

Day 5

[Enter Joshua, Simone, Andrea, and Phil jogging from right.]

Joshua: Great job, everyone. We've almost made it. Zion Falls is only a short way ahead. You've all been running hard today, so let's take a break.

Simone: A break? Why stop now? I'm so excited I just want to get there as quickly as possible.

Phil: Yeah, let's keep going until we get there. I can hardly wait!

Andrea: I've been so busy thinking about Zion Falls that I haven't even felt tired.

Joshua: Okay then, let's keep going!

Simone, Andrea, and Phil: Yeah!

[They all jog out left. Images of Zion Falls appear on the walls. They all re-enter right.]

Joshua: Here we are. Welcome to Zion Falls. [They all look around in amazement.]

Simone: This is beautiful. Look how wonderful this place is!

Andrea: It smells amazing, and the flowers are gorgeous!

Phil: And look at this [grabs piece of fruit]. This is the most delicious thing I've ever tasted.

Simone: This is so wonderful, Joshua. It's more beautiful than I could ever imagine! Thank you for taking us!

Andrea: Yeah, thanks Joshua!

Phil: You're the best.

Joshua: You're welcome. I'm so glad you made it. It really is a wonderful place.

Phil: It is. I wonder what the rest of our friends in Burg would think about this. I'll bet Mr. Baker could cook up some delicious food with what they have here.

Andrea: My friend Suzy was always a wonderful gardener. I bet she would love to plant some flowers here.

Simone: I love it here, I just wish all my friends could come here and share all this joy with me.

Joshua: I'm sure they would love it here. And that's why you guys will bring them.

Andrea: Us? Bring them here?

Joshua: Yes of course. I must tell you that I brought you here for two reasons. The first reason was so that you could enjoy

Zion Falls for yourself, but the second was so you could lead others here.

Phil: But why us? Why can't you bring them?

Joshua: I haven't told you this, but I am the leader of this city. I need to stay here to look after the town. That's why I wanted to train you all so that you could bring people here.

Simone: But we barely made it here with you. How could we ever make it here again without you?

Joshua: You've spent the last few days following me, learning from me, and getting to know the trail. It wasn't easy, but even in your failures you learned some valuable lessons that will help you to lead others. I will give you all my tools so you can bring people here. You might not feel ready to lead others without me yet, but trust me, you have everything you need to lead others to this place.

Phil: What about Judy? Will she ever make it here?

Joshua: Judy has made her choice, unfortunately. Once you decide to serve men like Mr. Montague, there's no turning back. That's why it's so important that you lead people here, before they are tricked into following people like him.

Simone: That's a big responsibility. Are you sure you trust us, after all our mistakes?

Joshua: I do. Now follow me, I'll get you all a map and some tools, and you guys can be on your way to lead others to me.

[They all exit right. Enter townspeople left.]

Townsperson 1: I wonder how those folks who followed that strange man did out on the frontier.

Townsperson 2: They were probably eaten by wolves. Or fell in a river. Or got trapped in a cave.

TP 1: That's a shame. They were such nice people.

TP 2: They were indeed. [Pointing to right] Say, who are those people coming toward us.

[Enter Simone, Phil, and Andrea right.]

Simone: Attention, people of Burg! We have returned from Zion Falls for you.

TP 1: I guess it wasn't that great if you came back.

Andrea: Actually, it was just the opposite. It was so wonderful that we came back to tell you all about it and lead you there.

TP 2: Yeah right, and risk our necks with a bunch of people who have traveled one time and think they can guide us through the frontier? No thanks.

Phil: But Zion Falls is amazing! It's the most wonderful place I've ever been! The view is beautiful, the land is excellent, and the food is delicious. But best of all, the leader of that town is wise, honest, and kind.

TP 1: It sounds great, but how are we supposed to get there? I mean, no offense, but it's not like you have any experience guiding people through the frontier.

Simone: No we don't, but our guide Joshua taught us everything. He showed us where to go, what to do, and how to overcome obstacles. We may be the ones there with you, but it's his teaching, his wisdom, and his tools that will get us there. Really, it will be him leading you, not us.

TP 1: I guess I'll give it a shot.

TP 2: Are you serious? I'm not doing that! [TP2 exits left.]

Andrea: Well I'm glad you're coming. You'll love Zion Falls. What was your name again?

TP 1: Matthias.

Phil: Well, Matthias, let's get moving. If we hurry, we can make it to the next town by lunch.

Matthias: Alright! You guys lead the way.

Simone: Follow us!

[They all follow Simone to the front of the stage.]

Phil: Okay, we need to cross these steep cliffs to get to the trail on the other side.

Matthias: How are we supposed to do that? It looks steep, and that's a long fall!

Simone: We'll do it the way Joshua taught us.

Andrea: OK, Phil, you hold the rope. I'll climb to the other side. Simone, you can help Matthias across. [Andrea hands Phil the rope, and then crosses the cliffs while holding the other end.] OK Matthias, now you go.

Matthias: I'll try. [He holds onto the rope and begins to cross, followed by Simone. Near the end, he starts to slip.] Woah! Help me!

Simone: [Grabbing Matthias and pulling him to safety] I've got you. You're alright.

[Phil crosses once everyone is on the other side.]

Matthias: You saved me!

Simone: It wasn't my strength that saved you, it was Joshua's great teaching. He's the only reason any of us could ever hope to make it to Zion Falls.

Matthias: This Joshua sounds pretty great. I hope I'll get to meet him someday.

Phil: You will soon. Before you know it, you'll be in Zion Falls celebrating with him.

Matthias: That sounds incredible, I can hardly wait. Come on, let's go!

Simone: You've got it. Follow me!

[They all exit right.]