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## "Mother's Trust"

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**What** As Cam prepares to take her infant son for immunizations, she fears for the pain

he will experience, and the pain she'll feel as a result. God reminds Cam that her

love for her son is a lot like the love and care God has for her.

Themes: Mother's Day, Motherhood, Parenting, Trust, Women, Encouragement

**Who** Cam– a young mother

Doug- a young father

God

When Present

Why

**Wear** No props needed (**Props**)

**How** DSL = Down Stage Left

USL = Up Stage Left

Proverbs 3:5-6, Romans 8:28

Cam should stand center stage and address the audience in a serious tone, so that it's a surprise to the audience when we learn that she's actually talking to a

baby.

**Time** Approximately 3 minutes

Cam stands center stage, directly facing the audience.

Cam: So, here's the thing. I'm gonna need you to trust me. I know it might be

scary and it might be a little painful, but it's going to be ok.

**Doug** enters DSL, looking skeptically at **Cam**.

Cam: I love you. I don't want to watch you cry or watch you question my love

for you, but you might. And that's ok. Just know that I do love you, and it's ok that you don't understand everything right now. Just trust me.

Really trust me.

**Doug:** You ok?

**Cam:** I'm just explaining to Hunter about tomorrow.

Cam looks back towards the audience.

**Cam:** There's a reason that I'm allowing this to happen. It's going to help you.

It's going to avoid hurt and suffering in the future. In the end, a small

amount of pain is going to prevent massive amounts of pain.

**Doug** comes and stands beside **Cam**. He also looks directly out into the audience.

**Doug:** You know he's barely a year, right?

Cam: That's the frustrating part. Tomorrow he's going to be in pain and I'm

going to be there holding him down. It's going to look like I want to

hurt him, like I'm the cause of his pain.

**Doug:** You're not torturing our son. You're just taking him to the doctor for his

shots.

Cam: I wish he could understand that.

**Doug:** Well, no matter how much you try and explain it to him, I don't think

he's going to get it.

Cam: I love him so much. I hate when he cries.

**Doug:** That's ok. But this pain has a purpose.

**Cam:** But he can't understand that right now.

**Doug:** That's ok too.

Pause.

**Cam:** I'll be right out. Let me just finish putting him to bed.

Doug: Kay.

Doug exits DSL.

**Cam:** *(to the audience)* Goodnight, sweetheart. I love you.

Cam moves slightly DSL, shuts her eyes and kneels down.

Cam: Lord, this whole being-a-mom thing is hard. Most days I'm just winging

it. I know you are my heavenly Father and that you love me.

God enters from USL and stands behind Cam, looking directly at her.

**Cam:** I want to parent my child the way that you parent your children. Help.

Father, sometimes it feels like I'm not enough.

**God:** But I'm always enough.

Cam: Being a parent has opened my eyes to fear...real fear. Is that terrible to

say?

God: No.

Cam: I knew that being a mom would bring joy, but I guess I didn't know it

would also bring anxiety, worry, frustration—I'm going to cry harder than he is tomorrow. Parenting is hard, sometimes it's painful. And I only have one son. How am I ever going to do this with more kids? Help.

God: So, here's the thing. I'm gonna need you to trust me. I know it might be

scary and it might be a little painful, but it's going to be ok. I love you. I don't want to watch you cry or watch you question my for love you, but you might. And that's ok. Just know that I do love you, and it's ok that you don't understand everything right now. Just trust me. Really trust

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Lights fade.

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