

A script from



“Present Day Parables: Hidden Treasures”

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What	Based on the Parable of the Hidden Treasure, Ron and Pam stop at a rundown gas station and find more than they bargained for. Themes: Bible Stories, Kingdom of Heaven
Who	Ron Pam
When	Present
Wear (Props)	Modern clothes Bag or cardboard box
Why	Matt 13:44-46
How	Ron and Pam are pretty straight forward. Ron begins the scene slightly oblivious to the problem, but remains determined and polite as Pam gets more upset. Pam is understandably hurt and confused without being materialistic. The actress shouldn't be afraid to portray these emotions in their fullness if possible.
Time	Approximately 3 minutes

Ron & Pam enter.

Pam: Ron, can't we go anywhere else? This place is junky.

Ron: But if we are gunna get those chips we're looking for, we gotta try. You know only the unique places have them. Besides, I kinda gotta go. It'll just take a second.

Pam: Whatever. If you feel a run-down, country bumpkin gas station is the best place for it, then just hurry up. And don't touch anything.

Ron: Ok. Be right back. *(Runs off stage)*

Pam: *(Crosses arms and looks around as if she is upset and nervous.)*

Ron: *(Comes running back, breathing heavily)* Honey, I need the number of our attorney.

Pam: *(Pulls out cell phone and hands it to Ron)* Ron, are you ok?

Ron: *(Dialing a number)* Actually, I'm better than ever. Things are going to change for us.

Pam: *(Calm but very nervous)* Ron, what happened to you back there? Do I even want to know?

Ron: *(Talking on phone)* Hey Dale, It's Ron. Yeah, I'm sorry it's so late. I just need you to do me a favor: Sell everything. The house, the car, the hamsters, *everything!!*

Pam: *(Livid)* WHAT??

Ron: *(Holds up a "one second" finger casually)* Uh huh...that's right. Yeah we are going to need to sell both cars, all the furniture, *(pauses)* yeah, go ahead and sell the artwork. Pam's mother's quilts have to go too.

Pam: You hang up that phone right now!

Ron: Ok Dale, thanks. Yes, I'm sure. Just get whatever you can out of it. I want it all gone by the end of the week. And Pam says "hi". *(Hangs up)*

Pam: *(Tries to take the phone away from Ron)* You call him back right now and get back my mom's quilts.

Ron: I can't. We need every penny. I'm going to buy this place.

Pam: *(Stares in shock)* Ron, you are not going to this junky old gas station! Look around! Dirt! Lots of dirt! and like two people who I wouldn't trust to wash the windshield correctly. This isn't even a main highway. Where are we going to live? We won't even have the quilts to cover up while we sleep on rocks in the rain.

Ron: *(Pauses)* OK I know why you're upset. I forgot about the chips. But this is WAAAAAY cooler.

Pam: *(Stares at Ron)*

Ron: You don't understand. I found something.

Pam: What don't I understand?! One: This place is trashy. Two: You want to sell all of our stuff to buy it. Three: We don't need or want this place. What is so important?

Ron: *(Calling on the phone again)* Hey Jill, it's Ron. Hey listen, effective immediately, I am resigning. Will you do me a favor and see how quick I can get my 401k deposited in my bank account?

Pam: ARE YOU INSANE? What do you think you are doing? Is this a joke?

Ron: *(Changing goofy tone to more serious)* In all seriousness Pam. I found something very special in that gas station.

Pam: *(Almost belligerent)* Like what?

Ron: I don't know how to describe it to you. It's very valuable. Very valuable.

Pam: I can't even begin to believe this.

Ron: Listen, I am going to buy this place.

Pam: You don't even know who owns it! You're crazy. *(Starts to cry)* You can't just expect me to think you can actually get rid of everything. A roof over our heads, our things, MY things. **Our shelter, our comfort, our future.** You give away your job! Do you realize this ratty gas station that doesn't do any good to anyone is all we will have?! What spaceship did you come off of to suddenly give away everything?

Ron: I don't know. I just feel it. This... thing. It's worth everything and more. I have to make sure this stays with me, with us, for our whole lives. I went in looking for chips and I found...*(trails off)* I'm gonna buy this gas station, not for the dirty building. I'm going to buy it because of what

I've found. I can't let it get taken from us. This is going to change our lives. It will be worth it. I promise. Here...let me show you *(exits)*.

Pam: This unbearable man. His mother spoiled him too much. He can't even get off the couch during the Super Bowl and now...

Ron enters with a bag or cardboard box.

Ron: Look!

Pam: *(Look at box & back at Ron, speechless.)*

Ron: This is just the beginning.

Pam: *(Overwhelmed)* I've got some cash I've been saving on the side. You're right. This is everything now.

Ron: Come on

Pam and **Ron** exit.