

Jess' Journal Entries

DAY 1

JESS: (*offstage, writing in her journal*) Dear Journal...I can't believe it. I'm actually on my way to the Amazon rainforest. Four years ago, when I started missionary training, all I could see was a mountain of courses and hundreds of hours of studying. But now, in just a couple hours we'll be landing in Brazil. I'm so excited! Thank you, Lord, for the privilege of taking the Gospel to a people who've never heard of you.

JESS: (*PRE-RECORDED*) Dear Journal . . . I have to admit, a wave of fear swept over me as I watched the Captain leave. Here we were stranded in the jungle with very limited supplies and no way to communicate with the outside world. Please God...protect the Captain. And guide him quickly to someone who can help us!

DAY 2

JESS: (*offstage, writing in her journal*) Dear Journal . . . Waking up this morning to the sounds and smells of a tropical rainforest was an amazing experience. I really think I'm going to like living in the Amazon. The jungle is such a peaceful place, compared to the noise and stress of the city. Thank you, Lord for the blessings of peace and tranquility.

DAY 4

JESS: (*PRE-RECORDED*) Dear Journal...It's now our fourth day stranded in the jungle and we're all longing to be

rescued. Buddy and Moose are still expecting to get back in The Incredible Race somehow and I have to get to Manaus before Sunday or I'll miss the boat to the Amazon interior. As the hours pass, it's getting harder to remain patient, and Myles' constant complaining isn't helping the situation one bit.

DAY 5

JESS: (*offstage, writing in her journal*) Dear Journal...It's been a scary 24 hours since Myles collapsed, and Raina hasn't left his side since it happened. For a long time, it was touch and go as he drifted in and out of consciousness and then became disoriented. But his fever has finally started to come down, so we think the worst is over. Thank you, Lord, for answering our prayers and sparing his life.

JESS: (*PRE-RECORDED*) Dear Journal...so, everything turned out okay...well...almost. I got to Manaus in time to catch the boat to the Amazon interior and Raina continued her career as a flight attendant with a new sense of purpose. She also kept up with Myles and eventually led him to the Lord. Moose and Buddy...well, they weren't able to get back into The Incredible Race...in fact, they got on the wrong plane again, and...no one knows where they are! (*short pause*) Thank you, Lord. I'll never forget such an INCREDIBLE adventure!