

# “Abilities”

by

## Eddie James and the Saddleback Players

**What:** Two friends want to be used of God, and after trying to use their own strengths they find that being available to God is the most important thing. (Themes: Abilities, Spiritual Gifts, Being Available, Serving)

**Who:** Mark Steve

**When:** Present day

**Why:** 1 Peter 4:10; 1 Corinthians 12; 1 Samuel 17

**Wear (Props):** Boy band song (Fifteen seconds)

**How:** Have fun with this one. This is a great opportunity to utilize some of the “hams” in your group to develop their comedy, but also learn that there is a place in the kingdom for funny Christians.

**Audience:** High School

**Time:** 8-10 minutes

*Mark and Steve enter having just finished watching television.*

**Mark:** Dude, *Touched by an Angel* is possibly one of the best shows in television history. I mean she's got great abilities. She's helping people, helping God, and she's Irish too.

**Steve:** I wish I was Irish.

**Mark:** I wish I had abilities.

**Steve:** I was going to say that, but the Irish thing overruled it. *(Pause)* I don't really have any abilities. All I'm good at is playing on the computer.

**Mark:** Well, I'm good at something.

**Steve:** What's that?

**Mark:** I'm good at watching *Touched by an Angel*.

**Steve:** Right. *(Beat)* You used to play baseball, didn't you?

**Mark:** Yeah, right up until the fourth grade until I took a slider right in the face. *(Beat)* Hey, don't you work at the Burger Barn? Didn't you get Employee of the Month?

**Steve:** Yeah, but after I put out that grease fire with my hair it's never been the same.

**Mark:** Dude, it's okay.

**Steve:** I still have nightmares.

**Mark:** Uh, let's think about what we can do.

**Steve:** We're Christians.

- Mark:** Yeah. We could do something at the church. We could be priests.
- Steve:** Dude, that could happen.
- Mark:** Totally. Like the guys on channel forty. The guys who are like... (*Adopts "televangelist" voice*) "My brothers and sisters, I am happy you're here today. Welcome and hallelujah! Now touch the screen and feel what I'm telling you. 'Cause I say you are forsaken."
- Steve:** Not that kind of pastor. I mean like a (*Your youth leader/pastor*) type of pastor. (*Adopts that leader's persona. NOTE: It would be best to use your leader's vernacular, but use the following as a jumping off point*) Welcome everybody, welcome. Welcome to (*Name of meeting or church*). I know we've welcomed you six or seven times already, but I just want to thank you for coming. You know we get to experience this wonderful playground we call earth, and God gives us the Bible...
- Mark:** Dude. Hearing (*Leader*) twice in one sitting is illegal in some counties, so let's just stop. What else could we do?
- Steve:** We could still work at the church.
- Mark:** Yeah, like we could pick up trash or something.
- Steve:** Yeah, or we could be greeters.
- Mark:** Greeters, yeah, I got you.
- Steve:** Dude that could happen.
- Mark:** Totally happen. (*As greeter, hands Steve a piece of paper*) Oh, hey, hi! I see you forgot one of these. It's an outline.
- Steve:** No, I'm alright.

**Mark:**           *(Insisting)* No, trust me.

**Steve:**           No, no.

**Mark:**           You'll be lost. C'mon.

**Steve:**           I don't really want one.

**Mark:**           You'll feel left out.

**Steve:**           Thanks, but no thanks.

**Mark:**           Look, Buddy, this is my job, and I have a quota to meet. Now, you'll take one and like it. And remember the *(Name of church)* motto: God loves you. Have a nice day.

**Steve:**           Um, dude, I don't think that job's for you. You'll just scare people away.

**Mark:**           I thought I was pretty good.

**Steve:**           Um, no. *(Beat)* Well, we're in drama. And people think we're funny.

**Mark:**           They do?

**Steve:**           Yeah, but that's just the tip of the iceberg.

**Mark:**           Right. Under here is a lot of seriousness.

**Steve:**           Serious drama all over here. We've just got to show it. Dude, it could happen.

**Mark:**           Totally happen.

**Steve:**           *(Overacting)* The pain, it seizes in my very soul like a creature.