The Sam & Jesse Radio Show

Week 23, Episode 1: When a Man Ain’t Gonna Do Nothin’, You Just Cain’t Stop Him!

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| 00:00 | Jesse | When a Man Ain’t Gonna Do Nothin’, You Just Cain’t Stop Him. |
| 00:03 |  | [music] |
| 00:11 | Narrator | [over music] It’s time now for another day in the life of Sam and Jesse. Gum Springs, Arkansas. |
| 00:17 |  | [music fades out, then repeats] |
| 00:35 | Leon | I’m gone do it, Sam. I-I-I made up my mind. |
| 00:38 | Sam | Y-you ain’t gone do it, Leon. It just wouldn’t be right. |
| 00:41 | Leon | Well now, when a [man?] makes up his mind you cain’t bare false witness against him. I-I tell you, Sam. I’m gone do it. |
| 00:48 | Jesse | Well, what is it you gonna do, Leon? |
| 00:49 | Sam | Nothin’, Jesse. He ain’t gone do nothin’. I-I’m gone stop him. |
| 00:53 | Jesse | Sam, you oughta know by now that when a man ain’t gonna do nothin’, you just cain’t stop him. |
| 00:59 | Leon | Mr. Jesse’s right, Sam. Y-You just tryin’ hold me back. See, but I-I got ambition. |
| 01:05 | Jesse | Well, now that’s real good, Leon. That’s a great thing about this here country. Anybody who wants to work and go as far as his ambition will carry him. I tell you there ain’t no limit to what a man can accomplish in this country. |
| 01:18 | Sam | Leon wants to work up there in your church, Jesse. |
| 01:20 | Jesse | What?! Well, Leon, you can’t do that. |
| 01:22 | Leon | I-I don’t know why I can’t. I been ministerin’ nearly six months a-and I’m in good health a-and I been sweepin’ the driveway when you’s gone a-and helpin’ Sam and I-I can sweep [inaudible] in half a day. |
| 01:35 | Jesse | Oh! You-you mean that job. |
| 01:37 | Leon | I-I believe I can do it. I-I’m gonna try. |
| 01:40 | Sam | That wouldn’t be right, Leon. I’ll tell ya’, now. Y-you don’t know how to do that. |
| 01:44 | Jesse | Well, why not, Sam? |
| 01:45 | Leon | Yeah, Sam. Just why not? |
| 01:47 | Sam | Well, Leon that’s a full-time job. Now, you been unemployed so long, you need to work back into it gradual-like. Now, what if you was called to preach at the drunk tank in Hot Springs and y-you’d have to stay at home and sweep. |
| 02:00 | Jesse | Well, Sam. They also serve who only stand and sweep. |
| 02:04 | Leon | Well, I-I didn’t know that. |
| 02:06 | Sam | Jesse knows a lot of sayins, Leon, but they all mean the same thing. Somethin’ always needs sweepin’. [music overlaps] |
| 02:11 |  | [music] |
| 02:19 |  | [music fades out, then repeats] |
| 02:28 | Mr. Buddy | Leon, if you apply for that job now yo- they- you- they’re gonna ask how long did you go to school. |
| 02:33 | Leon | A-a-and which grade, Mr. Buddy. |
| 02:36 | Mr. Buddy | Well, I uh- Have you lived in Gum Springs all your life? |
| 02:38 | Leon | Well, not yet. |
| 02:40 | Mr. Buddy | [inaudible] but a old joke. Leon, if you’re gonna try for that job you’re gonna have to- |
| 02:45 | Leon | Well, I-I-I ai-ain’t gone do it, Mr. Buddy. I-I found out that church is full of vegetarians. C-can you beat that, a-a B-Baptist church full of vegetarians? Sam’s right. I-it’s just a matter of time ‘til they be gettin’ orders from across the waters to-to take out the piano. Uh- Sam says I oughta stay unemployed j-just in case somethin’ good comes along. |
| 03:07 | Mr. Buddy | Well, I’m sure it’s just right down the road, Leon. |
| 03:10 | Sam | I-if we just know’d what it was. [over music] |
| 03:11 |  | [music] |