



FRACTURED

The Mysterious Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde

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Devotional Mini-Book

We are so excited for the journey you and your cast are about to take in producing *Fractured: The Mysterious Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*! It is our hope that this mini-book will give you tools to grow your cast in their faith and love of the Gospel.

At The Faithful Troubadour, we write shows that have a double purpose: to be excellent, pure, family-friendly entertainment, but also – and primarily – to be a tool to teach the cast about Biblical truths, which they can then share through the production to an audience. Thus, we hope that you will use *Fractured* as a way to give hope to those struggling with depression, to encourage others to persevere in failure, and to deepen everyone's understanding of the power of the Cross against sin.

In this mini-book, you will find a run-down of the **themes in *Fractured***, and **Bible-based devotionals** for your cast. Devotionals are a great way to start off a rehearsal time, to get your cast's focus on glorifying God and not performance or perfection. We hope that you will share them with your cast, and even write more of your own!

If you ever have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to send us an e-mail at contact@thefaithfultroubadour.com. We are praying for you, your cast, and your audience and we can't wait to hear about your experience!

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THEMES IN FRACTURED

The main theme of *Fractured* is **Jesus gives us the power to fight sin and struggles**. We see this concept demonstrated through Dr. Henry Jekyll and his counter-part, Edward Hyde. As Christians, we can see the truths in the Bible represented in all areas of life, including classic literature, and this story is a great allegory for Romans 7:18-20:

*For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. **For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing.** Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.*

In *Fractured*, Henry's alter ego, Edward Hyde, is outside of Henry's control, committing heinous acts, and no matter how hard Henry tries to stop Edward, no matter how much he wants to stop Edward, he is unsuccessful. Fighting sin without Jesus is fruitless. But because Jesus has already conquered sin on the cross, He can fight alongside us and give us the power to resist the temptation to sin in times of weakness.

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:14-16

God does not ask us to fight alone, He gives us help through the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit encourages us, reminds us of truth, of Scripture, of the Gospel, and convicts us to flee when we are tempted.

No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

1 Corinthians 10:13

Chasing dreams and goals is another theme you will find in *Fractured* if you look a little closer. Both Lizzie and Henry are actively pursuing their passions in the show, but there is a distinct difference between them: Lizzie relies on God to give her wisdom and joy, while Henry relies on his own strength and knowledge, finding joy in his personal success.

So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

1 Corinthians 10:31

And lastly, **depression and suicide** are major themes in *Fractured*. The devotionals relating to these issues are "No Future" and "Alone". You can find more about this theme in the Playwright's Note of the *Fractured* script.

The other characters in *Fractured* also demonstrate some great themes, although not always so plainly stated, such as:

- Having compassion towards others
- Pursuing the truth
- Finding joy in Christ
- Being on the lookout for those who are hurting
- Breaking out of the friend-zone

There will be more on these themes in the following sections: Character-Based and Song-Based Devotionals.

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CHARACTER-BASED DEVOTIONALS

In this section, you will find some short devotionals based on a few characters in *Fractured*. We encourage you to pull out more lessons from the characters than we do here, but we pray this will be a great jump-start.

LIZZIE O'CONNELL

Lizzie O'Connell is the picture of determination. She always has her eyes on the prize, and she is relentless in her goals. But she does not have tunnel vision. When she goes to talk to Henry in Act II, wanting more information for her article, she is not so focused that she cannot see what a desperate state Henry is in. She takes off her detective hat and puts on her 'Gospel Goggles'.

While we should be diligent in our work like Lizzie, we should never become so focused on excellence and success that we lose sight of our main mission here on earth: to share Christ's love with those around us.

And Jesus said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And the second is like it: you shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Matthew 22:37-39

After honoring God, people should be our next priority. There are souls around us every single day who need the love of Christ, who are burdened with depression, loneliness, grief, and, most importantly, sin. They are bound by these things, and only Christ can set them free.

Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and His love is perfected in us.

1 John 4:11-12

We are God's tools on this earth to show His love to those around us. He calls us to be a picture of the Gospel, of how Christ loved us on the Cross: boldly, relentlessly, sacrificially. Through us - our actions and our words - others can experience God's love, and find a deeper understanding of who He is.

Loving boldly means that sometimes we must leave our comfort zone and reach out to someone we don't know very well, or someone we don't like very much. Loving relentlessly means we don't just leave it at "Jesus loves you" and consider our job done; it means we have conversations so that we can love them specifically. Ask God to give you Gospel Goggles, to be able to see those around you who need to be shown Christ's love, and for Him to give you wisdom, boldness, and selflessness in pursuing them like Christ pursued us. Be brave!

Little children, let us not love in word or talk, but in deed and in truth.

1 John 3:18

[The entire book of 1 John is an excellent book on God's love, and how that motivates us to love others. Encourage your cast and crew to read it this week!]