

A script from



"Between Takes"

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- What** Pat and Patty Anderson have the perfect marriage...or do they? When asked to make a video for their church on how to have a successful marriage, their "perfect marriage" gets caught on tape. **Themes:** Marriage, Family, Relationships, Conflict, Arguing, Wives, Husbands, Submit, Compromise
- Who** Pat
Patty
Jim
- When** Present
- Wear (Props)** Pat and Patty should have somewhat matching clothes.
Jim has on a church shirt- maybe a polo with the church logo on it.
Camera w/tripod
Two chairs
- Why** Ephesians 5:22
- How** If your church has a screen, this skit can be projected on to it. Be sure to rehearse this to get the line cues down and really work the comic timing.
- Time** Approximately 7-9 minutes

Lights up on a video team member, Jim, next to a camera pointed at two stools. He is wearing a shirt with his church's logo on it to indicate that he is on the tech crew and has a clear-com around his neck. He is obviously passing the time waiting for something.

Patty: Hi, Jim. So sorry we're late.

Pat: Better late than never, right?

Patty: You haven't been waiting long, have you?

Jim: Just 15 minutes or so.

Pat: Well, it's my fault. I was a little late getting home from work...

Patty: No, no. This is all my fault. I took too long to get ready.

Pat: Well, it was worth it, because you look beautiful.

Patty: Oh, you are so sweet.

Jim: Really, it's no problem. We're just glad you're taking the time to do this.

Patty: We're honored to have the opportunity.

Pat: We sure are.

Jim: Like I said on the phone, we're doing a video for an upcoming church service. The topic is Loving for a Lifetime so we thought it would be great to hear from couples who have been married a long time and are still really in love with each other.

Pat: That's definitely us. *(He grabs her hands)*

Patty: Indubitably. *(They pull in close to each other and pose.)*

Jim: That's what we heard. So are you ready to get started?

P & P: *(Adlib smarmy "yes")*

Jim: Great, I'm just going to ask you a few questions. Answer as naturally as you can and speak directly to the camera. Go ahead and state your names and how long you've been married

Patty: Well he's Pat...

Pat: And she's Patty. And together we're...

P & P: Pat and Patty Anderson.

- Patty:** We met 12 years ago...
- Pat:** And have been in love ever since. *(They squeeze their faces together in a too cute hug and hold it)*
- Jim:** Great job guys, but I'm having a little bit of trouble with something. *(Hitting a button on the camera)* Just hang tight for second. *(Exits)*
- Pat:** Will do! *(Waits until Jim is out of earshot then breaks pose and breaks character)* I can't believe you made us late! This guy has been waiting fifteen minutes!
- Patty:** We're being videoed for the whole church. I wanted to look my best.
- Pat:** But an hour and forty minutes in the bathroom? I could have showered and shaved three times.
- Patty:** Yeah, well I'd like to see you slap it all together with this long hair.
- Pat:** Have you ever thought of starting earlier?
- Patty:** No, but I've thought of cutting it off.
- Pat:** I married a woman with long hair and I want it to stay that way.
- Patty:** You can have a wife with short hair who's *on time* or a wife with long hair who's a *little late*. Take your pick and quit whining *(Jim reenters and P&P get affectionate again)* and dining me again tonight?! But honey, we just went out a few nights ago.
- Pat:** I just can't get enough of you, my long-haired beauty.
- Jim:** *(Installing something on the camera)* Sorry about that. I think I've got it all sorted out now.
- Patty:** Never apologize for leaving us alone.
- Pat:** *(Frisky)* Just don't hold us responsible for what might happen. *(They laugh and flirt)*
- Jim:** Okay, now tell us a little about what has helped your marriage last so long.

They start to speak at the same time. They laugh. Pat puts his finger to Patty's lips.

- Pat:** You go first honey.
- Patty:** No you go first, sweetheart.

- Pat:** I really want you to.
- Patty:** I really want *you* to.
- Pat:** Okay, okay. (*Slowly*) I think the main thing that keeps us together...
- Patty:** Is being considerate of one another. Thinking of the other person's needs and not always pushing your own agenda. Marriage is about sacrifice.
- Pat:** Exactly, and...
- Patty:** So when Pat leaves a mess in the kitchen, I don't get upset. No, I clean it up because I am there to serve. Or when he leaves his dirty socks and underwear on the floor two feet away from the hamper, I don't yell and scream. I just put those filthy sweaty things where they belong so I don't miss them when I do the laundry all by myself.

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ENDING:

- Jim:** Alright, I think we're done here. Thanks again for taking the time...
- Pat:** We're done?
- Patty:** Don't you want to hear more...like how I iron his socks?
- Pat:** Or my ten laws of a submissive wife?
- Jim:** Uh, sure guys we can do that. I just need to get another tape. I'll be right back. (*Exits*)
- Pat:** Great! Your inane blabbering is getting us cut from the video.
- Patty:** Sure it's not your boring comments? (*She snores and pretends to sleep.*)
- Pat:** Oh, just keep on pushing my buttons. You've turned out just like my mother warned, bitter and controlling!
- Patty:** At least I'm not a bloated old hag like her!

Pat and Patty start shouting over each other. Pat is yelling about how his mother is better than Patty: a better cook, more frugal, better with the kids. Patty is ranting about all Pat's slovenly habits: toenails on the floor, floss bits on the mirror etc. Jim

*enters and watches in disbelief. **Patty** realizes **Jim** is there and quietly tries to quiet **Pat** down.*

Pat: Momma told me. Don't marry that woman, Pat. And momma was right! I never, ever, ever should have married you (*he sees **Jim***) so late in my life and missed out on so much joy.

Jim: You do realize the camera has been running the whole time. (*Cut to the on stage camera. **Pat** and **Patty** look into it with dread then look at each other*) I suppose you'll want this tape?

Pat: (*Trying to look dignified*) Indubitably.

Lights out. The end.