

Reasoning

Introduction

In this scene, a wise old PREACHER has some sage advice for the new GROOM just before to the wedding starts.

- 1 PREACHER: Look, people do this every day. Thousands of
- 2 people. There's really nothing to be nervous about. You
- 3 just stand up there, hold her hand, look her in the eye,
- 4 and speak the truth.
- 5 GROOM: Speak? Oh, no! I can't. I can't! I'm no good at
- 6 this. I'm — I'm a stutterer!
- 7 PREACHER: Not before today.
- 8 GROOM: It came over me last night. Two a.m. I bolted up
- 9 and I realized deep in my soul that I was born with a
- 10 stutter.
- 11 PREACHER: You're not stuttering now.
- 12 GROOM: It — it — it — it comes and goes. I — I — won't
- 13 know what to say.
- 14 PREACHER: Just relax, I'm gonna tell you what to say.
- 15 GROOM: What — what — what if I don't really want to say
- 16 it? What if I've changed my mind? What if I want to call
- 17 the whole thing off?
- 18 PREACHER: Now, that's a whole different matter. But you
- 19 really don't want to do that, do you?
- 20 GROOM: I don't know.
- 21 PREACHER: No, no, you don't. You've just got the jitters.
- 22 You really do want to get up there and you really do want
- 23 to go through with this wedding ceremony, and I guess
- 24 deep down in your heart you know why.
- 25 GROOM: No. Why?

- 1 PREACHER: (*Building*) Because the bride — that little girl —
- 2 coming down the aisle in a thousand-dollar wedding
- 3 dress is *my daughter*! And if you think you're getting out
- 4 of this little production now, you are sorely mistaken!
- 5 Because if you don't follow me out there when we get the
- 6 signal, I'm going to knock your block off!
- 7 GROOM: (*Completely cowed*) Oh — oh — yes, sir. Whatever
- 8 you say, sir.
- 9 PREACHER: Good! And when we get out there, what are you
- 10 going to say?
- 11 GROOM: I do?