

A script from



“Love Handles”

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What God is love and love handles anything.
Themes: Love, Problems, Rest, Burdens

Who Seller
Customer

When Present Day

Wear (Props) Seller could be in a business suit. Customer could be in casual apparel. Avoid logos and otherwise “busy” or distracting prints.

Props include lots of handles labeled with a heart “tag” of sorts dangling from each one. This could be a large wall of handles all displayed and removable, or drawers or suitcases full of handles, bags, cart, etc. whatever your staging requires for your space and actors.

Why 1 John 4:8, Matthew 11:28

How Quick banter pace but be sure not to rush.

Time Approximately 4 minutes

On stage the **Seller** stands proudly by with all the love handles.

Enter the **Customer** who is just seemingly walking by when they spot the **Seller** and curiously approach.

Seller: Hi there!

Customer: Hi. (Looking past the **Seller** to the wall of handles a little confused) What are those?

Seller: They're love handles.

Customer: Love handles?

Seller: Yes. I sell them.

Customer: You sell love handles?

Seller: Yep.

Customer: Love handles.

Seller: Yes.

Customer: How's business?

Seller: Oh, it's great! People love their love handles.

Customer: (Skeptical) Really?

Seller: Yep.

Customer: They love love handles?

Seller: Yes.

Customer: They *want* love handles?

Seller: Absolutely.

Customer: They just gotta have their love handles?

Seller: You seem confused.

Customer: I seem confused?

Seller: Yes.

Customer: You're the one that I think is confused.

Seller: Me?

Customer: Yes.

Seller: Why do you say that?

Customer: Because you're selling love handles.

Seller: Yeah...so?

Customer: I hate to break it to you, but...uh, nobody *wants* love handles.

Seller: Sure they do!

Customer: No they don't.

Seller: Of course they do.

Customer: They really don't.

Seller: Then how is it that I run out of love handles every single day?

Customer: Seriously?

Seller: Seriously.

Customer: Every day?

Seller: Every day. People need love. It helps them handle all their problems.

Customer: Wait. You're saying love handles help people?

Seller: Well, yeah. I wouldn't sell them if they were just gonna be, oh, I dunno...extra weight just hangin' around where you don't want it.

Customer: Are we talking about the same thing?

Seller: Love handles.

Customer: Yeah, love handles.

Seller: Yeah, love *handles*.

Customer: I'm lost.

Seller: There's a handle for that!

Customer: What?

Seller: For being lost. There's a handle for that. (*Scouring the handles selection*) It's riiiiight...here! (*Reading heart tag*) "When you're lost love handles the confusion and will guide you to the right path." (*Hands handle to Customer*)

Customer: I think you're crazy. (*Looking around for confirmation*) Am I alone in this?

Seller: Loneliness! (*Looking through handles*) Loneliness, loneliness, lonli...ah! Here it is. (*Reading tag*) Love handles any loneliness because with love you are never alone. (*Hands handle to Customer*)

Customer: Well, I think you're marketing strategy is going to need an overhaul or you may go broke.

Seller: Broke! We got that covered too! (*Looking through handles again and finding one*) See? Right here. (*Showing it to Customer*) "Love handles the following broken things: broken hopes, broken dreams, broken vows, broken promises, broken hearts, etcetera etcetera and so on and so forth. (*Hands handle to Customer*)

Customer: I think you're missing my point.

Seller: And I think you're missing mine.

Customer: I'm afraid I'm just not buying into this whole *wanting* love handles thing.

Seller: You're afraid? Well, you're in luck because...(looking again)

Customer: Let me guess.

Seller pulls out handle displaying it proudly.

Both: There's a handle for that!

Seller: Now you're getting it!

Customer: What about rejection?

Over the following, every time the **Seller** says "There's a handle for that" they look to find and discover the appropriate handle handing it to the **Customer** every time until the **Customer** is heavy laden with love handles.

Seller: There's a handle for that.

Customer: Hopelessness.

Seller: There's a handle for that.

Customer: Anger.

Seller: There's a handle for that.

Customer: Pain.

Seller: There's a handle for that! *(pulling out handle after handle as they say the following)* Bitterness, Hatred, Pride, Shame, Frustration, Disappointment, Worry, Doubt. *(Puts them all in **Customer's** arms)* If you can feel it, I'll bet you that love handles it.

Customer: *(A little overwhelmed looking at all the handles)* Wow. I think I get it now. Love handles! Well, I think I'm covered for a while. I don't think I need any more love handles.

Seller: Yeah, I can see that. You should probably lay off the Twinkies for a while.

Customer: Wait, what?

Seller: It's a joke. Get it? Love handles?

Customer: How much do I owe you?

Seller: It's on the house.

Customer: Really?

Seller: It's always *(pointing up with two fingers to heaven)* on the house.

Customer: Wow. Thanks. *(Exiting)* Thanks a lot!

Seller: *(Smiles as they watch the **Customer** go then looking back at the "stock" noticing it's empty packs up shop and says)* Yep. All out again.

Exit