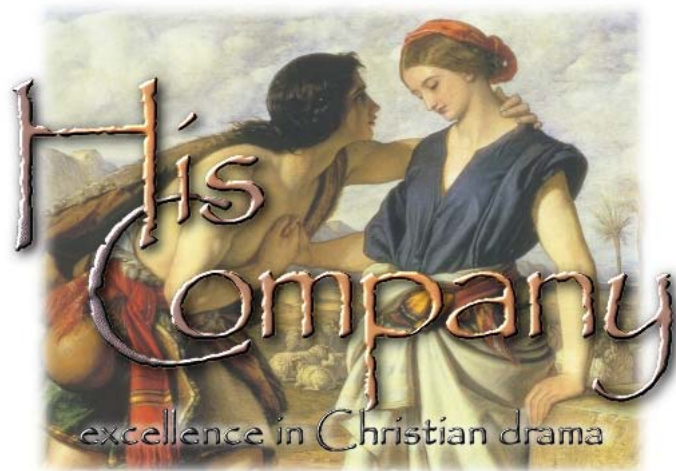


# STANDING IN THE SHADOW

## FROM THE TWELVE

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**CHARACTERS**

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Andrew and Rebekah—younger brother and sister of Simon Peter.

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**SCENE**

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*The Time: Near the end of Jesus' ministry  
The Place: Capernaum*

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*House lights down.  
Stage lights up.*

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*Enter Andrew and his sister Rebekah. Rebekah is a few years younger than Andrew and both are younger than their brother, Simon Peter. Andrew is a calm, friendly person who enjoys bringing people to his master, Jesus. Rebekah is an easily excitable young woman who is having a difficult time understanding the ways of either brother.*

**Rebekah**

*(as they enter)*

So tell me more about what happened!

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**Andrew**

It wasn't that big a thing—

**Rebekah**

That's what you say. Because of you more than five thousand people were fed from a boy's lunch? And you say it's no big thing.

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**Andrew**

*(stopping)*

You're getting it all wrong. I brought the boy to Jesus; the boy gave his lunch to Jesus; Jesus is the one who fed five thousand from the little boy's lunch. I had nothing to do with it.

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**Rebekah**

But you brought him.

**Andrew**

*(shrugging his shoulders)*

35 Could have been anyone else.

**Rebekah**

*(shaking her head)*

Andrew, you are never going to make anything of yourself in this world.  
You've got to have more self-respect—more pride.

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**Andrew**

You don't know—

**Rebekah**

Why must you always be standing in the shadow of someone else? You  
are important, too.

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**Andrew**

But Rebekah, you don't understand—

**Rebekah**

*(oblivious)*

You're always talking about our brother, Simon—

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**Andrew**

*(excitedly)*

Oh, did I tell you? Jesus gave him a new name!

*(proudly)*

He is now called Simon Peter—the Rock!

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**Rebekah**

You see, there you go again! Always Simon this, and Simon that. I love  
our brother as much as you, but you seem to care nothing for yourself.  
Always bringing others to Jesus—always giving someone else first place.

**Andrew**

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Rebekah, I don't think you are really listening to the teachings of Jesus.  
We're none of us more important than the others.

**Rebekah**

Even when you were a disciple of the Baptist you—

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**Andrew**

*(excitedly)*

There, you see! John was the perfect example of a servant. Everything he did pointed others to the Lord, not himself.

*(pause; seriously; introspective)*

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Maybe I learned more from John than I thought.

**Rebekah**

*(solemnly)*

Yes, and we all know what happened to him.

**Andrew**

*(affectionately; placing his hands on her shoulders)*

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Dear sister, listen to me. Profit from the words of Jesus.

*(pause)*

One day while we were on the road, Jesus spoke to us of this very thing. He said, “Whoever among you wishes to be great, he must be your servant; and whoever wishes to be the first must be your slave.”

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**Rebekah**

That doesn’t make any sense!

**Andrew**

Ah, but He went on to say, “This is just as the Son of Man”—He was speaking of Himself—“did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

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**Rebekah**

These words are meaningless to me.

**Andrew**

Well, you’re not alone. I’m just beginning to grasp it myself. Earlier that day, Jesus was talking about what was going to happen to Him—as He had before. “The Son of Man will be delivered to the chief priests and scribes and they will condemn Him to death, and will deliver Him to the

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95 Gentiles to mock and scourge and crucify Him, and on the third day He  
 will be raised up.” It’s hard for us to imagine such a thing. Our master—to  
 die? And He already knows of it? Sometimes He tells us stories, and some  
 think this is just another of His parables. But I’m not sure. I think this is  
 more than a story. But whatever happens, I’m beginning to understand  
 what He’s saying. There will be some purpose in His death. Somehow,  
 100 others will profit by His sacrifice. I know it makes no sense to us. But you  
 should see into His eyes when He speaks of it. Then you would believe.

**Rebekah**

The words of your master are not proven by history.

**Andrew**

105 He doesn’t speak of the past. He speaks of the future.

**Rebekah**

And what of all these servants? Where is their reward?

**Andrew**

110 He said it a long time ago: “Blessed are the humble, for they shall inherit  
 the earth.”

**Rebekah**

And that’s why?

**Andrew**

115 I am not the way I am because of some future inheritance. You know very  
 well I have always deferred to others. I was always happy in the shadow  
 of Simon. But I know that now—and in the future—Jesus will need  
 followers who are simply ordinary people. People who place the welfare  
 of others before their own.

120 *Andrew smiles reassuringly at Rebekah; he places his arm around his sister as they exit.*

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**Andrew**

*(continuing)*

And if there is some inheritance for that, it will surely be the reward of having lived a life for Him.

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