

Lutheran Life Skit A 08: Super Fan
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Pat: All-right! I can't believe this game is already here! I've been waiting forever for the Mayfield Trojans to kick the Cruces Bulldawgs' butts! Woo hoo! And I love traveling to away games to see how lame the other team truly is!

Chris: Yeah, thanks there, Superfan. Your team spirit is outstanding.

Pat: Yeah, I'm all about the support, you know. I hate these bandwagon-jumping fans that only get on board when the team is winning. Me? I've been a Mayfield fan for-ev-er. Even when they stunk, which come to think of it, was the last season they played. Anyway, I'm there for my Trojans through thick and thin! I once skipped a math test because they were showing new team member interviews on TV.

Chris: Why? Did you really think they were going to say something groundbreaking?

Pat: No, I'm just a fan's-fan, dude! Woo hoo!

Chris: You are truly an inspiration to fans everywhere.

Three rival fans approach deck out in Bulldawgs attire.

Fan 1: Well, lookee here. We got ourselves a couple of Trojans fans. Isn't that cute.

Fan 2: (A bit dense) Uh, yeah!

Fan 3: Don't tell me you guys are here to actually cheer against Cruces? I knew you fans were dumb, but I didn't think you were also pathetic.

(Rival fans crowd Pat and Chris)

Chris: Hey guys, ah, we're just here to enjoy the game...

Pat: (Nervously interrupts and starts throwing off his Trojans paraphernalia) Uh, Mayfield fan? What are you talking about? This stuff? This is just a... a disguise to find out how much of a loser the average Trojan fan actually is. Yeah, that's it. Ha! (Getting more frantic)

Seriously! I mean, I don't even like green. This stuff is just a joke. (Pause, nervous laugh) And see? I worked. Here's a loser Trojans fan right here. (Turning to Chris and joining rival fans) Waddya say about THAT, Mr. Loser Mayfield Fan, huh?

Chris: What? (Stammering) I'm just, I mean this is just a game, so... (Uncomfortable pause)

Fan 1: (Smiling) We're just kidding!

Fan 2: Yeah, we just like to razz Trojans fans, that's all.

Fan 3: I was born in Arizona, but I got to Cruces as fast as I could!

(Rival fans all laugh, give Pat a rough slap on the back and move on)

Pat: (As rival fans leave) Thanks guys. Keep it real. (Nervous whisper) Go Bulldawgs!

Chris: (Quickly interrupting Pat) What is wrong with you?

Pat: (Meekly) What do you mean?

Chris: What do I mean, Mr. Superfan? What do I mean, Mr. Fan's-fan? You totally bailed on me and our team! At the first sign of trouble, you gave in and left me hanging. And you call yourself a fan?

Pat: Well, I didn't want to get pummeled within an inch of my life. What's the problem?

Chris: I wasn't expecting you to go postal or anything, but I thought you would have defended your team a little bit. You know, it's one thing to say you're a fan, but it's another to actually be a fan. Don't be afraid to tell others about how you feel and what you know. Talk it and walk it, my friend.

Pat: So, you're telling me I'm not a true follower unless I

profess my beliefs? Next thing I know, you're going to be drawing some parallel between this and my faith...

Chris: Well, now that you brought it up, yes. God, and the Vikings for that matter, don't expect perfection but they do want faithfulness. It's not always going to be easy to live a Christian life, but as the bible says, "No one who believes in Jesus will be put to shame."

Pat: You're right. I caved, and I'm sorry. I'll try to have a stronger backbone next time. Will you forgive me?

Chris: Of course! Jesus says to forgive your neighbors seventy-seven times seven times, so I'll always forgive you, even if it's not so easy.

Pat: Seventy-seven times seven? (Counting on fingers)

Carry the 1... Bah, I'm not so great at math—how many times is that?

Chris: The point is that it's too many times to count.

Pat: Well, then I don't mind for asking for forgiveness again. I'm sorry that I sold you out. I never should have done that.

Chris: Thanks for your apology, and I forgive you.

(Pat and Chris pick up discarded Trojans attire)

Pat: Now let's get to the game. I'm hoping one of the players will toss me his used mouth guard after the pre-game warm-ups! I have a collection!

Chris: Wow, you really are a fan.