

## ANGELIC SERMON WRITER GUILD (Revised January 27, 2019)

Characters:

- Michael (Arch Angel) – Kaela Williamson
- Gabriel (Chief messenger) – Lucy Reiss
- Harold (The angel that sings) – Allison Dowe
- Colton (The 'Redneck' Angel) – Clohie Warnes
- The Boss (Jesus) (appears intermittently – Dylan Hager)

*Four Angel stand around a whiteboard at the top labeled "Sermon on the Mount". Harold sitting at a laptop, working on writing a sermon for The Boss.*

Harold: OK, I am calling The Angelic Sermon Writers Guild to order. Michael, the arch Angel presiding and Gabriel the chief messenger, providing his insight. And of course, there's Colton's ... for... comic relief?

Michael: Thanks Harold. The Boss has asked us to help him craft the greatest sermon ever preached. He is going to deliver during his time on earth when he speaking to his disciples and a while on a mountain. He's wanting to call it "The Sermon on the Mount." We are the best sermon writer in the heavenly host... and Colton, so let's hear what you got.

Gabriel: He should start our reading a passage from the scriptures, say a prayer, and maybe tell an anecdote from a book or newspaper article that connects to the main theme.

Harold: What he needs to have is three main points, but all these three main points that start with the same letter. Like Ransomed! Redeemed! And Reinstated!

Colton: No, he needs to start out with a really cheesy joke that sort of relates to the main theme, but is mostly played for laughs. This joke needs to be so cheesy that most of the audience will only remember that joke, and not the sermon at all.

Michael: Those are ok ideas, but they are sounding like every other sermon that is going to be preached, ever. This one need to really stand out. Something that people are gonna be talking about thousands of years later.

Gabriel: How about this, we start off listing unique ways that God showers his blessings on others. Like how God blesses the meek, those who mourn, or those who are persecuted. For example: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Colton: Wait a second, is it blessed or bless-ed. I can never figure that out.

Harold: I think it's blessed, but if we go with bless-ed, it will sound more holy.

Colton: Like I'm too bless-ed to be stress-ed.

Michael: OK... Lets go with 8- 10 of those blessings things... what should we call them?....

Gabriel: They are all about having an attitude of blessing. That doesn't have the gravitas.

Colton: Attitude of blessing... blessing attitude... BEATTITUDE! Nailed it!

*The Boss walks out onto stage as if addressing a crowd.*

*The Boss: Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.*

*The Boss fades back off stage...*

Michael: Moving on, Next we will throw in some obscure analogy that can be interpreted different, yet retain deep meaning.

Colton: Salty Pretzel?

Gabriel: SALT!

Colton: They're low fat?

Gabriel: LIGHT! Colton you're a genius!

*The Boss walks out onto stage as if addressing a crowd.*

*The Boss: You are the Salt of the Earth. You are the Light of the world!*

*The Boss fades back off stage...*

Michael: So Salt & Light analogy, followed by...

Harold: How 'bout we take the Law, but flip the script. Like, You've heard it said, but I say...

Gabriel: I like it. We can talk about how about anger and insults are just as bad as murder. . Or how awful revenge is, and how we should love everyone... including our enemies. How about something like, if someone slaps you, turn the other cheek.

Michael: We could also focus on how you when you make a promise, you need to keep it. Like, yes be yes, and no be no.

Colton: And of course we have to talk about lust.

Awkward silence.

Michael: Oh-kay... moving on. We should address prayer. Lets write up an example pray that people could follow.

Colton: We definitely need to have some zingers thrown at those Pharisees. Calling them hypocrites and brood of vipers and stuff like that.

Harold: Is this something we really think The Boss should be saying.

Colton: Well, you know they like to babble on and on in their prayers and never say a thing. They talk about how you have a speck in your eye, but they have a whole plank in theirs. And they only help people when there is something for them to gain.

Gabriel: You've got a point there, any other idea.

*The Boss walks out onto stage as if addressing a crowd.*

*The Boss: This is how you should pray: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name.*

*The Boss fades back off stage...*

Colton: We really should talk about money.

Gabriel: Hold on, sermons about money are the worst. It is a sure-fire way to turn people off.

Michael: I agree with Gabriel. Nobody wants to hear a sermon on money, giving, tithings, this is a topic that should be avoided at all cost.

Colton: Now hear me out. What if we talk about how money does not stop person from worrying, but actually makes them more anxious. How they can't love God and money, because when they love money are not trusting in God's provision.

Harold: That's deep, Colton. What if we say something like, Don't store up treasures on earth, but store up treasures in heaven.

Gabriel: That's the perfect spin, I think The Boss will like that.

*The Boss walks out onto stage as if addressing a crowd.*

*The Boss: Do not worry about your life, what you eat, drink or wear. Seek first the Kingdom of God, and all these things will be given to you as well.*

*The Boss fades back off stage...*

Michael: OK, I think we've got a great outline here, is there anything else that we should add.

Colton: What about the Golden Rule?

Gabriel: The What?

Colton: The Golden rule! The most valuable rule, the one if you follow it, you will follow all other rules.

Michael: You mean love the Lord your God with all your heart soul and mind, and love your neighbor as yourself.

Colton: Kind of, but not exactly. It should be about how you treat people

Gabriel: Treat people with value, as if they were gold. Thus the Golden rule.

Harold: I've got it. How about treat people they way you want to be treated.

Colton: Yeah, that's it! Thanks Harold.

*The Boss walks out onto stage as if addressing a crowd.*

*The Boss: So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you.*

*The Boss fades back off stage...*

Michael: Finally, should wrap it up with some sort of analogy, or Parable. You know The Boss loves those things.

Gabriel: It should be about why they should not only listen to him, but follow his teaching.

Harold: Maybe something about salt and saltiness.

Michael: We did that one earlier.

Harold: oh. Yeah. I knew it sounded familiar.

Gabriel: What about a farmer scattering seeds. But the twist is that there are four different types of soil. Or maybe How about a mustard seed, being small but growing into something big? Or perhaps people secretly planting weed seeds next to wheat seeds?

Harold: You seem to be a little overly focused on seeds.

Michael: Yeah, they are all good ideas, but I'm not certain it fits with *this* sermon.

Harold: What if we compare the people who follow The Boss to an animal, like a llama, versus people who don't listen to a shark or a tiger.

Michael: I don't really see where you are going with this. Colton, do you have any ideas?

Colton: Ok, hear me out. The Boss is a carpenter, right? So maybe it should be about building something like a barn, or a fence or a house.

Harold: Maybe a tree house or a tent, or a stable with a manger.

Michael: Perhaps a Castle, with a moat and a drawbridge that that allows the truths of God to enter into a person's mind.

Colton: But its not so much about the structure, but what hold the structure in place.

Harold: Rope or nails?

Michael: More like mortar or clay or something, right.

Gabriel: No, I think like a solid foundation.

Colton: Exactly. So, we have these two guys, both building similar structure, but they have different foundations.

Gabriel: The person who listens and obeys can have a solid foundation, while the other person can have a weak or unstable foundation.

Michael: Maybe we could have one on the land and the other on the sea.

Harold: Ot one could have their house built on jello, and the peanut brittle. (everyone looks at Harold) Sorry, it's lunch time and I lost focus.

Colton: What I was thinking was one could build there home on concrete, and the other one on quicksand. But then a storm comes and activates the concrete, making it solid, while the quicksand eats up the other house. Chomp chomp chomp.

Michael: I like where you are going with this Colton, let's try it this way...

*The Boss walks out onto stage as if addressing a crowd.*

*The Boss:* Everyone who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. Rock on Dudes!

*The Boss fades back off stage...*

Colton! Nailed it!

Harold: Yeah, I think the Boss is gonna like it!