

# Screaming at God

Pitch Deck

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# LOGLINE

One man's faith heals a community.

# PACE, VISUAL STYLE, AND TONE.

A dramatic short film.

Part industrial part faith based.

#### SHORT SYNOPSIS

Art is a man who has been struggling to quit smoking for years. He has tried everything, but nothing has worked. Starting to lose hope angry and frustrated he even yells at God, asking why he can't quit. However, Art eventually realizes that he is not alone in his struggle. He sees that many other people in his church are also struggling with addiction. He also realizes that his act of asking for help has inspired others to quit smoking as well. Finally he realizes that the real miracle is not that he was able to quit, but that he was able to help others do the same.

#### **FULL SYNOPSIS**

A man who has been smoking for 40 years finally decides to quit. He has tried everything to quit, but nothing has worked. He is desperate and turns to God for help. He goes to his pastor and confesses his addiction.

Here are some additional details from the story:

- The man started smoking when he was just three years old.
- He smoked for 40 years, even though he knew it was bad for his health.
- He tried everything to quit, but nothing worked.
- He was finally able to quit when he turned to God for help.
- He has been smoke-free for over a year now.

Disappointed that praying for him to quit smoking didn't work immediately. He expected a miracle, but he knows that quitting smoking is a process that takes time and effort. He is grateful for the support of his friends and family, who are also trying to quit smoking. He knows that he can do it, and he is determined to quit for good. But even after asking his church to pray for him. He becomes angry and frustrated, and he even yells at God. However, he eventually realizes that he is not the only one who is struggling with addiction. In fact, his act of asking for help has inspired others to quit smoking as well. Art finally realizes that the real miracle is not that he was able to quit smoking, but that he was able to help others do the same.

# "Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed"

James 5:16

#### **THEMES**

The story is an inspiration to anyone who is struggling with addiction. It shows that it is possible to overcome addiction and live a healthy and fulfilling life.

## THE WORLD

Southern California in the late 1990s. We are at the beach attending a evangelical Christian church.

#### INTRO TO CHARACTERS

Art; The Protagonist and also the Narrator. Mid 40s, blonde. Looks like a counselor or a coach.

Pastor Dan; Mid 50s, tall, dark hair, glasses. Somewhat nerdy.

Nancy; PoC late 30s. Woman who loves to sing.

Bill; older man, mostly bald, loves everyone. Would rather hug you than eat and he loves to eat.

Janet; Mid forties, southern Brunette.

Doug; Audio guy, quiet, tall, slim, smart.

Neil; Older distinguished, business owner and responsible father.

### CHARACTERS DESCRIPTIONS

Art; The Protagonist and also the Narrator. Mid 40s, blonde. Looks like a counselor or a coach.



**Ernie Charles** 

Pastor Dan; Mid 50s, tall, dark hair, glasses. Somewhat nerdy.



Bill Ferris

Nancy; PoC late 30s. Woman who loves to sing.



Marlon Clarke

## CHARACTERS DESCRIPTIONS

Bill; older man, mostly bald, loves everyone. Would rather hug you than eat and he loves to eat.



Whit Spurgeon

Janet; Mid forties, southern Brunette.



Paula Beck

Doug; Audio guy, quiet, tall, slim, smart.



William Joseph Hill

# CHARACTERS DESCRIPTIONS

Neil; Older distinguished, business owner and responsible father.



Steve Brock

#### THE CASE

The story is a reminder that addiction is a powerful force, but it is not impossible to overcome. With the help of God and others, it is possible to break the cycle of addiction and live a healthy and fulfilling life.

# FINANCIALS

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#### THE TEASER

10 EXT. CHURCH - DAY

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Walking out Art runs into NANCY a woman about 30 with blonde hair.

NANCY

Art how is the smoking going?

ART

Not well. I really expected a miracle but I am still smoking.

NANCY

I have a secret. I have not told anyone.

Art looks at her.

NANCY (CONT'D)

I have been a smoker since I was in high school but I couldn't pray for you and continue to smoke so I had to give it up while I am praying for you. I only smoke a couple times a week but it will be nice to finally give it up.

ART

I don't know what to say. Thank you I guess. I hope I am able to quit soon also.