

WILL YOU BE THERE ?

Paula: Listen, I've stopped bugging you about going, why can't you stop bugging me about not going?

Gretchen: Bugging? I asked you if you saw the thing about ACT in last week's paper. How's that bugging you about going?

Paula: Come on, Gretchen, the only reason you mentioned the paper article was because you knew I read it.

Gretchen: They call her Paula the paranoid. How would I know you read it?

Paula: O.K., O.K., but you knew the article said things about the ACT weekend that would impress me. And you'd heard me say before that I didn't think ACT had anything for me. So when you asked me if I'd read the article, what you were saying was: "I told you so."

Gretchen: A little bit maybe. But you did read the article?

Paula: I read it, and like I said, it made ACT sound good.

Gretchen: But...

Paula: But of course it's gonna sound good - whoever wrote it was trying to get people to come to ACT.

Gretchen: Wrong Paula - you've got it backwards. I know the guy who wrote it and he didn't start by saying: "I'm gonna get lots of people to go to the ACT weekend by saying lots of nice things bout it." Here's what he told me: "I started by saying: 'There are a lot of good things about the ACT weekend I'd like to tell people about. If any are looking for a way to find those things, I hope they read the article.'"

Paula: So you're trying to tell me this guy didn't try to make ACT sound better than it is.

Gretchen: He couldn't.

Paula: Gretchen, believe me, I'm not saying you're a liar or anything, but you're wrong. You say he couldn't make an ACT weekend sound better than it is. Well, why not? Everybody else does it. Haven't you ever heard of commercials?

Gretchen: No Paula, the only reason I'm saying he couldn't make an ACT sound better than it is, is because it's impossible. The idea of ACT is God. Kids get together to listen. Some kids who maybe haven't been to a church in years. Protestants, and Catholics and whatever. All together in the same place for two whole days talking and thinking and sharing God's love. The guy who was writing the article couldn't make ACT sound better than it is. Because when you're talking about ACT you're talking about the way kids open up and show His love to each other. You can't make that sound better than it is because nothing is better.

Paula: I know you've told me before, but when does the weekend start?

Gretchen: September twenty-eighth - on that Friday night. Are you going?

Paula: And it's over...?

Gretchen: Sunday, just past noon.

Paula: Listen Gretchen, seriously, is it really that good?

Gretchen: It's not only good, it's fun. God's fun, ya know.

Paula: Don't you mean 'loving'?

Gretchen: God's loving, true, but love's fun - true?

Paula: True. Can you get a registration form for me?

Gretchen: Sorry. I've found some people who'd really have loved ACT, don't end up going, because as good as an ACT weekend is, it's still a new experience.

Paula: You're telling me it's a good idea if I take the first step myself.

Gretchen: If you do, you'll be more likely to take the next one and be there when the weekend starts.

NOTE: You can register for ACT IX by picking up a form at the booth that will be in the hall of the library beginning September 24th. (Register in the first few days. ACT VIII sold out early.)



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