

I KINDA THINK IT WILL BE ACT IX

Greg/ Are you going?
 Paul/ I've got better things to do.
 Greg/ Like what?
 Paul/ Like what? Do you seriously want to be stuck with a bunch of people talking about God for a whole weekend?
 Greg/ (a little angry himself) Don't put it like that.
 Paul/ How else can I put it- that's the way it is!
 Greg/ Why does my going on this bug you so much?
 Paul/ (quieter) We've been at this school for two weeks, right?
 Greg/ Yah.
 Paul/ If you go on that weekend- is it ACT weekend they call it?
 Greg/ ACT weekend.
 Paul/ If you go on that ACT weekend, what am I gonna do all my weekend- sit around Blanchard? I don't know anybody around here yet.
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 know anybody around here yet.
 Greg/ You mean you're calling down the ACT weekend like some kind of nut jst so you won't have to hit the pubs by yourself?
 Paul/ Reason enough.
 Greg/ I'm going.
 Paul/ I know you are, but I still don't have a clue why?
 Greg/ You really wanna know why?
 Paul/ I really want to know why.
 Greg/ OK, I got talking to this girl in English class...
 Paul/ (interested in this) Yeah?
 Greg/ (smiling) Yeah. Anyway, I asked her what goes on around here on weekends. She talked a bit about the football games and the clubs. Then I asked her about these ACT posters I'd seen up. She said "Hey, right, there's an ACT coming up." And she started telling me about this ACT weekend she

was on last year. She said it's basically a bunch of kids getting together for a weekend to do some listening and talking with each other. No booze to hide behind. She said it's a weekend away with yourself. But you know what struck me? The whole time she was talking about it, the girl half-forgot she was talking to me. She wasn't even trying to convince me to go. She was just doing a little talking and a lotta smiling and thinking back. That's what got me thinking this ACT might be a better way to spend a weekend than sitting around some swizzle-stick heaven.

Paul/ But I thought the ACT weekend was all about God.
 Greg/ That's what I asked too. The girl said God was the centre of the whole thing. And the way she said that....that's when I decided to go.
 Paul/ Is that all she said about the God part of it?
 Greg/ No- I think the last thing she said had something to do with the God part. I asked her what the main thing she got out of the weekend was. She said that during ACT, she found out that the part of her she'd always felt was missing, didn't have to be. And you know that word "joy"? When she said "joy" you could feel the word.
 Paul/ You don't really think this ACT weekend is gonna be that great, do you?
 Greg/ I kinda think it will be.

NOTE: The ACT weekend, the ninth ACT held at this university over the last five years, will begin on Friday evening, Sept. 28 and finish early Sunday afternoon, Sept. 30/ You can register by picking up a form at a booth that will be set up in the hall in the library after Sept. 23. (Don't wait too long. ACT VIII sold-out early.)

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