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SCENARIO 1

[Matt and Lauren in their garden]

All right.

OK.

One —one more step.

All right.

We're almost there.

OK.

We're getting close.

And here it is.

Oh! It's a lemon tree! I've always wanted one.

Thank you so much.

I love it! Happy first anniversary.

Ah, thank you.

Can we take a picture? Yeah.

OK.

[The Lemon tree has grown and now has lemons]

First lemon pie!

[Matt and Lauren hold up their SKE invitation]

SKE!

[In the garden – Lauren's head is bandaged]

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Are you comfortable?

[Matt takes a selfie]

Happy anniversary.

[Sometime later and Lauren is clearly unwell]

Are you all right?

[The alarm goes off and Matt is alone in bed and reaches over to where Lauren would have been sleeping – he touches his wedding ring and gets up to go into field service]

[At the field service group – Matt appears distant]

In our field ministry this weekend, to offer the current magazine, which one of those do you think that you'd like to use?

[Brother Tobias taps Matt on the shoulder and invites him to accompany him in the ministry]

So before we go in the territory, do you mind if we make a stop first?

[At a café]

Today is our wedding anniversary.

Ah, I— I didn't know.

I'm so sorry. When Sharon died, I was going through some especially raw days myself.

I keep getting flooded with memories.

That's normal.

Do you know what my number one help was? It was prayer.

I do pray, but it stirs up emotions that I'm trying to keep down.

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Don't keep the emotions down. Let them out with Jehovah. Tell him how you really feel, Matt. Your thoughts are safe with him.

You know, 1 John 3:20 tells us that "God is greater than our hearts and knows all things." He understands us better than we understand ourselves. And he's giving us help now that's specific for our needs. It's going to get better.

Is there anything else you do on those especially raw days?

There is. But it may be the opposite of what you want to do.

What's that?

Find someone that you can help. Jesus said that's a guaranteed formula for happiness.

[At home Brother Tobias speaks into his mobile phone]

Remind me next year that this is Matt's wedding anniversary day.

[At the meeting – Matt is Chairman and looks around anxiously]

Hey, Darren. Have you seen Javier? He's got a part tonight.

No, I haven't seen him.

They received some bad news today, so really— Uh, there they are.

Our first part tonight will be handled by Brother Javier Vallez.

It's, ah— It's the— Uh, well, maybe it's better if I just read it from the reference, um, yeah, it's the 2011 Watchtower.

So we had a great meeting.

Let's conclude with song and prayer.

Amen.

I really enjoyed your talk.

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Thanks.

Thanks.

Nice job, nice job.

[Matt goes to the carpark trying to catch up with Javier]

[Matt at Javier and Michelle Vallez's home]

Thanks for your text last night. I know my talk was not what it should have been.

You did fine, especially after your day yesterday.

We always paid our rent on time. And now we're being evicted and for no reason. How are we going to find a new place to live in just two weeks?

After SKE, we sold everything to make this move, but it's been one thing after another. We can't seem to catch a break.

I'm so sorry.

Lauren and I experienced a rough patch like this soon after we were married.

We prayed a lot, we kept our expenses to a minimum, but we did something else too. We made it a goal to stick to a good spiritual routine and not isolate ourselves. And that's why I really want to commend both of you for coming last night. I know it made Jehovah's heart glad.

Thanks, Matt. We're trying.

We want to show Jehovah we trust in him.

Remember, it goes both ways: 'With someone loyal Jehovah will act in loyalty.' He won't let you down. You'll see.

[At the Kingdom Hall – brothers and sisters receive an invitation to assist Javier and Michelle move house]

Yeah.

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Yeah. We'd love to. Of course.

Yeah. We'd love that. They are an awesome couple.

[The brothers unload boxes at the Vallez's new home]

[At Javier and Michelle's home – Javier opens an unmarked envelope with an unsigned card and money is left on the kitchen table – they pray]

[Matt at home by himself in the garden with the lemon tree in the background - he smiles to himself]

SCENARIO 2

[At the home of a sister and her unbelieving husband]

Just come with me this one time then.

Honey, you know we can't do that. We've already decided.

Explain to me why.

I'll show you why.

From this?

Yes.

No! Stop! I'm done! I'm done with your religion! I'm done with this!

Ian.

[As the father leaves home Levi attempts to delay him by taking hold of his bag but his father declines to take Levi's hand]

[Levi and his mother watch the husband leave]

[At the Kingdom Hall]

Paragraph 11 asks: "How did Hezekiah reveal what was in his heart?"

Marley, this is your paragraph. Are you ready?

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Let's hear from Marley, please. Hezekiah did something foolish, and Jehovah didn't like it.

[Levi looks around the Kingdom Hall at united families and is sad]

Thank you. Good comment. Ah, any further comments? Sister Rapp, please.

[Levi leaves his seat – Javier notices him leaving]

[At Javier and Michelle's new home – moving furniture]

Did you get to talk to Levi?

No. But, you know, I did talk to his mom. You know, she said that the divorce has been really difficult.

We should do something.

You know, we can do something.

[At the Kingdom Hall – Javier invites Levi to a return visit (Robert)]

Hey, you know, I met a young man the other day, and he's about your age.

[At Robert's home]

Hey, Robert.

How are you?

Good.

[Levi shows a video to Robert]

[At Javier and Michelle's home]

I'm really glad you like Chinese food, Levi.

Are you kidding me? We used to eat Chinese food all the time with— I-I can't believe he left.

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Levi, read this scripture here in Psalms. “Even if my own father and mother abandon me, Jehovah himself will take me in.” Jehovah will take you in too, Levi. You know, loved ones may leave us but Jehovah never will. You and your mom are never alone. We’re all part of Jehovah’s family.

That’s right, Levi. We all have each other.

[Levi and his mother out in field service with the Vallez’s]

[Levi and his mother, the Vallez’s at Matt’s home – the lemon tree is getting bigger- Levi plays the guitar and smiles]

[Levi and his mother visit World Headquarters with the Vallez’s]

Let’s go.

SCENARIO 3

[At the kingdom Hall]

Jehovah is a God who hates injustice. In fact, he’s promised to eliminate it.

[Brother Tobias listens but experiences some pain and leaves his seat to move to the back of the Kingdom Hall]

We can read that promise together in the book of Psalm 37, and we’ll begin reading in verse 10. [Levi notices Brother Tobias leave the Kingdom Hall] Here we read God’s promise: “Just a little while longer, and the wicked will be no more; you will look at where they were,—”

[Levi at home with his mother]

Are you OK?

Yeah, I feel bad for Brother Tobias. He always seems to be in pain.

Yeah, it’s his hip. But he’s always faithful; he never misses a meeting.

Does he live by himself?

I think his wife died a while back. It’s just him now.

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[Brother Tobias watches JW Broadcasting]

Thank you for joining us, and welcome to the program!

[Brother Tobias in his garden – topping up his bird feeder]

Good morning, Brother Tobias.

Levi.

We've had a ton of leaves falling in our yard that needed cleaning up, and I thought I'd see if you needed some help around here.

Far be it for me to refuse free help.

[Levi is raking leaves and Brother Tobias calls him]

Levi, come.

[Inside Levi and Brother Tobias enjoy a sandwich together]

[Levi looks at the photos on the wall and gestures to Brother Tobias who gives the OK for Levi to have a look]

So you went to Bethel? then Gilead?

I did.

I want to go Bethel someday. Javier and Michelle, they took me not that long ago, and I really liked what I saw.

That is an excellent goal. *You'll never go wrong putting spiritual things first in your life.*

Where did you work when you were in Bethel?

I worked on the Linotype machine.

Linotype? What's that?

Come, let me show you how we did it in our day.

Sit down.

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[Brother Tobias flips through his photo album]

There's a picture.

[At Levi's home with his mother and Brother Tobias who is showing Levi photos from his album]

I was one of the brothers holding up that Bible.

Wow! Mom, did you hear that?

What? He was at that convention where they released the first Bible.

Wow!

We're all set. Ready to see some film?

[Brother Tobias sends a text message from home to Levi who shows it to his mother]

[Brother Tobias, Levi and his mother, together with Javier and Michelle at Matt's home – the lemon tree is getting bigger – time passes]

Good night, everyone.

I'll be back tomorrow to finish up the leaves.

Sounds good.

I'll have the hot chocolate ready.

[Levi at home in his bedroom looks fondly at a photo of him and Bro Tobias and reflects on Javier's words]

You and your mom are never alone. We're all part of Jehovah's family.