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TED HAGGARD'S COUNT-DOWN

By John Judy

(Lights up on Game Show set, per Gregg's request.)

V/O

Four! Three! Two! One! It's time for "Ted Haggard's Count-Down to Cock!" Now, give it up for your host, America's favorite "recovering" homosexual, Ted Haggard!

TED

Thank-you! Thank-you! Praise Jesus, it sure is swell to be here tonight and I just want to thank all my prayer buddies for their love and support as I have turned my back on homosexuality for good! In only three weeks!

(Applause!)

TED

Now, there are a lot of doubting Thomases out there who say "Ted, homosexuality is not a disease and you can't recover from it." Let's meet a few of those people! Annie from Klamath Falls, Oregon! Jeff from Fairfax, Virginia! And my wife Gayle, who's finally agreed to speak to me!

(Contestants enter.)

TED

So Annie, you think I'm not really cured by the grace of my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

ANNIE

Uh, no, Ted. I think you're telling yourself you are in a desperate attempt to be accepted by people who hate you.

JEFF

Yeah, Ted, you know the difference between a ham and a homosexual? You can cure a ham!

TED

Wow, Gayle, they're really givin' me the business!

GAYLE

I want sole custody of our kids, you abomination. Just sign the darn papers!

TED

Not until we play...

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"Ted Haggard's Count-Down to Cock!!!"

GAYLE

Jesus!

TED

Now, y'all think I'm one Judy Garland song away goin' to a Chinese restaurant and orderin' Sum Yung Guy. But the question is how long do YOU think it's gonna take?

ANNIE

I dunno, Ted. You're pretty screwed up. Can I guess you've already "strayed?"

TED

You could, Annie... If you wanna lose like Goliath lost to David after that muscular young warrior faced down Goliath and his giant club! Wouldn't that have been cool to watch?

JEFF

Can we bet on when you're gonna do meth again, Ted?

TED

You have any? I'm kiddin'! Because Jesus loves to laugh, people! And if I can make someone laugh with my suffering (not that I'm sufferin') then that's okay because I love everyone! Not just women or men, but everyone in a Godly and non-carnal way!

GAYLE

I hate you for making our babies cry.

TED

Well, there you go, honey! Y'see? We have babies so I can't be gay! I just had a momentary lapse of behavior caused by confusion, drugs, and Satan!

JEFF

You call three years "momentary", Ted?

TED

From God's point of view, Jeff, three years is just blink in the eternal glory of heaven.

ANNIE

So if our lives are just a blink to God what does He care if you spend it getting boned by another guy?

TED

Well you have to read scripture...

ANNIE

You are so on the brink, Ted! I'm betting Tuesday!

JEFF

Monday 11:55 p.m.!

GAYLE

I wish we were both dead! But I'm betting on next Christmas. It's a stressful time.

TED

Well, there you have it! The bets are in! Tune in next week to see if I'm still walkin' with the Lord or eatin' humble pie with a side of tube-steak! And Gayle, this wouldn't have happened if you'd been a better wife. No brag, just fact. I'm Ted Haggard and you're watching...

V/O

"Count-Down to Cock!"

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