



## WILL YOU BE A WITNESS?

**Narrator:** As our scene opens, three women, Kathy, Chris and Katie meet at a table for lunch in the cafeteria of their workplace. Kathy (*Kathy stands to be introduced then reseats herself*) has never been to a church service and outwardly displays no knowledge of Christ and salvation. Both Chris (*Chris stands*) and Katie (*Katie stands*) regularly attend Sunday morning worship, but are seldom heard speaking of their faith when outside of the church building. On this day, Kathy is very much in need of the comfort and peace that comes only through the knowledge of our Lord and Savior. We go now and listen to their conversation in the cafeteria...

*(Waitress brings menus and wipes table)*

**Chris:** (*Looking at menu*) I'm starved! I was so late getting out of the house this morning that I didn't even have time for a piece of toast. How about you two?

**Katie:** (*Running her finger down the menu items*) I'm really hungry, too. In fact, I thought lunch time was never going to get here. I think I'll have the chicken salad. What sounds good to you, Kathy?

**Kathy:** (*Quietly giving her menu a blank stare*)

**Katie:** Are you here with us today, Kathy? Kathy, are you here?

**Kathy:** (*Startled*) Oh, I'm not really hungry today. I think I'll pass on the food and just have a drink.

**Chris:** I'm going to have the tuna club. Are you sure you don't want something, Kathy, just to tide you over? Dinner is hours away.

**Kathy:** I just don't feel like eating. You two go ahead and I'll just order a coke or something.

**Narrator:** The waitress takes and soon delivers their orders. If Chris and Katie will set their hunger and the busy thoughts in their minds aside for a moment, they probably will notice that Kathy is not her typical self today. She is unusually quiet. It seems obvious that she may be feeling ill or struggling with a problem.

**Katie:** Are your departments as busy as mine? Let me tell you, I have a pile of invoices on my desk that looks like I'll never hit bottom and the phone refuses to leave me alone. Everyone seems to want everything yesterday!

**Chris:** I seem to have been elected to be the local troubleshooter in my department. If they can't figure something out, it's "Call Chris." How on earth will I get my work done if I have to do theirs? How about you, Kathy?

**Kathy:** I guess it's the same for me. I don't know. I can't keep my mind on work today.

**Narrator:** What Chris and Katie don't know is that a mass has been found in Kathy's body, and she is scheduled for biopsy in two days. Kathy's mind is racing with scary thoughts, and of course she is visualizing the worst possible. If only Chris and Katie would notice...maybe they would have words of comfort. Maybe they would tell her about the Comforter Himself. If only Kathy had the courage to ask Chris and Katie about their faith. She has heard them speak of church. She has often wondered what it is that makes them attend church on Sundays.

**Chris:** You sure are a quiet one today, Kathy.

**Kathy:** I have some things on my mind.

**Katie:** What kind of things?

**Kathy:** I don't know where to start.

**Chris:** The beginning usually works for me. What's the matter with you today, Kathy? Are you all right?

**Kathy:** I feel okay, I guess, but I'm struggling with the idea that I might have cancer. There is a mass near my pancreas. I just don't know what I'll do if it is cancer. I'm scared.

**Chris:** Well, no wonder you've been quiet, Kathy. If it were me, I'd probably be running around screaming my head off. I'd be frightened, too. Have they taken a biopsy? When will you know?

**Kathy:** I'm scheduled for a biopsy the day after tomorrow. I want to get it over with, but I'm afraid of the answer. I don't know how to cope with this at all. What will I do? Will I be able to handle this if it is cancer? And what if I can't?

**Narrator:** Now we, as Christians and onlookers, can see that this could be a perfect time for Chris and Katie to shed a little warmth and love and light which comes from counting on our Lord in such times. But they don't know Kathy, except in the workplace. They don't know how she feels about God. Chris remembers the day she had immediately put in a call to her pastor when her son's appendix burst. They had prayed together. She was comforted. Her son was healed. Katie hasn't forgotten the car accident, the bandages, the prayers, the love. Her LWML had even seen to it that meals were brought to her husband and young son while she was in that cast to her hip. Yet, Chris and Katie don't quite know how to pass their knowledge to Kathy. They are uncomfortable, so instead of telling Kathy about Jesus, they try to offer themselves to her.

**Katie:** I know that it's hard to wait, Kathy, but you must try to not worry about something that might not even be. Maybe it's not cancer. You must try to think positively.

**Chris:** And I know that I was just complaining about my workload, but I'll be glad to help you lessen the pile on your desk if you need me to. Drop off some of those contracts and I'll go over them. Maybe it will help you to be rid of some work.

**Katie:** That's a good idea. I'll dig in a bit harder, too, and take over the rest of your contracts. Then all you'll have to do is answer your phones for the rest of the day.

**Kathy:** Thanks to both of you, but you shouldn't have to do my work. It's my responsibility. I'll try to manage myself. Besides, maybe work will help me keep my mind away from my worries.

**Narrator:** You and I both know what Katie and Chris could do now. Chris and Katie both know that this is a perfect opportunity to share the blessings of God's love with their friend. But how will they accomplish this mission now set before them? Chris then prays a quick, but silent prayer for God to help her choose the right words to open the door to this conversation.

**Chris:** You know that you can count on us, Kathy. We'll do anything we can to help you, anything at all.

**Kathy:** (*Hesitation*) Well, there is one thing you can do for me.

**Katie:** What, Kathy? What can we do?

**Kathy:** You can tell me what you two would really do if you were me.

**Katie & Chris:** (*Simultaneously*) We'd pray.

**Chris:** Yes, Kathy, that's exactly what we'd do first. We'd turn our hearts and minds to the Comforter Himself, Jesus Christ. We'd ask Him to give us courage, strength and to increase our faith.

**Katie:** That's right, Kathy. And then we'd thank Him for always being there for us and for granting us the faith necessary to believe in Him. He is always there for us, you know. And He is there for you, too.

**Kathy:** Will you pray for me?

**Chris:** We do pray for you, Kathy, and yes, we will pray even harder for you now. We will pray that God will grant an abundance of faith and courage to you also.

**Kathy:** Thank you so very much, both of you. I think I feel better already.

**Narrator:** As the ladies now rise and leave the cafeteria together, we know that Kathy has already been granted the promise of God's love and faith. Katie and Chris are smiling and they feel an inner peace knowing that the Holy Spirit has worked within them to make their conversation possible. Let us now give thanks for such faith in prayer.

Dear Heavenly Father, All too often we fail when we are handed an opportunity to be a witness for You, when given the opportunity to share the abundant gifts of love and courage which You mercifully pour out to us. Thank You, Lord, for the times when we succeed, just as Katie and Chris were successful in sharing their knowledge of You with their friend, Kathy.

We thank You, dear Lord, for each and every time we find the desire and the courage to share these, Your gifts.

Help us to never let a friend or acquaintance remain empty of Your love. Help us, instead, to lead them to You, where they may always find comfort and peace in Your love. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.