

“Live From the Battlefield” Script Preview #1

(Begin Track #1, News Music and Walter Concrete dialog.)

CONCRETE: (ON CUT 1) Good evening, I'm Walter Concrete, and this is Christian Perspective News. Tonight's headlines: our coverage of the war between Christians and the forces of darkness continues. We take you live to the battlefield where correspondent Ned Flopple is standing by with a report.

(During this time, NED FLOPPLE has been standing beside CORPORAL MOSS while they wait for their introduction. NED is holding a hand to his ear as if listening to an earpiece.)

NED: (Lowering his hand from his ear, he speaks into the mic.) Thank you, Walter. I'm in the Christian camp on the forefront of the heated battle, and I'm talking to Corporal Pete Moss, a soldier in the army of Jesus Christ for seven years. Corporal, how are things going here on the front?

MOSS: Fine, Ned. But as the last days grow shorter, the battle is really getting intense. It seems the more we close in on the enemy, the more desperate and dangerous they become. But we're closer to victory than ever before. Keep your head down, though...there are a lot of ---

(Play Track #2, Explosion.)

(He is interrupted by the loud blast and they duck down for a second)

MOSS: ...explosions!

NED: That was close! What kind of missile was that?

MOSS: That little fiery dart was envy. It can really wreak havoc in the camp.

NED: I wish our side had something like that!

MOSS: Not me! We have something better! (He cups his hands and shouts in the direction of fighting) Okay, men! Let's load up a GAL Five Two Six into the cannon!

NED: What kind of ammunition is that?

MOSS: They're going to launch a Galations 5:26 from our weapons stockpile, the Bible.

(Play Track #3.)

(From offstage comes the command to fire, followed by a CANNON SHOT.)

MOSS: It says, "Let us not be desirous of vainglory, provoking one another, envying one another."

(A continuation of the last effect: DISTANT EXPLOSION as target is hit.)

MOSS: (Looking off in that direction with the binoculars) Direct hit! Praise the Lord! (He lowers the binoculars and looks back at NED.)

NED: Tell me more about this powerful weapon of yours.

MOSS: Well, it comes directly from God. It's quick and powerful and sharper than a two-edged sword. When used under the direction of our Field Commander, the Holy Spirit, it's unbeatable!

(A soldier-PRIVATE WILLY NILLY- runs up and stands at attention beside MOSS, saluting as he does so.)

NILLY: (Out of breath) Sir! Private Willy Nilly reporting, sir!

MOSS: (Returning salute) What it is, Private?

NILLY: Sir, I was scouting around the enemy's camp, and I found this weapon! (Holds up plastic grenade) It'd be great to use against them!

MOSS: (Reacting with alarm) Wait, that's a Revenge Grenade! Quick, get rid of it!

(MOSS grabs the grenade and throws it away before it explodes...)

(Play Track #4: GRENADE BLAST WITH SHOUTS)

(...knocking them all to the ground. They get back up slowly, with NED brushing off his clothes.)

NILLY: (As he gets up) I...I'm sorry, sir! I almost destroyed us all!

MOSS: You shouldn't have been in the enemy's camp, Private.

NILLY: (Downcast) You're right, sir. I just wanted to get back at them for all the harm they've done.

MOSS: "Vengeance is Mine, saith the Lord. I will repay." We're not supposed to hate our opponents, Willy. Only the wrong they do. And remember, you used to be on their side before joining God's army. Now, do you think you've learned your lesson?

NILLY: Yes, sir! Most definitely, sir!

MOSS: (Sternly, but placing a hand on his shoulder) Then get out there and direct that enthusiasm toward helping our side! Dismissed!

NILLY: Yes, sir! Thank you, sir! (He runs off.)

MOSS: (To NED) Are you all right?

NED: (Brushing off a few final spots of dust from his clothes, he mumbles to himself.) I'd better get extra hazard pay for this. (He remembers the camera and quickly jumps back to his TV persona.) Uh, I'm okay. Corporal, could you comment on what just happened?

MOSS: That man made the mistake of trying to use one of the enemy's weapons. But the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, or worldly, but mighty through God.