Unless The LORD Builds the House

CAST:
JOHN
BOB

SOUNDS:
Hammer sounds.
Crashing of glass sound.
Background music. Anything you come up with.

The scene is about two neighbors. The first call him BOB is laboring hard on his barely finished house. The second call him JOHN has a fully completed house. We start on BOB who is working and getting frustrated. He is hammering away and getting frustrated.

BOB
Come on.

The hammer hits the nail, which bends, and it slips off of the nail and drops the hammer into a window that was nearby. Crashing sound should be large to spell out large problem.

BOB (CONT'D)
Oohhhh! I can't seem to do anything right. I am never gonna finish this house.

JOHN
(Calling from his yard.)
Hey, Bob.

BOB
(Softly as to not let John hear)
Great here comes my know it all neighbor.
(Turning to John)
Oh, hi, John. How's it going?

JOHN

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(Closer having walked over to Bob)
Great. Hey, Martha and I are going to have a pool party tomorrow with some of our friends from church and we thought that you and Jane might want to come.

BOB
Ah, I'd like to John, but I gotta work on my house.

JOHN
Ok. How's the house coming? It looks like you have made a little progress.

BOB
Well, it may look like that, but I just smashed one of my windows and earlier I dropped some tools on my sheetrock. This is gonna set the old wallet back quite a bit.

JOHN
Hey, I am sorry to hear that. Is there anyway I can help? I could always give you some money to make up the difference.

BOB
No, no, I couldn't.

JOHN
Are you sure, I don't mind?

BOB
Yeah, I am sure. I just get frustrated and begin to feel like I am never gonna get my house to look like yours. It seems like every time I try to take a step forward I wind up taking two steps back.

JOHN
Well, I know that having the right foundation is the key to a great house. If you like I could give you my contractors name and information. I am sure that he is available to help.

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BOB
No, I can't. I am behind on my budget for this as it is. There is no way I could afford to have a contractor come in.

JOHN
That is what I thought until I actually called Jehovah and Son Contracting. They not only came right over, but they also picked up all the cost.

BOB
That doesn't sound like any contractor I know.

JOHN
I agree. These guys are different. They told me that some time ago the Son worked it out so that none of their clients would ever have to pay again. And good thing too, because they are the best and looking at their prices would make you drop dead.

BOB
I don't understand. How did the Son take care of it?

JOHN
Well, a long time ago, Jehovah decided that the best way to attract new business was to have the Son go out and pay the cost for everyone. That way all we have to do is give them a call and wa-la.

BOB
Sounds too good to be true. I bet there is a bunch of rules or they only have one style of house available to build.

JOHN
No not at all. As a matter of fact they work closely with you to make your house into the best it can be.

BOB

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Oh, I see. They work closely to make you change your mind about what you really wanted.

JOHN
That is what I thought when I first called them. But I was wrong. Take a look at my front porch. Do you like it?

BOB
Yeah, it looks great. I especially like all the trim work.

JOHN
Well, that trim work was actually the Son's idea. It turns out he is quite the carpenter.

BOB
Really, his idea.

JOHN
Sure. He explained it to me and all I had to do was trust him. And now look at my house. The trim work on the porch is just one example.

BOB
Wow, that sounds great, but I bet they are all booked up.

JOHN
Well, they do have a lot of clients, but I discovered that somehow they manage to be there for you the whole time. They said that they would never leave me out in the cold.

BOB
I think I will give them a call. What is there number?

JOHN
Why don't you come on over. They are in the backyard right now.

BOB

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I knew it was too good to be true. Their work is so shoty that they have to keep coming back to repair it.

JOHN
No, they keep checking in to make sure that I am ok. And if I happen to break something, they fix it.

BOB
That is amazing. You can't find that kind of personalized service anywhere else these days.

JOHN
Yeah, they are pretty extraordinary. Come with me and I will introduce you.

John and Bob begin to walk off.

BOB
So, who is this Son you have spoken so much about.

JOHN
(Trailing off)
His name is Jesus Christ and he is quite the character...

THE END.

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