



U-TURN ALLOWED

Sign: U-Turn Allowed
Characters: Narrator
Bubba and Junior (*brothers; Junior is the "smarter" one*), country bumpkins
Officer Con Viction
Props/Costumes: Bubba and Junior - overalls, straw hats; Junior is "driving"
Props: "car" - two chairs set together, Bible
Theme: Repentance
Verse: "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)

Script

Narrator: We are on a journey--the journey of the Christian life. Bubba and Junior are travelers on that same road. Bubba and Junior may come from the hills of Arkansas, but they are learning lessons with us on that road to Eternal Life.

Bubba: Junior, I jest can't get over this Road to Eternal Life. I can't 'splain it. I jest knows it is the best thing in this whole wide whole world.

Junior: I reckon you's right about that, Bubba. I is jest grateful for the Sonshine and the way we knows where we's a-headed. We don't wander around, aimless-like and lost, no more.

Bubba: Yea, I guess we done got this here road a-figured out.

Junior: Yeah, we's experts now, world-class travelers... 'taint no one gonna mess with us.

Bubba: Hey! Look Junior! Over yonder—there's that thar wide road that we come from... That road was a-leading us to Destruction. Good thing we got off in time.

Junior: You is right, Bubba. Its sure nuff got lots a cars goin' down it.

Bubba: Yea. Lots more than I "recollected"... (*squints into the distance, toward the road to destruction*) Lookey thar, big brother...ain't that Sin's Pleasure Coffee House? Umm, doggies, I can almost hear that sweet tea I love callin' my name....

Junior: (*sighs in agreement*) We could get a little closer look by cutting over that thar grass thing if you'd like. Ohh, I do remember some fun times there!

Bubba: I don't know Junior, the road map says that we spose' to stay on this narrow road. But, if I could only have just one sniff of the special brewed Temptation Tea...

Junior: Well, we could just mosey down that side road and walk the rest of the way to the Coffee House. It'll just take a minute. We won't stay long—just get ourselves a good look-see...and wet our whistles with cup o' that tea.

Bubba: Well, that sounds 'bout right to me. I guess it be okay...

Junior: Holds on Bubba--here we go *(car takes a hard right turn, big bump like they jumped a median)*.

Bubba: *(Bubba is worried about that big bump, and he looks back to see the policeman following)* Junior, I don't got a real good feeling 'bout this. Specially cuz that cop car is followin' us.

Junior: Bubba, we's just making a short visit at Sin's Pleasure. We'll be back on that Eternal Life road before you know it. A few minutes at Sin's Pleasure won't hurt us.

Bubba: You sure about that, Junior? Hey, what do all these signs say? "U-Turn Allowed"... there's another one...it says the same thing...and another one... What do you spose that means, Junior?

Junior: I guess it means that we can turn back. But if'n I try to turn this old car around on this sorry excuse for a road, we'll end up in the ditch. Guess we might as well park a and walk to Sin's Pleasures.

Bubba: I hope you knows what you is doin', Junior. As much as I miss that Temptation Tea, I shore don't want to get ourselves in a mess over here. These here signs seem like a warning. ... And how is you gonna remember how to get back to the narrow road, Junior? I can't even see it no more *(Looks back, worried...scratches head)*

Junior: Quit yur belly-achin', Bubba. Let's park the car and walk over to Sin's Pleasure.

Bubba: OK. I guess we can park here. Hey...that policeman fella is still behind us. What's he doin'? Looks like he's motioning for us to turn around.

Junior: Come on, Bubba.

Bubba: I don't got a good feeling 'bout this...

(they get out of car and walk to door of Sin's Pleasures)

Bubba: I drank many a happy cup of Temptation Tea at this here Coffee Shop, and I don't recollect ever sein' that sign on the door...

Junior: *(reading sign)* Another "U Turn Allowed" sign. What's that fine print?...I John 1:9.

Bubba: That's it. I'm not going in. I think that's a sign from God. You can go in if'n you want to Junior, but I's a-gonna wait in the car...*(heads back to the car)*

Junior: *(looking very torn on what to do)* Man, I can taste that coffee now...but it won't be no fun without Bubba...and why did that cop follow us all the way out here? *(looks at cop, who is motioning for him to come back)* Ah, it ain't worth it! *(finally turns and returns to car)*

Bubba: You's the smart one, Junior:...I'm glad you came back. I looked up that I John 1:9 in our manual, and look what it says.

Junior: I'll do the readin', Bubba *(grabs the Bible from him)*

"If you confess your sin, He is faithful and just to forgive to forgive us our sins..."

Both: *(bow heads)*

Bubba: God, we's real sorry for makin' this trip to Sin's Pleasure.

Junior: Please help us to make that u-turn and get back on the narrow road again. *(when they look up, Officer Con Viction is standing by their car)*

Officer Con Viction: I'm here ready to help you boys get turned around. I'm glad you chose not to enjoy Sin's Pleasure for a season. You made the right decision. Let me help you get turned around and headed back to that narrow road to Eternal Life.

Bubba: Thank you, Officer!

(Car turns around)

Junior: Wow, it feels better jest a-knowin; that He listens and answers

Bubba: That He does, Junior. And that officer was Johnny-on-the-spot ready to help us.

Junior: Hey look, I see a glimpse of the narrow road.

Bubba: You's right--I sees it too.

Junior: Thank God He allows U-Turns! Whew! If'n He didn't, we could'a been in a heap of trouble, little brother.

Bubba: His mercies are new every day!

Junior: Amazing! How'd we ever git through life afore we had His help?

Bubba: I have no idear!

Narrator: The word "repent" actually means to turn. When we are tempted by the world or tempted to enjoy sin's pleasure, we are heading the wrong way. While we may not see a "U-Turn Allowed" every time we make a move in the wrong direction, the Holy Spirit is faithful to convict us. We need to listen to His still, small voice and repent. How wonderful that all we must do is confess our sin. God allows U-Turns!