KINDNESS 2021, SO & SO SHOW, WEEK 1

Original Script by Jackson Joiner

Q - What does kindness look like?

BS - God was kind to us - Ephesians 4:32

CAST: Jon, Brandon, Kellen, Fred, P.A.

COLD OPEN: INT. NONDISCRIPT ROOM

**The following montage is done with jump cuts and a sports/bulding-type music bed...

https://www.musicbed.com/songs/esports-me/35720

- o Close-up on a foot going into a bright green and white striped sock.
- o Close-up of socked foot going into green shoes.
- o Close-up of hands tightening velcro on shoes.
- o Close-up of green and white wrist bands being slid on.
- o Close-up of green and white sports jersey or kit with a giant 'B' on the front, being pulled over someone's head...(Cuts before we see head pop through.)
- o Close-up of top of someone's head, as a blue-clown wig is put on
- o Close-up of someone's forehead, as half of it is painted Green and the other is painted white.
- o Close-up of someone's chin, as half of it is painted green and the other is painted white.
- o Close-up of a hand, as a blue-foam-finger is slid over it.
- o We pull out of the close-up of the foam finger, to reveal Jon in all his sports-fan-glory.
- o Lights come-up, showing Jon standing behind Brandon at the main desk. Brandon is seated, playing a video game (Nitendo Switch Controller??)

SFX - There is tense video game music playing in the background.

JON

You got this Brandon!!!! Now get those coins! Get those coins!

SFX - A video game tag sound, as if the character has died.

JON (CONT'D)

AWWW, what are you doing!!?? Everyone knows that's a trap!

Brandon slowly turns to look at Jon.

What?

CUT TO:

GRAPHIC PACKAGE - "THE SO AND SO TITLE PACKAGE"

INT. THE CAVE - MAIN DESK

Jon and Brandon are both seated at the desk.

JON

Welcome to the So & So Show, I'm Jon...

BRANDON

...I'm Brandon-

Random Cheering is heard from off camera.

JON

-And did you know that an estimated 145 MILLION greeting cards will be sent this month?

BRANDON

Wow, I did NOT know that.

JON

Yep! People have said that the greeting card is a dinosaur! That it's getting ready to go the way of the dodo bird, lawn darts, and Gremlins cereal... But I say no, because you can never stop kind words of affirmation.

BRANDON

That is true.

JON

You know what else you can't stop... The mail person delivering THAT those cards! It's time to play, "Rain, Snow, or Hail, You Still Get Your Mail!"

Random Cheering is heard from off camera.

GRAPHIC PACKAGE - "RAIN, SNOW, OR HAIL, YOU STILL GET YOUR MAIL!"

INT. THE CAVE (CLEARED OF DESK)

Two Stationary Bikes or Pedal Exercisers...

...are set up, facing the camera. Jon are Brandon either wearing full mailman outfits or just hats. They both have mailbags slung across their shoulders, filled with large letters.

JON

In just a moment, we're gonna climb aboard our mail-mobiles and deliver our greeting cards filled with kind words to their destinations...

Random Cheering is heard from off camera.

BRANDON

How do we do that?

JON

Easy! As we pedal, three mail baskets will slide across in front of us. All we have to do, is throw our letters from our bikes into the baskets. The first person to deliver to all three destinations - slash - baskets wins...

BRANDON

That sounds kinda easy.

JON

Oh, I forgot to mention the Rain, Snow, and Hail.

Random laughing is heard from off camera.

Finally there is a slight pause, as if Jon wants to comment, but does not.

JON (CONT'D)

HERE...WE...GO!

BRANDON

Wait, what?

JON Start pedaling!!!!!

SFX - SOMETHING REMINISCENT OF "BYCYCLE -INSTRUMENTAL" BY - QUEEN

A rope has been strung across in front of Jon and Brandon Three mail baskets are attached to the rope. The rope is pulled back and forth, causing the baskets to move.



Also, periodically throughout the game, water guns are sprayed, snow machines are turned on, and white beach balls are thrown at Brandon and Jon from off camera.

We should also here the random laughing from time to time

When three packages have been delivered, award a winner.

CUT TO:

INT. THE CAVE - MAIN DESK

Brandon and Jon are back behind the desk and in regular clothes.

JON

Delivering kind words can be hard Brandon...

Random laughing is heard from off camera.

Jon and Brandon turn and look left off camera.

JON (CONT'D)

Are you gonna do that the entire time?

CUT TO:

INT. STUDIO AUDIENCE

Somewhere to the left, in front of the exit door, a 'Basement' backdrop has been set up...



https://www.opensky.com/annpekin/product/5x7ft-wooden-floor-basement-pipeline-photography-backdrops-photo-props-studio-background?max_discount=1&configurationId=5e7d67ac1b0362761903348c

... In front of the back drop (and lit to match) are two rows folding metal chairs (or theatre chairs if you can find them.) Above the chairs is a sign that reads... "Studio Audience."

Sitting in the second row is FRED, dressed in khaki pants and a polo shirt.

The following convo cuts back and forth between Fred in the studio audience and Jon and Brandon behind the desk.

** Also the P.A. continuely flips the signs throughout the segment.**

FRED

Yes and deedy.

BRANDON

(To camera)

Everyone, this Fred and he's... (To Fred) Actually, I'm not sure what you are today.

FRED

I am "audienceing" in the studio. Just likes the sign says. (Points to sign above his head.)

BRANDON

But we don't have a studio audience.

FRED

I would beg to differ... (Points to the sign again.)

JON

Did you bring that sign?

Fred laughs...for way to long... As he starts to slow down...

JON (CONT'D)

Wh...

Fred picks back up...As he starts to slow down...

JON (CONT'D)

Wh...

Fred picks back up... Jon interrupts

JON (CONT'D)

WHAT'S SO FUNNY!

Fred points in front of him.

CUT TO:

P.A. is holding a cue-card that reads "Laugh."

CUT TO:

JON (CONT'D)

Did you bring that person too?

FRED

(Mimicking)

Did you bring that person too?

JON

Did you?

FRED

...Maybe?

BRANDON

We're gonna get back to the show.

P.A. switches the sign out for "Cheer."

FRED

Yay!

Brandon and Jon look at each other for moment... before.

JON

ANYway I think we should just move on.

P.A. switches the sign out for "laugh."

FRED

(Laughs)

That wasn't even funny!

Fred points to P.A., who just shrugs.

BRANDON

It's Bible Story Time with Kellen!

P.A. switches the sign out for "Cheer."

FRED

Yay!!!!

SLAM TO:

GRAPHICS PACKAGE - BIBLE STORY TIME WITH KELLEN

FADE TO:

INT. GREEN SCREEN - KELLLEN'S SPACE

KELLEN

Hey guys, what's going on?

P.A. switches the sign out for "laughs."

FRED

(Laughs)

KELLEN

(Beat) Did I say something funny?

FRED

(Still laughing)

Yes!

JON AND BRANDON

No.

KELLEN

(Confused)

0-kay.

BRANDON

It's Fred, our "audience" member.

P.A. switches the sign out for "Cheer."

FRED

Yaaaayyy!!!!

KELLEN

You have a studio audience?

No.

P.A. switches the sign out for "Boooo."

FRED

Boooo!

KELLEN

He sounds...great!

P.A. switches the sign out for "Cheer."

FRED

Yay!!!!

JON

Don't encourage.

KELLEN

Oh.

BRANDON

Take it away Kellen.

KELLEN

Sure thing.

CUT TO:

INT. GREEN SCREEN - KELLLEN'S SPACE

KELLEN

What we're talking about today, comes from the book of Ephesians. Some Biblical scholars have subtitled the book... "Hey Christians! Get along with each other!" Which today's verse would be right along with that theme.

Most scholars also believe this was a letter written-by or dictated-by Paul while he was in prison in Rome. Now, Paul had just brought the hammer down about how we should talk to one another and that we should stop fighting and lying... Then he tosses this in -

CUT TO:

GRAPHIC PACKAGE - SCRIPTURE

(If there is a way to make this Scripture text look more like a Cheerleader Banner, that would be awesome)

KELLEN (V.O.)

Be kind and tender to one another. Forgive one another, just as God forgave you because of what Christ has done.

CUT TO:

KELLEN

I think if Paul were alive today, he would be the king of just 'blowing things up!' Saying contoversial, yet poignant things and then just walking off so people have to think about... And this verse, would be no exception... SO to help me put this verse in more practical terms... I've got my "Cheer" Squad.

CUT TO:

INT. GREEN SCREEN - BASKETBALL GYMANSIUM

DEE DEE and JACKIE are KILLER Cheerleaders. The both have spunk and attitude pouring out of them. Would love to have a noticeable height difference between the two.

As they perform the cheers below, the do simple yet slick and precise choreography with them.

****Okay, so this video IS NOT IT!!! THIS IS A DUDE...But start it at 1:00 and it gives the vibe I was thinking.*** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IEbhnYJksGQ

SFX: Music Bed Starts

Similar to beginning of this Music Bed - https://www.musicbed.com/songs/put-the-work-in-instrumental/42203

DEE DEE

Yo Jackie, you ready?

JACKIE

Lets do this Dee dee.

DEE DEE & JACKIE
B.E....K.I.N.. D.2. One Another
When your Boo is rude to you
B.E....K.I.N.. D.2.

(MORE)

DEE DEE & JACKIE (CONT'D)

One Another

When you see a friend in Need B.E....K.I.N.. D.2. One Another

CUT TO:

INT. GREEN SCREEN - KELLLEN'S SPACE

KELLEN

How many times a week, or even A DAY at school, is someone accidentally or purposely rude to you? It happens a lot doesn't it? But you know what? It not about THAT moment... It's about the next. How do you respond? Are you kind, or do you give it back to them? ... Paul said, we should be kind... And he was in jail! Alright, I think we should hear from the Boom Squad again. Hit it girls.

CUT TO:

INT. GREEN SCREEN - BASKETBALL GYMANSIUM

DEE DEE

Hey Jackie!

JACKIE

Yeah Dee Dee?

DEE DEE

What do you say, when you gotta forgive someone?

JACKIE

I say this.

SFX: Music Bed Starts

Music bed type -

https://www.musicbed.com/songs/yin-and-yang-instrumental/42858

JACKIE (CONT'D)

I... For... Give... You

JACKIE AND DEE DEE

I... For... Give... You

Not..Because.. It.. Is fun But.. For what.. Christ.. Has done

(MORE)

JACKIE AND DEE DEE (CONT'D)
I... For... Give... You

CUT TO:

INT. GREEN SCREEN - KELLLEN'S SPACE

KELLEN

Now 'Forgiveness' can sound easy when it's in a cheer... But we all know it's not that simple... It's a process... It can take time. But just think, what would happen if we decided...to just forgive? I bet our lives WOULD become A-WHOLE-LOT SIMPLER.

Obviously showing forgiveness exudes kindness, but why else should we do it? ..Because It's what Christ did... for us.

Why don't we hear one more from the Squad.

CUT TO:

INT. GREEN SCREEN - BASKETBALL GYMANSIUM

SFX: Music Bed Starts

Music bed type https://www.musicbed.com/songs/dynamic-instrumental/40198

DEE DEE

You ready Jackie?!

JACKIE

I was made to drop it Dee Dee!

DEE DEE

Then you know what they say!? No one minds...

JACKIE

...When you're being kind!

DEE DEE

Words to live by Jackie...Here we go...

DEE DEE (CONT'D)

K.I...

JACKIE

N.D.N...

DEE DEE & JACKIE

E.S.S.

DEE DEE & JACKIE (CONT'D)

What do you do, when their life's a mess?

K.I...N.D.N...ESS

How do you take down, all that stress?

K.I...N.D.N...ESS

DEE DEE

What's that?

DEE DEE & JACKIE

K.I...N.D.N...ESS

CUT TO:

INT. GREEN SCREEN - KELLLEN'S SPACE

KELLEN

Let's give it up for the Cheer Squad!

CUT TO:

INT. GREEN SCREEN - BASKETBALL GYMANSIUM

SFX - Cheers and Applause

Dee Dee and Jackie do a pose, then walk off

CUT TO:

INT. GREEN SCREEN - KELLLEN'S SPACE

KELLEN

K.I...N.D.N...ESS ...It's how Christ expects us to treat one another... In Kindness.

CUT TO:

INT. THE CAVE - MAIN DESK

Brandon and Jon are both back behind the desk, Kellen is in his bubble.

JON

Kindness sounds so simple -

KELLEN

Yet it can be so hard, I know. But it is one of those habits...
(MORE)

KELLEN (CONT'D)

that the more you do it, the easier it becomes.

BRANDON

Thanks Kellen!

KELLEN

No problem! See you guys on the flip-side.

Kellen pops out.

JON

He's right. And I should start right now... Fred, I'm sorry. I should be more kind to you. You really are a great audience member.

CUT TO:

INT. STUDIO AUDIENCE

Both of the chairs are empty.

JON

Well, great! I just poured my heart out for nothing!

BRANDON

Remember, 'No one minds, when you're being kind!'

JON

You're right... Why don't we just do today's question.

BRANDON

Good idea!

CUT TO:

P.A. switches the sign out for "Reveal the Question!."

FRED

Reveal the Question!

GRAPHIC PACKAGE - TODAY'S QUESTION

BRANDON (V.O.)

"What does kindness look like?"

INT. THE CAVE - MAIN DESK

JON

Fred! Where'd you go?

FRED

I... cannot say.

JON

Why?

FRED

Because I don't remember.

JON

(Beat) Anyway, I appoligzed earlier-

FRED

-Oh, I heard that.

P.A. flips cue-card...

FRED (CONT'D)

Awwww

Long beat.

BRANDON

So Kindness can look like what Jon just did for Fred. It can also just be, holding the door for someone.

BRANDON (CONT'D)

Or giving someone your seat.

JON

Or just saying 'Thank You.'

P.A. holds the sign for "Awwww," again.

FRED

Awwwww.

BRANDON

It doesn't have to be complicated, it just has to be kind.

P.A. switches the sign out for "Cheer."

FRED

Yayyyyyy!

JON

Well, I think that's our show.

BRANDON

And it was a good one Jon.

Thank you Brandon.

BRANDON

You're welcome! We'll see you guys next week!

P.A. switches the sign out for "Boooo."

FRED

Booooo!

FADE TO BLACK.

During the credits, we see Fred reacting to different cue cards held up by the P.A.

- o Applause
- o Laughter
- o Surprise
- o Sadness
- o Scared
- o Anger
- o Joy
- o Disgust
- o Contempt
- o Shame
- o Shyness
- o Guilt

CREDITS

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