

A script from



“Conversation with Mom”

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- What** Moms never stop being moms. Julie, a mom herself, realizes that *her* mom just wants the best for her. (Themes: mom, parenting, advice, wisdom)
- Who** 1 Female- mid 20's-40's
- When** Present day
- Wear
(Props)** Couch
Phone
Laundry basket
- Why** Proverbs 23:25
- How** Have the actress on or by a couch talking on her phone- folding clothes, clipping coupons, or doing something to maximize her time- to give her some levels to work with. The actress will have to practice the timing with talking and listening to imaginary people on the phone. Facial expressions and body movements are crucial.
- Time** Approximately 2-4 minutes

Julie is talking on the phone to her friend when her own mother calls in.

Julie: *(lights up)* Did you see it? Oh, it was good. No, the bachelor looked right at her and said, "I love you, but I also love Tina". She was mortified. It was a train wreck. I couldn't tear my eyes away from it. I TiVo'd it if you want to see it. I've watched that part like three times already. Once, in slow motion, I swear there is a millisecond where you can actually see her heart breaking and dreams being crushed. Tim is all like, *(impersonating husband)* "Julie, why do you watch that stuff? You know it's not real. It's all editing". Oh, it's real alright. It's real... *(Julie pauses)*. Hold on, someone is calling.

Hello? Hey mom. Yes, I heard about the new case of flu. I don't think there is anything to worry... Mom... Mom.... *(cannot get a word in)* Yes, Scott had a runny nose but I don't think that would be considered part of the epidemic... Mom... if you... Mom... I was going... Mom! Let me get off the other line and we can talk about this. *(clicks over)*

Hey girl, I need to let you go. I've got the Center for Disease Control on the other line- AKA my Mother. *(laughs; beat)* Oh, hey Mom. *(mortified that she said that to her mother)* I thought you were the other line. That was a joke by the way *(she laughs weakly)*. Hold on. *(clicks over, holds the button down for a longer period of time just to make sure.)*

Hey, Beth, is this you? Hey I will call you back. My mom is on the other line. The world is coming to an end... again. Talk to you later. *(pushes button)*.

Hey Mom, sorry about that. Yes, I've seen the news. I do plan on taking my kids to school. So far, I don't see a reason for not... yes I said I... well, if you would... Mom... Mom... Mom.... Mom... Mom... Mom... *(play this for laughs; she holds the phone away from her and says under breath)* She still thinks I'm 17 years old. *(puts phone back to her head)* Mom! Would you let me talk for a minute!

I was just going to tell you that I have... *(thinking about conversation)* this overwhelming love for you. I know you call 'cause you care. I know you sit around the house all the time and think of us and that's why I get these phone calls. I hope my kids won't mind me calling them one day when they have kids. I promise I'll watch the news and figure out what to do... and I hear what you are saying and it makes sense. Thanks for loving my kids mom. *(beat)* I'm not going to take Scotty to the doctor over the runny nose, but I see why you would be concerned. *(listening)*

Ok... thanks for the phone call. Mom? *(beat)* I love you. *(beat)*.

What? No, I'm not crying. My allergies are just acting up a little. Hmm? I DID see the Bachelor! Wasn't that incredible?! I swear *(as if they are both*