

Monologues for White Men – 50s/60s

WYATT – *The Bleeding Class* by Chisa Hutchinson

Ladies and gentlemen, it is my honor and also a tremendous (no) tremendous...

...tremendous relief to be able to stand here right now and announce that after months of tireless work, the team here at the Kilgore Institute, the latest subsidiary of Farraday Industries, has developed both a vaccine and a treatment for the HXNX virus....

Human trials conducted on 152 participants of all ages, races, and backgrounds produced a 100% survival rate. What's more, subjects recovered at rates anywhere between an astonishing 780% and 20,167% faster than other infected patients. We're talking minutes here. And with little to no side effects.

Further, our team is presently investigating other applications for the new drug, which incidentally demonstrated the potential to wipe out several types of infections. But more on that later. At this time, we need to focus what's important now, on our most urgent need, by beginning production, which we have done this very morning so that we can make this cure available to everyone. But especially to those most vulnerable: the elderly, those with compromised immune systems, people who've been putting off seeking medical attention because they can't afford it or those who have sought medical attention but were unduly dismissed. I promise you: we will get this drug to you. And we will do it soon. Questions?

ELDER – *The Christians* by Lucas Hnath

Let me remind you:
Joshua is your spiritual son.
You saved him.
he walked into this church
lonely and just looking for some friends,
I seem to remember he was thrown out of his home,
I forget what – some sort of family problems.
And I remember this boy came down to the altar,
saying "I need something
I don't know what but I need something
to help me
to keep on
go in on."

An' that young man started coming to church,
every Sunday,
then every Sunday and Wednesday,
then Sunday Wednesday Saturday Friday every day of the week.
and bit by bit,
you gave him more responsibility here at the church:

a Sunday school class,
then counseling responsibilities,
the prayer line,
then here and there,
Bible reading,
a testimonial in the Sunday service,
and then you hired him on as an Associate Pastor.

And you'll agree,
he worked hard
he galvanized and organized and revitalized our youth ministries.
You cannot deny he is very charismatic, and gets folks excited
about our church and the work it does.
He became an outspoken member of the community,
going and reaching out
to the poor
and to the sick,
the disenfranchised

So
What I'm getting at is:
did you have to be so quick to let him go?
Did you have to, need to – was it absolutely necessary to
cut him off?
While he may have failed to follow you, this time, yes he failed,
He's young, sure, he's got a little chip on his shoulder
still isn't there room for a second chance
and a third and a fourth and a fifth – ?
Your sermon talked about being more accepting,
and so shouldn't that same acceptance be extended to Joshua?