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Stage Setup:



All Wound Up

Synopsis: Tanya forsakes the complexities of electric alarms for the simplicity of a winding alarm clock.

Themes: Simplicity, Technology, Stress, Nostalgia

Time Requirements: 6 minutes

Characters: **Tanya** – determined, confident, single-minded, with a touch of weariness
Daryl – confused and skeptical

Props: Wind-up alarm clock, Bag, Stack of mail, Home setting.

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Author's Note: Scene opens on Tanya excitedly entering a home setting carrying a bag. Daryl is seated, sorting through mail, when she enters.



Blocking: Tanya sits down, gives the clock to Daryl, and looks for the key to wind it.

Tanya: Hey, look at this. I finally found one.

Daryl: What is it?

Tanya: Whaddaya mean “What is it?” It’s an alarm clock. Isn’t it great?

Daryl: An alarm clock? If you call relics from the Truman administration great.

Tanya: It’s an antique. I found it in that little shop down by the post office.

Daryl: So suddenly you’re into antiques?

Tanya: No, I don’t actually like antiques. I just like things that work. The guy said this one works great. Keeps good time.

Daryl: You intend to actually use this?

Tanya: Absolutely.

Daryl: *(looking at it)* You wind it up?

Tanya: Yeah. He gave me this little key. It fits in there. Here, watch. *(winds)* See?

Daryl: It’s actually ticking.

Tanya: Of course. I’m telling you, this is what I’ve been looking for.

Daryl: You know they have electric ones now. They’ve been out for... I dunno. Fifty years?

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1-minute mark

Tanya: I don't want electric. The power goes out, you don't wake up.

Daryl: You can get a battery backup.

Tanya: Until the batteries die. Or the power goes out and you find out your batteries were dead. Or somebody "borrowed" them for their flashlight.

Daryl: Use your cell phone alarm. It's built right into your phone.

Tanya: Yeah, as long as you're in the right time zone. And you're fully charged. And you have your settings right.

Daryl: What settings? You should have an alarm function right in your main menu.

Tanya: I tried that. But then you have the Law of AM/PM dysfunction.

Daryl: Law?

Tanya: Whatever setting you actually want, the opposite is what you actually get. Like if you intend to set it for 6:00 AM, it will automatically move to 6:00 PM. So when it finally goes off, you're eating dinner.

Daryl: You can fix that...

Tanya: I checked and double-checked it five times. And somehow, somehow, it goes off at the wrong time. I can't even relax when I go to sleep because I'm only half sure it will go off at all.

Daryl: All you have to do is...

Tanya: Or you forget to turn it off so you get "Louie. Louie" blasting away at 6:00 AM Saturday morning when you're trying to sleep in.

Daryl: And this is supposed to fix that?

Tanya: Yes, this will fix all that. It will actually wake me up.

Daryl: You still have to wind it.

Tanya: Yes. But winding I understand. You turn. You stop turning. Very simple.

Daryl: It ticks.

Tanya: Yes. Isn't it beautiful? If it's ticking, it's working. If it's not ticking, it's not working. It's so simple.

Daryl: It's sorta loud.

Tanya: It's peaceful. Reassuring. And see this little button? If I pull it out, the alarm is on. If I push it in, the alarm is off. It's...

Daryl: Simple.

Tanya: Yes.

Daryl: It's also completely outdated.



Blocking: Irritated, Tanya stands to rant while she talks.

2-minute mark



Scripture Link:
1 Corinthians 7:29
(The Message)

I do want to point out, friends, that time is of the essence. There is no time to waste, so don't complicate your lives unnecessarily. Keep it simple – in marriage, grief, joy, whatever. Even in ordinary things—your daily routines of shopping, and so on.

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Blocking: Tonya sits down, mentally drained.

3-minute mark

4-minute mark

5-minute mark

Tanya: And I don't care. I'm tired of being new. I'm tired of new things. Actually I hate everything new. I can't even begin to keep up anymore. I don't want all this clutter. All these passwords. All this...you know what I mean.

Daryl: So you're going to step back in time?

Tanya: If I have to.

Daryl: Start pumping your own water? Cutting your own wood?

Tanya: Doesn't sound so bad.

Daryl: Until you actually have to do it. Technology has done some amazing things.

Tanya: Yes. I do like a hot shower. But that I understand. Before long you'll have to program the shower. And then I'll...I dunno...I'll boil water on the stove and pour it into a basin.

Daryl: What if the stove needs programmed?

Tanya: I'll start a fire.

Daryl: You can't win this. You might as well accept it.

Tanya: Well I don't accept it. Not any more. I'm keeping things simple. And this clock is the key. One day when the whole power grid goes down and everybody else is groping around in the dark, not even knowing what time it is...

Daryl: You'll have your little clock, ticking away.

Tanya: And you'll have to come to me, when all your batteries run out, to tell you what time it is.

Daryl: You'll have mercy on me, won't you?

Tanya: Maybe. If you bring your cell phone as a peace offering.

Daryl: And what would you do with that?

Tanya: Smash it with a large stone.

Daryl: Well, I guess I wouldn't need it then anyway.

Tanya: You don't really need it now. I can get you one of these babies. Just say the word. Break free from the insanity.

Daryl: I don't think so. I happen to like all my...gadgets. But good luck with that. You're really gonna wind it every day?

Tanya: Like clockwork.

LIGHTS OUT

Devotional Thought:

Technology seems to multiply faster than our ability to assimilate it. What used to be helpful, starts to become irritating, even threatening. We long for a simpler day when we understood how things worked and could manage them without an 800-number for technical support. That's all Tanya is really after. Something minimal, basic, simple.



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