



Walking Shoes

(Walking in the Light, Walking in Truth and Obedience)

Characters:

Lily - main character shopping for shoes
Tilly - Lily's friend (*voice of reason*)
Shoe Store Saleslady (*Holy Spirit*)
Shoe Model (*temptation*) (*non-speaking part*)

Setting:

Shoe store with a window display. Inside there is a saleslady who suggests the perfect shoe and a shoe model who gives another option.

Props:

Window display with "impractical" shoes
Ballerina Shoe
Sign "Blinding Ballerina Shoe - the perfect walking shoe!"
Walking shoes with a light of some kind attached (i.e. small flashlight or we used LED "finger lights" and attached them to the shoes)

Summary:

Lily needs a certain type of shoe and heads to the shoe store with a friend. There are many desirable shoes to choose from, but most are not appropriate for her needs. The shoes store has a shoe model who wordlessly attempts to distract Lily from what she came for.

Script:

Lily: Thanks for coming with me, Tilly. I love shoes, but they are so expensive and I'm not a good shopper on my own. I need a second opinion, and someone along who will help me stick to buying the shoes I need instead of being distracted by all the cute shoes that I don't need!

Tilly: Oh, no problem! I'm so glad you called--I can't imagine the time I would say "no" to shopping! So what kind of shoe do you need to find today?

Lily: At the end of next month, my company is sponsoring a benefit event. It's called "A 5K Walk for Needy Souls" (ha-ha "soles" - get it?) So, I need to get some comfortable and supportive walking shoes so that I can reach my goal and not be limping over the finish line in agony.

Tilly: Ok, that seems simple enough. A high-quality, basic walking shoe is what we're looking for, then.

Lily: Wait just a second! Let me check out that handbag store across the street!

Tilly: Lily, we're only looking for walking shoes today, remember?

Lily: *(Lily stumbles, almost falls)* Oops! Almost did a face-plant in the middle of the street!

Tilly: Lily! Be careful! Stay on the sidewalk. Then you won't stumble. We're at the shoe store, anyway.

Lily: *(stopping to window shop)* Oh, look at these shoes! Wouldn't those be so cute? They make a statement! I love the bling! Can't you just see me walking for three miles in those?

Tilly: Honey, you wouldn't make it three blocks in those shoes. Those are NOT what you need. Let's see what they might have that would be appropriate.

(walk in the store discussing...)

Salesperson: Hi, ladies. Is there something I can help you with today?

Tilly: Well, my friend needs some shoes that will go the distance.

Salesperson: What distance are you planning to go?

Tilly: She's participating in a 5K event.

Lily: I need some very cute shoes that will turn heads when I'm walking. Do you have something cute, like those in the window display?

Tilly: No....Lily, you're walking three long miles. You need shoes that will give you the support your foot needs. Do you want to turn heads, or turn your ankle?

Salesperson: Well, if you were considering "those" shoes in the window, you may stand out, but you won't be able to walk very far in them. A good walking shoe has good arch support, they absorb impact and have heels and soles that provide traction and stability. Tell me about your walk. First, are you walking in the daytime or the nighttime? Flat surface or more rugged terrain? Straight path or crooked?

Lily: Wow! I didn't think to ask. I would assume it is during the day on a very smooth and straight route. It's a charity walk, for pete's sake. It can't be that difficult, can it?

Tilly: You mean you didn't check out the website? *(Tilly starts tapping phone to look on website)* "5K for Needy Soles" right? Let's see what the website says...

Salesperson: Well, we want your walk to be successful, so let's be prepared for anything.

(model walks by wearing very impractical shoes with a sign saying "Blinding Ballerina Shoes - the perfect walking shoe!")

Lily: Oh, now those look like my style, don't they Tilly? Wouldn't they be perfect with my little black dress? And her sign says that it is a perfect walking shoe!

Tilly: Lily--seriously? You won't be wearing a little black dress on this walk. Focus, focus!

Lily: (*pouting*) Well, the windbreaker I'll be wearing is black...

Tilly: Lily, I love those shoes too. But today we need to be practical.

Lily: I am being practical--those are cute shoes at a great price.

Salesperson: Those are one of our more popular styles. We have all varieties of shoes here. But those shoes would not work for walking a distance. Let me bring out some more appropriate styles.

Tilly: Wait. I just looked up the website for this 5K, and Lily! This walk takes place after sundown. And the walking route takes you through Worldly Woods.

Salesperson: You hear that the Worldly Woods are full of easy and unobstructed walkways. But what you hear is deceptive. The trails in the Worldly Woods are uneven, and are known for stumbling blocks that come out of nowhere. And it is very easy to get lost there if you are not careful.

Lily: I'm sure our route will be well marked...

Tilly: But you have to stay on the path, the true path. And it might be hard to do walking in the darkness.

Salesperson: Walking at dusk or in the dark...I've got just the thing! I'll be right back. (*salesperson disappears*)

Lily: (*whining*) But those shoes on the model are such a great price, and the perfect addition to my wardrobe. How can I pass them up?

Tilly: Focus, Lily! You can pass them up by keeping in mind our goal for today--finding good walking shoes so that you can complete your walk successfully. If you walked for three miles in the Worldly Woods in those shoes, there would be serious consequences, not to mention the very real possibility of injury due to stumbling or falling--especially in the dark!

Lily: I know, I know--you're right. I've already proved on the way over here that I can stumble even when I am walking in the daylight!

Salesperson: (*returning with some boxes*) You are going to be excited about these shoes! I really think that these will be your best choice, based on what you've told me about the challenge you have ahead. (*takes out a basic walking shoe having a light attached to the laces*)

Lily: Ooh...those are bor-rr-ing. And what is that on the laces?

Salesperson: Ah, let me show you! These are not much to look at, but they will keep you well balanced and provide the support you need. When the path is dark, unknown or uneven and potentially dangerous, these shoes will help you stay upright, and most importantly, they come with a light for the path. Watch (*turns light on*). Using that light will make all the difference as it

will light the path ahead of you. Now, just try them on. Take a walk around the store, and see how they feel.

Lily: Okay (*puts on shoe/ties*). Hmm. They are comfortable. And that light is a great idea.

Tilly: That light will keep you on the well-marked path. I've heard the trails in Worldly Woods can be a maze. That light is the perfect solution to keep you on the path.

Lily: I'm sure glad you looked it up online. I might have gone unprepared without knowing the details. (*to salesman*) I think these shoes with the little light are going to be perfect.

Salesman: Will that be cash or credit, ma'am?

Lily: Here's my credit card. If you don't mind, I think I'll wear these home. They feel so good, and these make me feel more confident walking.

Tilly: And if it gets dark on our way home, we'll just turn on that little shoe light. His word is a lamp for our feet and a light for our path-no matter where we are!

Lily: You're right, Tilly! We'll be walking in the light no matter what and there will be no cause for stumbling.