

Distracted

2 Characters: Praying Person (PP) & Distracted Person (DP)

Start: DP is seated with a side table and various props (magazine, coffee cup, TV remote, nail file, Iphone, weights, glass of wine ...), reading a magazine.

PP comes and stands close-ish to DP facing congregation, adopting a position of prayer. DP sees this and decides that he will stand alongside PP and pray as well, adopting PP's posture. After a few seconds, DP opens his eyes, looks at PP, then the congregation, then looks at his nails, gets nail file out and starts filing his nails. Restless and further distracted he moves from one focus to another as per whatever props are used. At one point DP starts using a small set of weights, making strong breathing in and out noises. After a few seconds of this, PP (using the breathing noise as a cue) starts using body gestures to indicate he is in emotional spiritual pain and is crying out to God. DP notices this, looks at the congregation and silently mouths 'Is he Ok?'. PP calms down in his prayer. DP goes back to being distracted and focused elsewhere. After about 30secs, PP the raises his hands, and cries out: 'Thank you Lord Jesus. Thank you!'. PP then opens his eyes and walks off. For a few seconds DP looks at PP walking away, then puts aside whatever he had been focusing on, and adopts a position of prayer [the end].