

My name is Seth Mabry, and this is my fifth and final year at Spiritual Twist Productions. I recently wrapped up being a part of a little show called Out of the Woods. In my testimony, I decided it was time to reflect on my time as part of a cast, but also as a part of this ministry as a whole. What have I learned? How have I been molded? In what ways has God used me?

After thinking about it, I realized that the work being done at STP is miraculously all-encompassing. In every aspect of my life, I have seen how this ministry has deeply impacted me. It not only provides a way for me to connect closer to people, but it also gives me time for unplugging and really drawing closer to God. These are just some of the ways that this ministry has blessed me, but outside of the amazing theatre, the wonderful friends, and the sanctified time of worship, I have learned how to **risk**.

Now I know we have all heard this word in an audition or in a class... maybe even in an audition class, but if your anything like me you probably didn't know what it meant for a hot minute. To be perfectly honest when I first read that word on an audition form I was like, "What do they want me to do, a somersault?" It wasn't until sometime later that I learned what "risk" meant in the context of theatre. It means to give something your all and to perform big even if you think it won't work or it'll be embarrassing. It means getting out of your comfort zone to do a role justice.

In my time of reflection, I realized that yes, I have learned how to do this onstage, but in my own life as well. STP taught me how to get out of my comfort zone when talking to others about Jesus and His impact in my life. I have always struggled with sharing the gospel with others because I was so scared. Scared that they would get mad at me, scared I would say the wrong thing, scared that it wasn't the right time. But I've learned that God has been busy since before time began (wow that's crazy to think about, but I digress) planning out everything that has happened and will happen. God puts people into your life and vice versa at a certain time and place for a reason. The Lord has a wonderful talent of putting the puzzle pieces together and we don't even realize it until we see the full picture.

God has everything drawn out and we as believers, in His wisdom and strength, just have to have the faith to take a risk and do what we can with the talents given to us. Not going to lie - sometimes that can be really scary, but I find solace in knowing that God's got this and that everything goes according to His will. Our God has set the stage, rigged the lights, and packed the audience in our life, and if I've learned anything from being a part of this wonderful ministry, it's that all we have to do is to take a chance, step on stage, and take a risk knowing that God's going to do something miraculous.

KEY VERSE: For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. Ephesians 2:10