

## **In whose Hands?**

Voice 1: The great thing

Voice 2 : About being young

Voice 1: Is that your future lies

Voice 2: In front of you

*(Actor looks in puzzlement behind him/herself)*

Voice 2: No- **In front** of you

*(Actor has look of enlightenment)*

Voice 1: That's the great thing about the future, it more or less always does lie in front.

Voice 2: But so do

Voice 1: *Makes melodramatic "da da da" sound)*

Voice 2: Decisions

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Voice 2: Like which breakfast cereal to have

*Actor mimes indecision about pouring out cereal*

Voice 1: Which T.V. programme to watch

*Actor frantically switches between channels on remote control only to get fed up and switch off.*

Voice 2: Or more seriously

Voice 1: Which road to choose

*Actor mimes driving, comes to crossroads and mimes choosing one route and then the other, mimes unfolding map, puzzles and returns to indecision about which route to take.*

Voice 2: Of course, if you take the wrong road on a journey

*Actor starts along one route*

Voice 1: It's not likely to be disastrous

Voice 2: Unless it's a one way road

Voice 1: Going against you.

*Actor mimes crashing*

Voice 2: But some decisions are more important than others.

Actor: *(Picks himself up)* I'll say.

Voice 1: Oh you can talk, can you. I suppose you'll be giving us the sack then.

Voice 2: You won't be needing us then.

Actor: No it's OK. *(Dusting himself off)* You can stick around. But I can think for myself.

Voice 1: Oh

Voice 2: So what decisions have you got that are so important?

Actor: Oh nothing much. Just should I continue my education, get a job, move town, have a steady girl (boy) friend, get married, take out a mortgage.... *(add any others wanted)*

Voice 1: A few then?

Actor: You could say that. The possibility of taking the wrong

direction is fairly strong.

Voice 2: You could always take advice.

Actor: What kind of person can help with all those different areas? They'd have to be superman.

Voice 1: Ah-ha

Actor: (Light dawns) Oh, you mean...you mean...(Points heavenwards)

Voice 2: You've got it.

Actor: Yes, well I know in theory he's interested in me and the decisions I make. But is quite tricky to work out how to take his advice, isn't it?

Voice 1: Have you tried?

Actor: Well of course I have...in a way...well...really...no I haven't.

Voice 2: Good thing prayer. (*Actor mimes prayer*)

Voice 1: And reading your Bible regularly-not just trying to take bits out that appeal to you

(*Actor mimes reading, at first leaping at a certain page, then more thoughtfully considering another*)

Voice 2: And listening to God's voice in other people-not just those who think they should say something to you.

(*Actor cocks an ear in one direction and then in the other*)

Voice 1: And don't ignore yourself, either..

(*Actor points at himself questioningly*)

Voice 2: Yes **you**.

*(Actor looks abashed)*

Voice 1: You don't have to assume God will ignore your desires automatically

Voice2: He wants to use you not punish you.

Voice 1: And ask yourself how you feel.

Actor: *(Has conversation with himself)* "How do I feel?" "Very well, thank you."

Voice 1: Not now, you fool!

Voice 2: What we are trying to say is: has God given you peace about a certain direction you should go?

Actor: Oh.

Voice 1: Because that can help you, too.

Voice 2: And of course, there are circumstances

Actor: How do you mean?

Voice 2: Well that advertisement for a brain surgeon you saw in the paper...

Actor: Oh yes, I remember. *(Looks bright)*

Voice 1: Well, it might not be sensible to apply for the position on the strength of your

Voice 2: First aid course *(Looks disappointed)*

Voice 1: Which you failed. *(Nods in agreement)*

Actor: *(Puzzled)* But all this is no better really. I still don't know

which route to take. Is it the Bible passages I'm reading, what I feel God is saying in my prayers, what people are saying, whether I feel at peace...or is it the circumstances?

(Actor stands as in tableau between two voices)

Voice 1: One great thing about God is

Voice 2: That He is consistent

Voice 1: And so is His advice.

Voice 2: Another great thing about Him

Voice 1: Is that He loves you and has plans for your life

Voice 2: And all you have to do

Voice 1: Is trust Him. (*Actor mimes putting hand in the Father's hand*)