

## **FIVE GOOD MINUTES. THAT'S ALL I NEED**

Five good minutes. That's all John Patrick Shanley needs, to know that a play is good.

When I set out to write this podcast before I knew what I was doing--writing out the scripts and recording them the day of--that's what I set out looking for. Five good minutes.

With this fourth installment of my podcast *Speaking Into The Fog*, now released, I will be at close to seventy minutes done with this story. My cap is at one hundred and eighty.

I don't know what the hell I'm doing.

I'm just giving my version of the answer to the question which is the first sentence in Shanley's play, *Doubt*, the best play written by an American to date.

*What do you do when you're not sure?* Asks Father Flynn

The fuck I want. That's what.

I'm just chasing those five good minutes.

And I think I'm getting closer.

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