

Cultural Awareness Week Drama
A House Divided?

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Scripture

Mark 3:25 - "If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand."

Characters:

Door
Window
Wall
Roof
Foundation

Props:

A notebook or tablet for Foundation.

Setting:

Five chairs arranged in a semi-circle

[All characters are seated, with Foundation in the middle. Characters are in quiet conversation with each other.]

Foundation: *[speaking above the conversations]* I'd like to call the monthly meeting of 'This Old House' to order. Roll call – Window?

Window: *[raises hand]* Present.

Foundation: Wall?

Wall: *[raises hand]* Here.

Foundation: Door?

Door: *[raises hand]* Yo!

Foundation: Roof?

Roof: *[raises hand, unenthusiastically]* Yeah.

Foundation: And of course, the Foundation *[raises hand]* is here. Now, before we get on to the agenda, is there any old business?

Window: Is the roof still leaking?

Foundation: *[asking]* Roof?

Roof: All leaks have been repaired. They say I should be good for another ten years.

Foundation: Anything else?

Wall: I'm still waiting for my new coat of paint.

Foundation: *[checking notebook]* Yes, it says here that all walls would be given a new coat of paint by this month.

Wall: *[pointing to clothes]* Does this look new to you?

Door: Only if retro is in.

Foundation: Duly noted. I will follow up with the owner. Now on to new business.

Door: I hope it includes a new wreath for me.

Wall: Why should you get a wreath?

Door: Well, I am the first thing people see when coming to this house.

Roof: And then they just pass on through.

Foundation: [*interrupting*] The owner has made mention of some sort of seasonal decoration for the door.

Window: Has he said anything about new treatments for me?

Wall: [*complaining*] You just got new treatments last year. I'd better get my new paint before you get anything else.

Door: Let him go, Wall. If Windows gets new treatments, all the better to cover him up so we don't have to look at him.

Roof: Says the Door wanting a new wreath. I say the bigger, the better.

Foundation: All right, that's enough. We need to get to the next item on the agenda: Home security.

Door: And that starts with me.

Window: Of course you would think that.

Door: And it should start with you?

Wall: There are a lot of windows.

Window: Thank you, Wall. And remember, I've been upgraded with the latest in break-resistant glass.

Roof: And what about me?

Window: What about you?

Roof: Security is about more than just keeping people out. It's also about keeping the owner safe inside. I protect him from all sorts of bad weather.

Foundation: Which brings me back to my point: We are being asked to work together to ensure that the entire house is safe from not only intruders, but from anything that could threaten or compromise overall security.

Wall: Well, we can work together, but we all know who's the most important.

All: [*together*] Thank you.

[*They all look at each other in surprise, then start arguing.*]

Door: I'm the one who keeps people out!

Roof: I'm the one who keeps the weather out!

Window: I do both!

Wall: Well, none of you would be in place if it weren't for me. Who do you think holds each of you in place?

Foundation: And you wouldn't have a place to stand if it weren't for me.

[*Characters continue arguing.*]

Foundation: [*standing and shouting*] Silence!

[*All quiet down.*]

Foundation: [*sitting*] This is getting us nowhere.

Window: You're right. All this arguing is pointless. We all know who the most important is.

[*All look at Window waiting for his next line.*]

Window: It's none of us. [*pause*] Or all of us.

Wall: I don't get it.

Door: What are you talking about?

Window: We all have important jobs to do, but we can't do them alone.

Roof: Yeah, Window needs the wall to hang on.

Foundation: And we all need Roof to cover us up.

Wall: And I need Foundation to stand on.

Door: I still think that since I'm the first thing that people see . . .

[All others look at him daring him to continue]

Door: *[carefully]* That I should be as welcoming as possible to showcase the rest of this beautiful home.

Foundation: Well said. So, are we in agreement? Either we all stand together, or we all fall apart.

Roof: Wait, do you mean fall apart, like in pieces, or fall apart, like without each other?

Foundation: Yes. *[slight pause]* So what do you say?

All: *[with show of hands]* Agreed.

Foundation: Then it's unanimous. We work together. Now any more business before we adjourn?

Window: Can I get some blinds?

Wall: How about some new art work?

Door: A new doorbell would be nice.

Roof: Maybe some solar panels?

Foundation: [*standing, ignoring them*] Meeting adjourned!

[*Blackout*]