



Vision and Commitment 2018
A year to focus on discipleship

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Matt (a young man)
Prop holder
Group of friends
Members of the congregation

Getting Together

Friends and Fellowship - the perfect combination

MATT is lying on two chairs with a blanket over him.

Prop holder *walks in with sign that says: 'Sunday Morning - Take 1'. Prop holder then goes on hands and knees to form a bedside table and puts alarm clock on his back.*

Alarm clock goes off.

Prop holder: *Buzz, buzz! (or any other alarm noise)*

Matt *(stretches and turns off the alarm): Ten more minutes. (He turns over and goes back to sleep)*

Alarm clock goes off again.

Prop holder: *Buzz, buzz! (or any other alarm noise)*

Matt turns alarm clock off.

Matt: You know what? I can't be bothered to go to the *Army today. I need to catch up on some sleep, have some 'me' time. I'm sure I'll find out about anything I've missed on Facebook - and there's always *Songs of Praise* if I want a good sing!

***Hey, I could even do some cornet practice in my spare time - the bandmaster will be pleased. (He gives a big stage wink towards the bandmaster)*

Matt turns over and tries to go back to sleep, but he can't, and so tosses and turns for a little while.

Matt: Typical! The morning I can have a lie-in, and I can't sleep. Well, it's too late to go to the Army now. What shall I do?





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Prop holder gives Matt his trainers.

Matt: Cool! I'll go for a run. That will clear my head a bit.

Matt puts on trainers and runs around the hall. He comes back huffing and puffing.

Matt: Man, that felt good. I wonder how long I ran for?

Prop holder hands him a phone.

Matt: Wow! I've been gone for one and a half hours! It only felt like a couple of minutes.

Oh - I've got a text from Jonny - the meeting must have finished.

Matt reads text out loud.

'Missed you this morning. Everything OK?'

Matt speaks slowly as he is texting

'Just... fancied... a... day... off.'

Now, what shall I do next?

Prop holder hands computer console and moves chair to face the front.

Matt: FIFA - it's been too long! Oh how I've missed you!

Matt caresses the console. He sits on chair and starts to play

Prop holder walks in with sign that says '1 Hour Later'.

Matt: Man, Sundays really drag when you've got nothing to do.

Prop holder holds out the phone again

Matt: I know - I'll check Facebook.

Here's the Army's Facebook page and here's a bit about the morning meeting. Apparently it was about the importance of meeting together and spending quality time in each other's company just as the disciples did.

How ironic! The only time I don't go, and the meeting is about the importance of being there!

Oh, it's Jonny again...

Matt reads the text slowly.





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‘That’s a shame. We are all going out for lunch. Tom’s feeling a bit down so we want to cheer him up. It was a great meeting. Shame you missed it. See you next week.’

Oh yeah... I’d forgotten about Tom. He looked a bit upset on Thursday at band. I’m proper gutted now! If only I’d got up this morning. This having some ‘me’ time isn’t all it’s cracked up to be! Oh well, I can’t turn back the clock now.

Prop holder holds a clock and ostentatiously turns back the time to 8.30 am.

Matt puts the chairs back and climbs back into bed under the blanket.

Prop holder holds up sign that says ‘SUNDAY MORNING TAKE 2’

He then kneels down again as a bedside table and puts the alarm clock on his back.

Prop holder: Buzz, buzz! (or another alarm noise)

Matt wakes up and this time turns the alarm off.

Matt: (sings) ‘Oh! What a beautiful morning.’

Matt gets up.

Prop holder holds out toothbrush, then comb and then coat. Matt responds and uses each. Matt walks up the aisle and out of the Army hall whistling as he goes.

Once at the back Matt turns around and walks back into the hall. As he walks in ***members of the congregation stand up and shake his hand saying...

Congregation: ‘Nice to see you, Matt!’ ‘How are you, Matt?’ etc

Matt makes his way up to the front of the hall where his group of friends are waiting for him.

Friend 1: Hey, Matt! You OK?

Friend 2: Good to see you.

Friend 3: We were thinking of going out for pizza at lunch. You up for that?

All freeze.

Prop holder holds up two signs. The first says:





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‘Just as Jesus gathered his disciples together to grow in fellowship and to help them face what would lie ahead, so we should meet together to share in our journey.’

The second says:

‘Friends and fellowship are the perfect combination.’

* The word ‘Army’ can be switched for ‘church’ if needed

** The musical instrument and ‘bandmaster’ can be substituted for another activity relevant to the corps

*** These members of the congregation need to be asked to do this in advance

