**Leon & Sister Rena**

**Scene 5 ( Church Basement)**

*(Lights up)*

*(Pastor Mike is in the basement of his church with Bro. Vic, Sister Rena, and two other members. Leon is also among them)*

*(Noises of riots and yelling in the background) (Leon is standing at the door looking out of the peep hole)*

*(The few member are all talking to one another in complete confusion)* 9.

**Pastor Mike**: Excuse me brother is there anyone else at the door?

**Leon**: No sir. We’re good.

**Sister Rena**: Pastor what is going on? Did we really miss the Rapture?

**Pastor Mike**: Let’s all just calm down! I know we’re all confused and afraid, but it won’t help if we’re hysterical. *(Looking around)* Excuse me sir, who are you? I don’t think I know you. Are you a member of this church?

**Leon**: Uhhh not really! I came here once though a few years ago. My name is Leon! I came in here to lay low from all that commotion outside.

**Pastor Mike**: Do you know what’s going on and what has happened?

**Leon:** Well not really, but I knew whatever is going on, I needed my behind in a church.

**Sister Rena**: Pastor can you please tell us what’s going on?

**Pastor Mike**: Look everyone, I regret to inform you of this, but I believe the world has witnessed the biblical prophecy of what we call the Rapture.

**Leon**: The Rapture? What is that a Hip Hop Group or something?

**Pastor Mike**: No brother Leon. The Rapture is the name given to the moment when Jesus Christ comes to gather all the Christians to go back with him to heaven.

**Sis. Rena**: Then How come we’re still here?

**Pastor Mike**: I’m afraid we didn’t make it.

*(All looking around and gasping)*

**Sis. Rena**: What do you mean, didn’t make it? Why didn’t we make it! Pastor you have always taught us that nobody’s perfect. So why did some go and some didn’t?

**Leon**: Pastor someone’s coming to the door?

**Pastor Mike**: Were you expecting someone?

**Leon**: No. I don’t know who she is; it’s a young girl.

**Pastor Mike**: Is she alone?

**Leon**: Yes she’s alone.

**Pastor Mike**: Does she look dangerous?

**Leon**: Define Dangerous?

**Pastor Mike**: Just open the door for her?

**Leon**: Pastor are you sure? There are a lot of crazies out here.

**Pastor Mike**: I’m sure, open the door.

*(Cherise enters)*

**Pastor Mike**: Hello young lady, how can we help you?

**Cherise:** I’m looking for Pastor Mike Alston.

**Pastor Mike**: That’s me. How can I help you?

**Cherise:** I don’t know, I….I didn’t know where else to go. My brother is, was a member of this church; a deacon actually.

**Pastor Mike**: Deacon Rockwell? You’re Deacon Rockwell’s sister aren’t you?

**Cherise**: Yes.

**Leon***: (whispers to sister Rena)* I guess she’s not dangerous.

**Pastor Mike:** Cherise right? Your brother told me so much about you. That was me you spoke to a little while ago.

**Cherise**: Look, my brother is gone! I don’t know what happened. Can you tell me what’s going on?

**Pastor Mike**: Well have a seat Cherise; I was just getting ready to explain what’s going on here.

*(Cherise sits down)* As I was saying the Rapture has taken place and unfortunately we missed it.

**Cherise:** I don’t believe that!

**Pastor Mike:** Well I’m afraid it’s true. Now Sister Rena asked why some people went and we are still left behind. We don’t know a lot about each other, but one thing we all have in common is that in some area in our lives, something wasn’t right and we had the opportunity to fix it.

**Leon**: What do you mean like drinking?

**Pastor Mike**: Any sin Leon! All unrighteousness is Sin.

**Sister Rena**: Now Pastor I’ve been a member of this church for almost two years and I have never heard you talk about Sin as if was THIS serious…

*(Pastor Mike puts his head down in shame)*

**Pastor Mike**: Well maybe that’s why I’m still here.

**Sister Rena**: But Pastor we are your members. You should have told us the whole truth! Maybe if you had preached on Sin and Righteousness a few times, we wouldn’t be here. This is all your fault!

**Leon**: Now hold on Sister…uhh…

**Sister Rena**: Rena!

**Leon:** Yeah Sister Rena. Now I don’t know much about nothing, but you can’t blame your still being here on your Pastor. Maybe he came up short in some areas, but he is NOT your God. God is your God or should’ve been your God, or whatever. The point is you had every opportunity like everyone else to choose to live the right way to make it in.

**Sister Rena**: Now you look Brother Leon…

**Pastor Mike**: (*Cuts them off*) Now just wait a minute, we don’t have time for fighting and arguing. We are in a dangerous place right now. People are scared and confused and they are coming to the church for answers. We are also gonna be hunted by Anti-Christ workers trying to get us to take the Mark of the beast. So we need to keep it down and keep hiding until things settle down. Anything can happen to us.

**Cherise**: This is confusing. And I’m about to just go.

**Pastor Mike**: You’ll never make it out there Cherise!

**Cherise**: Look Pastor *(standing up)* No disrespect to you or anyone, but I’m about to get out of here and find my brother. He’s got to be somewhere.

**Pastor Mike**: He’s Gone! Cherise look at me, Rockwell is gone! He lived a saved and clean life and he’s been caught up in the Rapture. Now if you want to leave, you may leave, but I’m trying to explain what’s going on out there so you can survive another day! Now, do you want to stay or not? Cause if you want to leave, I will open the door for you.

*(Cherise stares at Pastor Mike for a few seconds than sits down)*

**Pastor Mike**: Now as I was saying, the Rapture is what the bible refers to as the first resurrection!

**Brother Vic**: So they’ll be another Rapture?

**Pastor Mike**: Not another rapture per se, but the actual Second coming of Jesus Christ. This is where Jesus will bring together his entire church; those that were caught up in the rapture will come and judge those of us that are still on earth. For those of us that make it, we will all go back to be with the Lord forever.

**Sister Rena**: So if there’s going to be a coming judgment than we have another chance to make it right?

**Pastor Mike**: That’s correct. That’s what’s called the second resurrection.

**Leon**: Oh thank God! I don’t know what any of this means, but if ya’ll are happy. I’m happy.