, you do need this...It **could** change your life. And if you at home are wondering what it costs, just 10 easy payment of \$10—and you can begin your 10-day transformation to becoming that “perfect 10.”

Felicity: What if it doesn't work for me?

Brenda: And don't worry, if it doesn't work for you, we guarantee to refund one-tenth of the purchase price... We only require a \$10 restocking fee! Now viewers, this special is a limited time offer. You have 10 minutes to call 1-800-564-1010 and order your Miracle Magic10. *(Felicity is looking for pencil/paper)*

Felicity: I need to call *(gets up)* Now where did I put that phone?...Well, I've got 10 minutes...
(sits back down) Oh, wait, it's time for Oprah. I haven't gotten to watch her for so long.
(switches channels)

Oprah: In every aspect of our lives, we ask ourselves, “How am I of value?” Your purpose is your destiny. Your mission is true happiness. In our “Spirit and Self” segment, you will learn how to embrace your spirit, fulfill your dreams and truly live and be the best “YOU” you can be.

Felicity: Happiness, that would fulfill me. But how do you embrace your spirit and fulfill your dreams?

Oprah: Today we have Dr. Phil on our show, speaking to some women who lost their sense of self. Their spirit has withered away... They have lost their identity, and filled the gap with family, friends and career. Women all over the nation are living unfulfilled lives, trying to be what others want them to be! They don't even know who they are any more! And the answer is as close as their inner self. They need to find their spirit, nourish their spirit, embrace their dreams. The answer lies within yourself. Dr. Phil, do you have anything to add?

Dr. Phil: Oprah, I would ask these women: Do you want to change? Are you ready to “get real with yourself”? Well, stop talking and start doing!

Felicity: That's right. I need to get real with myself, and find my spirit and embrace it. I like that. Oh, a commercial, what else is on?*(changes channel)*

Career/Education: Are you in a dead end job?

Felicity: That's me.

CE: Do you have a desire to be an administrative assistant, a forklift operator, a dental hygienist, a sanitation engineer, a court report, a computer technician, a certified John Deere tractor operator or a licensed electrolysis technician? Do you long for a career that will give your life meaning and purpose? Don't you want to be successful?

Felicity: Oh sure. Of course I do. But how?

CE: Of course you do! The key is education.

Felicity: I don't have the time or money to go back to school.

CE: And don't worry if you don't have time or money to back to school. Our at-home, on line correspondence course can help you reach your goals. Don't put it off any longer. Change your life and find purpose through a new career TODAY. Call now 1-800-GET-AHEAD.
(Felicity is looking for pencil/paper)

Felicity: Where is that phone????!!!!!!

Narrator: *(phone rings)* Ring, Ring!

Felicity: There it is...Hello?

Rhonda: *(off stage, but seen, with phone)* Felicity...What are you doing home today? I was going to leave you a message to remind you to check your messages...

Felicity: Oh, hi, Rhonda. I had the day off. And I think it was destiny. I've found the answers to my problems on daytime TV. That dead end job of mine has been holding me back! I need to focus on fulfilling my dreams and embracing my spirit and looking 10 years younger...

Rhonda: Sounds like you've been watching Oprah and infomercials today. You're wasting your time, Felicity. During all this TV watching today, did you remember to mail your mother's birthday card?

Felicity: Oh, thanks for reminding me. But seriously Rhonda, my life is lacking fulfillment. I think I finally found some answers. It's not about a man...first I need to work on ME.

Rhonda: Felicity! It's not about YOU. You're getting sucked in to the world's point of view.

Felicity: Well, I know Miracle Magic10 would help me look better. And as I improve my appearance, I'll improve my self-image, and I'll be able to face the world with confidence, and aggressively pursue my dreams.

Rhonda: Have you forgotten, Felicity?!! It's not the outward adorning that pleases the Lord, but an inward quiet spirit—Remember? God doesn't look on the outward appearance, what He cares about is your heart. His desire for you is beauty in the inward parts—you being molded and shaped into the image of Christ!

Felicity: OK, I see your point. But maybe if I pursued a career and became successful, then I would stand proud to be me. A new career would give my life meaning and purpose! I'm just spinning my wheels as it is right now...

Rhonda: You KNOW that only Jesus can give your life meaning and purpose. He is the one who gives you a future and a hope. All things are working together for good for those who are called according to His purpose. He can use this job that you are at right now to accomplish His purposes, or He may lead you to change careers. But He's the one you need to ask. Seek Him first, and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Felicity: But Oprah says to embrace your spirit and find the answer within yourself. I need to seek happiness and fulfill my dreams.

Rhonda: (*exasperated!*) Felicity! Listen to yourself! You know that within your flesh dwells no good thing! Our flesh can't please God. He desires that we seek His holiness. Happiness is such a fleeting thing, and it can't compare to the joy God gives as we walk in His Spirit. It is not our spirit—it is His Spirit within us that can change our lives!

Felicity: (*like a light bulb has gone on*) Rhonda, I guess I've just been gobbling up the enemy's lies today. Thank you for reminding me. I know all those things, but I just forgot. I started listening to the world—and that TV sure can disguise those lies of the enemy in appealing words! I guess it's the same answer—I need to REMEMBER HIM, SEEK HIM, KNOW HIM better!

Narrator: Felicity has learned a great lesson today. Changing her appearance or her job and circumstances will not give her life meaning. And if she truly “gets real with herself” and looks for the answer within herself, she will come up empty. The Bible says that it is when we “delight ourselves in the Lord” that He promises to “give us the desires of our heart.” True fulfillment comes only from the Lord.

