The Sam & Jesse Radio Show

Week 1, Episode 3: Leon’s Getting a Preaching Degree

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| 00:00 | Narrator | [music] It’s time now for another day in the life of Sam and Jesse. Gum Springs, Arkansas. |
| 00:18 |  | [music fades out, then repeats] |
| 00:29 | Sam | Hey Jesse, here-here comes Leon- [overlap] |
| 00:31 | Jesse | Yeah, I see him, and he’s gonna want us to encourage in that fool notion he’s got of wantin’ to be a preacher. Now Sam, don’t you egg him on when he comes in here. |
| 00:40 | Leon | [door closes] Hey, Sam. H-Howdy, Mr. Jesse. |
| 00:43 | Jesse | Oh, hello, Leon. [overlap] |
| 00:43 | Sam | [overlap] Hey, Leon. How ya’ doin’? |
| 00:45 | Leon | I reckon I’m ready. |
| 00:46 | Sam | Ready for what, Leon? |
| 00:48 | Leon | Ready to start in bein’ a preacher. Ya’ know ya’ told me if I was gone be a preacher I’d have to get some education and a diploma. |
| 00:55 | Jesse | Well, now, that’s’ right Leon. You gotta go to school and study and… [overlap] |
| 00:58 | Leon | I already done that, Mr. Jesse. |
| 00:59 | Sam | Leon, you just decided on this business of preaching a couple-a weeks ago. You ain’t had time to go to school. |
| 01:05 | Leon | I took a correspondence course. I seen a ad in a magazine and sent for it, and I done read a book they sent. |
| 01:11 | Sam | Must a been a short book! |
| 01:13 | Leon | Nah, sir. It’s twenty-eight pages, but I read it. |
| 01:16 | Sam | But, now, look here, Leon! You just can’t go out and start preaching. You-you… [overlap] |
| 01:19 | Leon | Well, I can if I can pass this here test. |
| 01:22 | Jesse | Well, what test? Leon, what is that? |
| 01:24 | Leon | It’s my test from the National Academy of Theology. |
| 01:27 | Sam | National Aca-. Boy, Leon, that sounds… [overlap] |
| 01:30 | Jesse | Let me see that thing. [paper shuffles/tears?] What is that? [paper continues to shuffle] |
| 01:35 | Sam | Well, where is this national academy, Leon? |
| 01:38 | Leon | Bucksnort, Tennessee, a-and if I pass this test all I gotta do is send ‘em a hundred dollars and-and get me a genuine diploma. |
| 01:45 | Jesse | Hey-hey, let me….here, Leon. I’ll give this test to you. Now, here it is. Question number one, name two of the most important theologians of our day. |
| 01:53 | Leon | Well, uh, there’s Pat Boone, a-and Oral Roberts. [overlap] |
| 01:58 | Sam | [overlap] By the way, that’s right. |
| 01:59 | Jesse | Question number two, would you perform a marriage ceremony between a Episcopalian and a Mormon? |
| 02:05 | Leon | Nah, sir. I don’t believe in mixing races. |
| 02:08 | Sam | That’s Bible, alright. |
| 02:09 | Jesse | [overlap] Alright, question number three. What do you believe about the ecumenical movement? |
| 02:15 | Leon | Well, I’m dead set against it. I think these churches ought to get together and stop that…. [overlap] |
| 02:19 | Jesse | [overlap] Okay, Okay. Last question. Where did Cain get his wife? |
| 02:24 | Leon | Well, I don’t know, Mr. Jesse, a-and I don’t think we ought to be fooling around with no family affair. If she saved ole Cain she’s alright with me. [overlap] |
| 02:31 |  | [music] |
| 02:41 |  | [music fades out, then repeats] |
| 02:51 | Jesse | [music overlap] Sam, it’s plain that Leon is gonna go on with this idea of being a preacher. Now, Sam, this world don’t need one more of them preachers. |
| 02:58 | Sam | [overlap] Well, now, I-I don’t know Jesse. I- Leon might do all right. |
| 03:02 | Jesse | Do all righ-? [door slams] [overlap] |
| 03:03 | Leon | [overlap] Sam – M-Mr. Jesse which way was I going when I come in here? |
| 03:06 | Sam | You was going South, Leon. You- [overlap] |
| 03:08 | Leon | [overlap] Oh, I already been to town then. Thank you, Sam. |
| 03:12 | Sam | Mmhm. |
| 03:13 | Jesse | You see, Sam? You see what I mean? |
| 03:15 | Sam | Well, yeah, I guess you’re right, Jesse. It’s a good thing there ain’t no hurry about improving Gum Springs. [overlap] |
| 03:21 |  | [music] |