# *Stones Cry Out*

**CAST:**
EZEKIEL HAPPENSTANCE
ROCKY THE STONE

**SOUNDS:**
Background music. Anything you come up.

This is a take off of the verse, "And he answered and said unto them, I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out." (LUKE 19:40)

EZEKIEL HAPPENSTANCE
(Excited and happy having just heard of a promotion and is speaking to himself.)
This is so great. I am finally getting that promotion.

ROCKY THE STONE
Praise the Lord!

EZEKIEL HAPPENSTANCE
(Pausing barely a second)
And I could not have dreamed of how big the raise would be.

ROCKY THE STONE
Praise the Lord!

EZEKIEL HAPPENSTANCE
(Stopping and looking around. Seeing no one continues to speak to himself.)
I am such a lucky guy.

ROCKY THE STONE
No you aren't. It was God.

EZEKIEL HAPPENSTANCE
(Frustrated and raising his voice.)


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All right, who said that?

ROCKY THE STONE
It was I, but it should have been you.

EZEKIEL HAPPENSTANCE
What? Who are you? Show yourself!

ROCKY THE STONE
I am right here with you.

EZEKIEL HAPPENSTANCE
(Pausing for a moment, as he believes that it might be God he is speaking to.)
Is that you Lord?

ROCKY THE STONE
No, it's me over here.

EZEKIEL HAPPENSTANCE
(Looking around)
Where all I see is this rock here?

ROCKY THE STONE
Well first of all, I prefer to be called a stone, and yes it is I who am speaking.

EZEKIEL HAPPENSTANCE
(Beginning to be convinced he has lost his marbles. He speaks to himself.)
The rock is speaking to me. I can't believe it.

ROCKY THE STONE
Stone and yes it's true.

EZEKIEL HAPPENSTANCE
But how can this be? Stones don't talk.

ROCKY THE STONE
We aren't supposed to. However, when you fail to praise God for what he has done then we get called in.

EZEKIEL HAPPENSTANCE
(Totally confused.)


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Called in?

ROCKY THE STONE
Oh yeah, we are very organized down at the quarry. God let us setup our own union. We have vacation and sick days. It's you basic workers benefits package.

EZEKIEL HAPPENSTANCE
(Convinced he lost it.)
I've lost it. That's it; I have completely lost my mind.

ROCKY THE STONE
No, all you seem to have lost is your faith.

EZEKIEL HAPPENSTANCE
What?

ROCKY THE STONE
Well, whenever people fail to praise God we are called upon. It is supposed to be a temp job at best, but lately it has become a full time gig around you.

EZEKIEL HAPPENSTANCE
Full time gig?

ROCKY THE STONE
Yeah, that is what happens when someone loses their faith in God and fails to give him praise.

EZEKIEL HAPPENSTANCE
(Utter disbelief)
I can't believe this; I am getting a sermon from a stone.
(Beat)
So, God sent you here to praise him.

ROCKY THE STONE
Yes, but only after God gave you that promotion with the hefty raise.

EZEKIEL HAPPENSTANCE
God gave me the promotion?


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ROCKY THE STONE
Yep.

EZEKIEL HAPPENSTANCE
And the raise?

ROCKY THE STONE
Yep. You didn't honestly think you got it on your with Kyle Kreeper as your competition did you?

EZEKIEL HAPPENSTANCE
Well, I kinda thought I was just lucky.

ROCKY THE STONE
Lucky? No way. It was all God.

EZEKIEL HAPPENSTANCE
And that is why you are here.

ROCKY THE STONE
Yep, Although God did have high hopes that you would start praising him again yourself.

EZEKIEL HAPPENSTANCE
God thinks about me?

ROCKY THE STONE
All the time. To be honest, it gets rather boring. Ezekiel this and Ezekiel that. Boy some days I get really tired of hearing your name, but that is what's its like when you love someone.

EZEKIEL HAPPENSTANCE
Whoa, wait a minute. Are you telling me that God loves me?

ROCKY THE STONE
Listen E-Z. God has always loved you and will continue to always love you.

EZEKIEL HAPPENSTANCE
Wow!

ROCKY THE STONE
Exactly.


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EZEKIEL HAPPENSTANCE
God loves me.

ROCKY THE STONE
Yes sir-ee, E-Z.

EZEKIEL HAPPENSTANCE
E-Z?

ROCKY THE STONE
A nickname for you. I think your full name is rather cumbersome.

EZEKIEL HAPPENSTANCE
Ezekiel is cumbersome!

ROCKY THE STONE
Yep that is why I am calling you E-Z.

EZEKIEL HAPPENSTANCE
(Sarcastic)
Great. That is just great. You don't happen to have other opinions about me.

ROCKY THE STONE
Well, now that you ask, I do. We could talk about the way you talk, or dress, or how about that hair. I mean really what were you thinking.

EZEKIEL HAPPENSTANCE
(Shocked)
All right enough then.

ROCKY THE STONE
Enough? I am just getting warmed up.

EZEKIEL HAPPENSTANCE
Warmed up. Oh, I don't think so.

ROCKY THE STONE
Really what are you going to do about it?

EZEKIEL HAPPENSTANCE
You mentioned a moment ago that you were here to praise God. What would happen if I started praising God on my own?


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ROCKY THE STONE
Well, then I could get back home to my family. But you don't really believe that God loves you, do you?

EZEKIEL HAPPENSTANCE
Well, I didn't, but I am starting to.
(Beat)
Praise God.
(Silence.)
Praise God. Praise God. Praise God.
(Silence.)
At least I can have the last word.
(Chuckles and walks off.)

THE END.


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