

MAKING A MEMORY

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GENRE: Comedy

SYNOPSIS: After an embarrassing dinner, a husband tries to convince his wife that the embarrassment was really just a shared moment that should be cherished.

DIRECTOR'S TIP: Approach this scene with a light-hearted, natural touch. It must be clear through the teasing and embarrassment that this couple loves each other very much. The message here is fragile: all moments together are to be cherished. Don't put too much weight in the scene, but also don't allow the actors to play it as trivial.

TIME: Under 5 minutes

CAST BREAKDOWN: 2

TOPIC: Marriage, Relationships

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: Proverbs 17:22, 1 Thessalonians 5:16

CHURCH YEAR SEASON: Any

SUGGESTED USE: Bible Study on joy, Couples Group

CHARACTERS:

BILL- A young man

DEBBIE - Bill's wife

PROPS: 1) Sink
2) Dishes

COSTUMES: Contemporary clothing

SOUND: Two wireless mics

LIGHTING: General stage

SETTING: A kitchen

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Lights up. Scene opens at a kitchen sink and counter. We see BILL and DEBBIE hand washing dishes, DEBBIE washing and rinsing, and handing them off to BILL who is drying and placing them in a strainer rack. DEBBIE has a perturbed look on her face, yet BILL has a smirk. This continues for a bit.

BILL: *(After a few seconds)* I just have to say, that was very, very good tonight.

DEBBIE: *(Plain)* Mm-hmm.

BILL: No, seriously.

DEBBIE: C'mon, Billy, I'm not up for jokes right now.

BILL: *(Short pause)* I mean, in all my years of watching cable and seeing the culinary masters at work-

DEBBIE: *(Trying not to listen)* -la-la-la-la-la-

BILL: I have never seen them perfect a dish of barbeque lasagna the way you did.

DEBBIE: I'm not laughing. You do see that I'm not laughing, right?

BILL: No, no, no. See, anybody else who would pull a hot dish of... flambé pasta right out of the oven would just normally dump it into the sink and throw some water on it.

DEBBIE: Go on, that's right, just go on, see what happens...

BILL: But only a true Jedi Master chef would extinguish the fire... excuse me, the flambé, with, what else, K.C. Masterpiece.

DEBBIE: Hey, it was right there. I was desperate. It stopped the fire and baked the top.

BILL: *(Pause)* My dad did have seconds, though.

DEBBIE: You're dad's an Italian from Texas, what do you expect? That's probably a local favorite over there.

BILL: *(Shrugs)* Well... maybe next time we could have spaghetti and spare ribs, who knows?

DEBBIE: *(Flicks some sink water at him)* Funny.

BILL: But you're not seeing the magic of everything.

DEBBIE: Magic?

BILL: It's beautiful.