

A script from



## **“Beyond Justice”**

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- What** A husband comes home to discover his wife, who has had an affair, about to leave. He challenges her to stay, to receive his forgiveness and love. (Themes: Forgiveness, Grace, Mercy, Adultery, Marriage)
- Who** 1 male, 1 female
- When** Present day
- Wear (Props)** Anything to suggest a living room- couch, chair, side table  
Suitcase
- Why** Ephesians 5:25
- How** This is a very delicate topic and good drama is hard to do, so use your very best actors. Make sure not to push things too hard and make it “cheesy” or be overly dramatic. Be natural and make it conversational.
- Time** Approximately 4-6 minutes

*Jim rushes in the door of his home to discover his wife, Erin, about to leave with a suitcase in her hand.*

Jim: I got your note.

Erin: Yeah, I thought you'd find it when you got back to the office from lunch. I didn't expect you'd come home, though.

Jim: Well... I did. Look, Erin, I think I know why you're doing this-

Erin: *(interrupting)* No, you don't. I can't stay here.

Jim: Yes! You can! You can stay here!

Erin: *(interrupting)* Jim, we don't need to talk about this anymore. I'm leaving. I don't think it would be right for me to stay. I'll just... go away. You're an attorney. You can draw up the papers. I'll send you my address when I settle somewhere. I won't contest anything. You send me the papers. I'll sign 'em and that will be that- a good clean break.

Jim: Erin, look! I'm not mad anymore! *(catches himself)* That's not true. I'm not as mad anymore. When I first found out, I wanted to kill the guy. I wanted to- *(catches himself)* But... it's not like that, now. I'm... look ...I've thought about everything. I've looked at every scenario... and, I want you to-

Erin: *(interrupting)* -Jim, don't you get it? It's not just between you and me anymore! I've shamed you in front of everybody; all your colleagues... the church... your family. You don't need me here shaming you anymore.

Jim: Would you listen to me?! You messed up, Erin! You messed up. But, it's over. It's over! I don't want you to leave-

Erin: Yes, you do. Trust me, you do. Look, you've got every right to hate me.

Jim: I don't hate you...

Erin: Well, you should. You should. You're making a big mistake. I've made mine... in spades. And if you don't hate me, you're making a big mistake.

Jim: I don't hate you, and I don't want you to leave.

Erin: Trust me. You do.

Jim: No, I don't! Erin...the worst of this is over, isn't it?

Erin: *(slow to come out of her mouth)* No. The worst is not over.

Jim: *(he knows)*What?

Erin: I'm... I'm...

Jim: *(finishes her sentence)*Pregnant. You're pregnant.

Erin: Yeah. I'm pregnant. I found out this morning.

Jim: *(almost to himself)*I've thought of this...

Erin: *(after a pause)*Well, everybody's worst nightmare has come true. And there's really nothing more to say, is there? Look, I can't stay here. I'm gonna go off and find a job somewhere. I'm gonna have this baby, then I'll give it up for adoption, I guess. I don't expect you to support me. I don't expect anything from you. I'm getting just what I deserve. You know the Law. You know that.

Jim: Erin, I-

Erin: *(interrupting, just trying to get through this)*I'm...uh... I'm just taking my clothes. They're all packed in my old car. I'm taking that too, if you don't mind. And I'm taking five thousand dollars that was in the household account. I'll leave everything else.

Jim: One question: Do you love me? Do you still care about me?

Erin: Yes. Don't you get it? That's why I'm leaving. I don't wanna put you through this.

Jim: *(after a long pause)*Did you leave me a suitcase?

Erin: Yeah... why?

Jim: *(after a long pause)*Because I'd like to go with you.

Erin: *(not following this)*What?

Jim: I'm gonna go with you... if you don't mind.

Erin: Go... go with me?

Jim: I'd like to stay married to you. And I'd like to go with you... wherever you're going. I'd like to...to make this work.

Erin: What about this baby?

Jim: *(after a beat)*Our baby? Is that who you're talking about? Our baby? I think this is gonna one terrific kid.