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HEADLIGHTS

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GENRE: Drama

SYNOPSIS: Recently separated, Dad packs his bags, preparing to move out of the house. His teenage daughter, Emily, is the only one at home while he packs. Emily clings desperately to the hope that her parents will reconcile. As it becomes more obvious that's not going to happen, she tells her father about a recurring nightmare she has had. But he remains focused on his own needs and ignores Emily's desperate plea.

DIRECTOR'S TIP: Take time to work with the actors developing inner monologues and determining the background story on this family. What got them to this point? Was Dad having an affair that ended the 21-year marriage? Did the girlfriend come after the separation? Have Emily and Adam met Karen yet? Has their mother? How is their mother handling the divorce?

TIME: Under 5 minutes

CAST BREAKDOWN: 2

TOPIC: Divorce, Youth

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: Proverbs 22:6, Mark 12

CHURCH YEAR SEASON: Any

SUGGESTED USE: Worship Service

CHARACTERS:

Dad - A father; recently separated from his wife after 21 years of marriage

Emily - His daughter; an older teen, desperately wanting her father's love

PROPS: 1) Boxes for packing
2) Books
3) Clothes
4) Trash bag

COSTUMES: Contemporary clothing, appropriate to character

SOUND: Two wireless mics

LIGHTING: General stage

SETTING: Emily's home

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Scene opens with DAD sorting through clothes and books.

DAD: *(Picks up old paperback)* Wow ... I haven't read this in years. *(Flips through some pages)* To keep or not to keep. That is the question. *(Tosses book into the trash bag)*

EMILY: *(ENTERING room carrying a box)* Mom said to give this to you. It was in the garage.

DAD: I didn't hear her come back. Where is she?

EMILY: She left again. She took Adam to the playground.

DAD: Oh?

EMILY: Said she'd come back after you were gone.

DAD: I guess that shouldn't surprise me. Well, maybe it's better she's not here.

EMILY: What are you doing?

DAD: Packing the last of my stuff.

EMILY: *(Pause)* When will I see you again?

DAD: Emily, we've already been over this a dozen times. The first weekend of every month you and Adam will spend with me. I'll be back in two weeks to pick you up.

EMILY: *(Pause)* Will your girlfriend be with you?

DAD: She has a name.

EMILY: Sorry, will Karen be in the car when you pick me up?

DAD: I don't know. Maybe, maybe not. I'm sure the two of you will become good friends once you've spent some time together and ...

EMILY: I don't want to spend time with your friends.

DAD: Listen, I don't want to get into an argument with you. Okay?

EMILY: Okay! *(Pause)* So what are you throwing out? *(Starts to look through trash bag)*

DAD: Old books and clothes. Stuff I haven't read or worn in years. Stuff that won't fit in my apartment.

EMILY: This shirt looks brand-new.

DAD: Too small.