



“WHO ME”
(part 2 of 4 part series)
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CAST

Joey LaFrance: (middle school boy wearing a basketball jersey)

Sandy: (female friend of Joey’s – puppet)

Patrick : (male friend of Joey’s – puppet)

SETTING: Boy’s bedroom with puppet stage in the background

(Joey comes home from school and drops his backpack on the floor. Moments later his friends Sandy and Patrick come into his room)

SANDY:

Hey *(said in an unenthusiastic tone)*

PATRICK:

Hey *(same tone as Sandy's)*

JOEY:

SANDY, PATRICK! Boy I am soooo glad to see you! Thanks for coming over.

SANDY:

You are? Wow, this is a switch. Yesterday you didn't want to have anything to do with us. Now all of a sudden we're your best friends.

PATRICK:

What did UCONN get eliminated from the tournament already?

JOEY:

I don't know if UCONN won or lost and honestly, I don't even care.

SANDY:

What? Are you feeling okay Joey?

PATRICK:

Maybe your mom ought to take your temperature.

JOEY:

I'm fine. Something huge happened to me last night right after you left. I tried to get over to Youth Group, but my mom's car wouldn't start. I tried to catch a ride with you guys, but you had already left.

SANDY:

(Still acting cool towards Joey) So, what's this HUGE deal that got you away from your T.V. and the basketball tournament?

PATRICK:

Yeah I thought you said, "Nothing on earth could get you away from your UCONN Huskies."

JOEY:

Promise you won't laugh?

SANDY:

Just tell us.

JOEY:

I know this'll sound crazy, but God spoke to me after you left.

PATRICK:

That's not so crazy Joey. God speaks to people all the time.

SANDY:

Yeah, He speaks to us through the Bible, through other Christians ... in a lot of ways.

PATRICK:

The only problem is that SOME PEOPLE (*they both look at Joey*) don't take time to listen to God.

JOEY:

You don't understand ... God actually spoke to me. I heard His voice.

(Both Sandy and Patrick begin to laugh)

JOEY:

I knew you wouldn't believe me, but it's true. God was speaking to me just like we're speaking now ... and then, (*Joey hesitates*) He called me on my cell phone.

(Sandy and Patrick now laugh hysterically)

PATRICK:

Hey Sandy, God spoke to Moses through a burning bush and He spoke to Joey over a cell phone. Hey, it could happen.

SANDY & PATRICK:

(In unison) NOT!

JOEY:

Fine, don't believe me. I can't believe it happened either but it did.

SANDY:

So Joey, what did God say to you? (*said mockingly*)

JOEY:

He said a bunch of stuff ... like, "Why has basketball become more important than Me?" And, "Go and make disciples of every nation." And then, "Whom shall I send and who will go for us?"

(Patrick and Sandy look at each other in disbelief)

PATRICK:

Joey that's the Great Commission ... from Matthew 28:19-20 where Jesus tells us to go out into the world and share the Gospel.

SANDY:

And the last thing He said is from Isaiah 6:8 where God calls Isaiah to be His prophet. I can't believe it, that's our Bible verse for Missions Week. This year's theme is "Can you hear me now?"

JOEY:

Oh boy, I'd better have a seat. I'm feeling a little dizzy.

PATRICK:

What's the matter Joey?

JOEY:

When God spoke out loud to me, that's what He said: "*Can you hear Me now?*" This is starting to freak me out.

SANDY:

Wow, this is too cool! Did you know that Patrick and I prayed for you right here in your room yesterday?

PATRICK:

We asked God for a miracle to get your attention away from basketball.

SANDY:

And to get you involved with missions.

JOEY:

Well God answered your prayers. That's for sure!

PATRICK:

Joey, when God said, "*Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?*" What did you say?

JOEY:

I said, "Who me?"

SANDY:

You were supposed to say, "*Here am I, send me.*"

JOEY:

Hey I was so scared, I couldn't even talk. My knees were knocking like crazy. When I was finally able to talk, that's what came out. Let's see how brave you'd be if you got a phone call from God.

PATRICK:

You're right Joey. I probably would have fainted.

SANDY:

This is awesome guys. I've got an idea. Tomorrow Charles, that missionary kid from Africa, is coming over to my house for dinner. We'll stop by afterwards and you can ask him questions about being a missionary.

JOEY:

Sure, sounds like a plan to me. *(Joey remembers something)* Patrick ... Sandy.

SANDY & PATRICK:

Yeah?

JOEY:

God also told me to do one more thing.

SANDY & PATRICK:

What?

JOEY:

He told me to apologize for the way I've been treating you. *(Pause)* I'm sorry you guys. Our friendship is much more important than basketball. Do you forgive me?

PATRICK:

Yeah.

SANDY:

We forgive you.

JOEY:

Good, now let's go and make disciples!

PATRICK:

Here we are, send us!

(All three laugh and high five each other)

THE END