

"Once upon a time, in a faraway land, a young prince lived in a shining castle..."



Corey took his place on the DPAC stage and flawlessly delivered the prologue from Beauty and the Beast while I, beclad in Belle's hoop skirt and yellow silk dress, waited for my cue in the wings.

We'd spent hours learning our parts and scouring the internet for the perfect costumes, growing as friends along the way, and anticipating the moment we'd finally get to perform our duet. We were - as the song goes - "both a little scared, neither one prepared" for what lay ahead.

But as Corey finished his intro and the music began, the audio track skipped forward - and my heart skipped a beat. If Corey started singing from the beginning, as we'd practiced, he wouldn't be on track with the music, and everything would not be perfect.

And for a moment, I was devastated.

I looked to Corey. Fully aware of the musical hiccup, he looked back at me and nodded with a reassuring smile. He reached out his arm to me, just as we'd rehearsed, and I walked onto the stage to meet him, knowing that whatever came next, we were doing it together.

We are all pretending to be something, hoping to convince the world that we have it all, that we can do it all, all by ourselves. **At Reality, we bear witness to the truth that we can't do it all on our own: we need each other.**

The Talent Show is one glimpse of the world upside-down, where we celebrate each other for who we are, not what we do. Would you help us share this vision with others?

Today, we're inviting you to give in support of the Reality Talent Show, and the day-in, day-out beauty of the Reality Ministries community.

We are a nonprofit that relies on individual donors for over 70% of our funding, so this beloved community wouldn't exist without you. It's just one more reminder that we need each other.

And please, join us for the show on November 16th. It's not quite a tale as old as time, but I promise that you won't forget it.

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