

Uneasy Rider

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CAST: 2 people

Rider One: Having second thoughts about first roller-coaster ride.

Rider Two: Veteran rider eager to show friend how fun the roller-coaster is.

RUN TIME: 3 minutes

PROPS – None required.

STORY

Two friends are in line for a roller-coaster ride. The first has never ridden before and is contemplating serious second thoughts. The second has ridden the coaster many times and can't wait to find another friend to experience the ride of a lifetime. This brief allegory reminds us that God understands what we're going through and will see us through the bumpy times.

THEMES

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(We're in a line for an amusement-park roller coaster. Two chairs facing the audience are set side by side. They represent the front car of the roller coaster. RIDER ONE and RIDER TWO are near the car, standing in a line with imaginary people in front of them, waiting for their turn to board)

RIDER ONE

I don't think I can do this.

RIDER TWO

You'll be fine.

RIDER ONE

What if I fall off?

RIDER TWO

You've watched other people take this ride. Did they fall?

RIDER ONE

What if I'm the first?

RIDER TWO

You'll be fine.

(They move a step closer to the ride. RIDER ONE turns toward RIDER TWO)

RIDER ONE

What if I hurl? I shouldn't have had those chili dogs.

RIDER TWO

(Spins RIDER ONE back around)

You won't hurl. Chill out.

RIDER ONE

I really liked watching the ride. It's safer watching.

RIDER TWO

But nowhere near as exciting.

RIDER ONE

Or as scary. I don't know what to expect.

RIDER TWO

Trust me. You're in for the ride of your life. Here we are.

(They move a step forward and board the car, fastening themselves in)

RIDER ONE

I want out.

RIDER TWO

Too late.

(The riders lurch forward to indicate the roller coaster is starting to climb the first big hill)

RIDER ONE

(Panicky)

This ride isn't safe.

RIDER TWO

Of course, it's safe. See that guy in the booth at the top.

END OF SAMPLE

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