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## **“First Thanksgiving”**

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- What** Hosting her first Thanksgiving has Avery in a grocery store panic, until a voice of experience provides a “reality check” about hospitality.  
**Themes:** Thanksgiving, Women’s Ministries, Family, Hospitality
- Who** Avery  
Phyllis
- When** Present day, a few days before Thanksgiving; in a grocery store
- Wear (Props)** Table containing several bags of potatoes  
Boxes which should appear to contain potatoes or other vegetables  
Avery wears casual clothes; Phyllis wears a work smock and plastic gloves
- Why** 1 Peter 4: 9-11
- How** The effectiveness of this script depends largely on playing up the contrast between the two characters. Avery appears young, uncertain, inexperienced, and impulsive; Phyllis appears experienced, mature, gracious, and confident.
- Time** Approximately 5-6 minutes

*A grocery store in the produce section. **Avery** is standing at a table displaying several varieties of potatoes, a little confused. **Phyllis**, a store employee, is stocking additional produce at an adjacent table.*

**Avery:** Yukon gold... russet...or white? New? *New* potatoes? Are the rest of these *old*?

**Phyllis:** Finding everything you need?

**Avery:** Oh, I'm all set. *(A little hesitantly)* I think.

**Phyllis:** All right. My name's Phyllis. Let me know if I can help.

**Avery:** It's just that it's my first Thanksgiving. You know, the first time I'm hosting it at my house. And I have to do it right.

**Phyllis:** Well! You've come to the right place.

**Avery:** I know, you've got everything here. Jewel yam? What's a jewel yam?

**Phyllis:** Actually, I meant you've come to the right place because I've hosted Thanksgiving for the last thirty-five years.

**Avery:** Thirty-five YEARS?

**Phyllis:** And that's a sweet potato.

**Avery:** Oh no! I hadn't even thought about sweet potatoes!

**Phyllis:** I don't think the average person does much thinking about sweet potatoes.

**Avery:** Until Thanksgiving. And then *everyone* thinks about sweet potatoes.

**Phyllis:** *(Indicating the table **Avery** is in front of)* I'm guessing you already have potatoes on the menu. I'd say you're fine.

**Avery:** My grandma always had at least three kinds of potatoes at Thanksgiving. Mashed, roasted, scalloped...and that's not even counting the sweet potato casserole with those mini marshmallows.

**Phyllis:** Little heavy on the starch, I'd say.

**Avery:** Seriously. My grandma invented the "carb coma".

**Phyllis:** You have your menu already planned?

**Avery:** *(Taking out her list)* Almost. It's just that I keep moving things around...

**Phyllis:** Well, you've got your turkey, I'm sure. That's one thing that's set in stone.

**Avery:** Sort of. I mean, I *have* the turkey and it's thawing and all that. But then, do I stuff it? And then what do I stuff it with? I was going to do a cornbread stuffing, but my mom's bringing a corn casserole, and I don't want to be redundant. But then if I do the cranberry baguette stuffing, it'll clash with the pomegranate salad.

**Phyllis:** Actually, cranberries and pomegranate seeds are paired fairly frequently.

**Avery:** But this is in two different dishes and I don't want them to compete.

**Phyllis:** What else are you working with?

**Avery:** Brussels sprouts. I don't understand this trend with Brussels sprouts. Since when are they a delicacy? Aren't they the vegetable everyone's supposed to hate?

**Phyllis:** If you don't like them, you don't have to serve them.

**Avery:** But I do. Apparently every world class chef prepares Brussels sprouts on Thanksgiving now.

**Phyllis:** Then I guess you'll have to grin and bear it.

**Avery:** Ugh.

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**ENDING:**

**Avery:** You forgot the sweet potatoes?!

**Phyllis:** And no one noticed.

**Avery:** Reality check. So where should I start?

**Phyllis:** Well, first, I would thank God for putting these people in my life. And then I would ask how I can bless them. Then I would make a plan. And then I would throw out the magazines.

**Avery:** It would remove some of the pressure.

**Phyllis:** There you go. Then you put in the work, and then you open the door and smile.

**Avery:** And offer them their choice of simple starch?

**Phyllis:** You've got it!

**Avery:** Hey- thank you so much for the advice. It means a lot to me.

**Phyllis:** A lot? As in...enough for that pomegranate salad recipe?

**Avery:** *(Incredulous)* You want my recipe?

**Phyllis:** I think it's exactly what my menu's missing.

**Avery:** I'll bring it in first thing tomorrow morning.

**Phyllis:** Perfect. Happy first Thanksgiving, honey.

*Lights out.*