

## Let's Grab Our Shoes and Go Invitation Skit

### Cast:

Narrator

Carrie [Bradshaw], a younger LWMLer preparing for her 1<sup>st</sup> Christian Life Retreat

Imelda [Marcos], a wiser, more experienced LWMLer offering advice & guidance

### Props: (items to be "scattered" around Carrie as she tries to pack)

Duffel Bag or Carry-on Suitcase

Several different types of shoes, clothing items & accessories scattered around suitcase

Specific shoe types / clothes to be included:

Stiletto, or some other flashy type shoe suitable for the club or fancy dinner

Sandals

Walking shoes or boots

Comfortable shoes or tennis shoes and a t-shirt (or similar)

Slippers & PJs

Bible

### Setting:

Carrie's house where she is frantically trying to decide what to pack for the retreat

Narrator: Our tale opens with a new LWMLer named Carrie Bradshaw looking with frustration into her suitcase while surrounded by some items waiting to be packed, especially shoes...  
Luckily for Carrie, she is about to receive a surprise visitor...

Carrie: Ugh... I was really looking forward to the LWML Christian Life Retreat, but now I just feel overwhelmed! [Carrie starts counting down to-do items on her fingers]  
I have to figure out what to pack. It is a MUST to have the rights clothes for every situation.  
I have to put together snacks and music for the road.  
Oh, and I still have to use my GPS to figure out how to get to this place. I usually have a whole travel itinerary planned out by now.  
[throws hands up in exasperation]  
There's so much to do, I don't know if I can get it all together for this journey...

[Carrie is interrupted by Imelda knocking at the door]

Carrie: And now there is someone at the door! [opens door]  
Oh, Imelda...hi. It's always nice to see you, but I'm a bit busy right now getting ready for our trip.

Imelda: Actually, that's why I stopped by. I know this is your first retreat, so I thought I would see if you had any questions.

Carrie: Oh, *THANK GOD!* Yes! Come in here and help me.  
[pulls Imelda inside to her packing area]  
As you can see, I have been working to make sure I have everything I need and an outfit for every occasion, but I think I may need to go up to the attic and fetch another bag just to carry the shoes...[Imelda interrupts]

Imelda: [interrupting] Whoa! Slow down. I think we need to take a step back and decide what you really need before you do anything drastic. I understand wanting to be prepared (after all, I *was* a Girl Scout), but I think you need to reevaluate just a bit... [holds up a stiletto by a strap, or some other kind of flashy or formal shoe maybe suitable for the club, based on availability]

Carrie: Ok, well, if I don't need everything, what do I need?

Imelda: Let's try a different approach for this journey and go with "just the essentials." After all, when Jesus sent out the disciples two by two in Mark chapter 6, "He charged them to take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts—but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics."

Carrie: Wait—I am NOT going all weekend without a change of clothes, and we certainly won't get far down the road without gas money,

Imelda: [laughs] Of course not. I just meant that we should remember that the Lord always provides what we need and we should just carry the basics when going on a spiritual journey.

Carrie: Ok, so what *do* I need?

Imelda: Well, we should think about the purpose of this journey. The disciples were heading out to preach in the villages and towns, so He told them to carry a staff and wear sandals. After all, they would be doing a lot of walking in the Middle Eastern Sands.

Carrie: [holds up pair of sandals] I have some sandals right here, but I don't think walking in the desert was one of the activities planned for this weekend.

Imelda: No, but the Wesley Center has a number of beautiful walking trails where you can enjoy God's natural wonders, so you should bring some comfortable walking shoes. You could even walk the Prayer Labyrinth for some quiet reflection time.

Carrie: Ok, got it. [puts walking shoes or boots into bag] What else?

Imelda: A lot of the weekend will be spent in Bible Study, so you should definitely have clothes and shoes you will be comfortable in all day so that you can focus on the Word.

Carrie: No problem. [puts a t-shirt and tennis shoes, or other comfortable option as available, into bag] What other activities can I expect.

Imelda: While most of the weekend is spent on spiritual renewal, there will also be the renewal of friendships. There should be plenty of chances for fellowship, especially in the evening. Maybe bring some comfy PJs and slippers for sitting around and chatting with your roommate.

Carrie: Done. [adds items to bag] Wow, the bag seems so empty now. Are you sure this is enough? Do I have the right outfits?

Imelda: Stop worrying. God has already given you the perfect outfit for any and every occasion, right down to the shoes. Remember Ephesians chapter 6: "Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the Gospel of Peace." The rest of this [waves at suitcase] is just lagniappe.

Carrie: I see what you mean. With Christ as my fashion consultant, I can't go wrong.

Imelda: Exactly!

Carrie: Now, I just need to worry about the journey itself. Where is the retreat being held this year?

Imelda: At the Wesley Center in Woodworth, Louisiana.

Carrie: And how do I get there? Do you have directions? I don't want to get lost.

Imelda: Again, I can point out that the Lord provides. As the Psalmist said, "Your Word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path." And Isaiah said, "For you shall not go out in haste, and you shall not go in flight, for the Lord will go before you, and the God of Israel will be your rear guard." And again in 2 Samuel, "You gave a wide place for my steps under me, and my feet did not slip."

Carrie: That's certainly comforting and inspirational, but does it come with a map?

Imelda: [laughs] Well, if that's not guidance enough for you, I have The Wesley Center programmed in my GPS and you can ride with me.

Carrie: Great! So, I guess everything is ready for our journey to the Christian Life Retreat.

Imelda: Well, actually, there is one more essential item you need to pack.

Carrie: Really? What?

Imelda: Your Bible! [picks up & holds up Bible in front of her]

Carrie: Of, course! Can't head out for a spiritual journey without that!

Imelda: Exactly, and now you're all set to go to Retreat.

Carrie: Great! So, "Let's Grab Our Shoes [grabs bag in one hand and Imelda's arm with the other, maybe link elbows) and heads to "door"] and Go!"

Imelda: You got it! This will be a great weekend!

Narrator: Please join Carrie and Imelda and your LWML sisters on a fun filled spiritual journey at The Wesley Center in Woodworth, LA on April 28-30, 2023. Our retreat theme is Let's Grab Our Shoes and Go. Registration forms and more information will be on the district website, We look forward to see you there, and don't forget your Bible!