

Welcome to Life Quest

"Welcome to Life Quest? We have an exciting show planned for today. Both contestants committed treason and our studio audience will determine who will live and who will die. And now, the host of our show, Steeevee Becker." Steve Becker sprinted in from the left side of the studio.

"Hello everyone, are you ready to play, Life Quest?" The audience erupted into wild applause. "As you know, we will ask each contestant one question and you, the audience, will decide their fate based on their answers. The loser gets life in prison and the grand prize winner will get to go to heaven tomorrow night on CBS's new reality show, Send Off." Steve Becker smiled into the camera, "Today we have a great program, so let's meet our contestants." Applause filled the studio as the camera moved in for a close-up of the candidates, chained to a console.

"Contestant number one is Elizabeth Winters, a housewife from Lexington, Kentucky. She was caught teaching Bible stories to innocent children and says she must obey God and not man." Elizabeth Winters donned a black eye and split lip from her jailer's beatings. Tear-filled eyes looked down at her restraints as she contemplated her children's fate without her.

"Our second contestant is David Albright from Houston, Texas. His family, loyal to our Messiah, reported his treason. David is guilty of hiding traitors and having Bible studies in his home. He says he would rather die than take our Messiah's mark." David's jaw tightened as he closed his eyes, seeking mercy for his tormentors.

"Are you ready? Let's begin. Elizabeth Winters," Steve directed the camera to Elizabeth's bruised face, "what is life?" The audience waited breathlessly for her condemning answer.

Her beauty was marred by her wounds. Tangled dark hair hung loosely around swollen cheeks. Longing for the release of death, Elizabeth smiled through cracked lips, "Life is a personal relationship with Jesus Christ." Frenzied, the audience shouted for blood.

"David Albright, same question. What is life?"

Balding and rotund, David Albright smiled in spite of the pain inflicted by his tormentors. "Knowing Jesus Christ as my Savior." Though he could barely stand, David spoke with power; his deep voice resonated throughout the studio.

His bold declaration nearly sent the audience over the edge. More guards ran from the rear, erecting a barrier around the platform. A few audience members leaped from their seats, rushing the stage. "Ladies and gentlemen, I must ask you to keep your seats. You'll have a chance to be heard." Steve Becker consoled. The audience murmured and reluctantly returned to their chairs.

"I think we've heard enough, don't you?" Elated, Steve Becker turned to the agitated audience. He loved their reaction to such headstrong contestants. "Audience, it's time to choose who lives and who dies, Elizabeth Winters or David Albright? You're the judge and the jury. Cast your votes on the console on your right."

This was Steve's favorite part of the show. He thought it strange that Christians wanted the grand prize, death. It did bother him to see contestant like Elizabeth Winters beaten so badly. However, she did break the laws of the New World Federation. Steve Becker smiles directly into the camera. "It's time now to find out who will live and who will die." Lively music played as he raised a hand toward the contestants. "What's your verdict for Elizabeth?" Every eye turned to center stage as the word DEATH lit up the console.

"Okay, how about David?" The console flashed, DEATH.

"Okay folks, it looks like we have a tie. Before the show our producers drew a name and sealed it in this envelope in the unlikely event this would happen." He held a white envelope up to the camera.

Elizabeth and David held their breath, waiting. Steve slowly opened the envelope and pulled out its contents. "Ladies and gentlemen, be sure to watch right here on Channel 11 tomorrow night as the new reality show, Send Off, gives a World Federation send off to, Elizabeth Winters, our grand prize winner." The audience went wild.

Elizabeth turned her face toward heaven and wept openly, giving thanks to God. David Albright held his head down, a single tear escaped. He knew what prison meant.

Steve Becker smiled into the camera. "Coming up next, stay tuned to CBS, for the 2012 Oscars, hosted by Hollywood's newly reunited Brad Pitt and Jennifer Anniston. Good night everyone. We'll see you next week on, Life Quest."

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