

A script from



“Riches or Relationships”

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- What** A young brother and sister visit a family counselor to talk through what went wrong and fractured their family. **Themes:** Money, Finances, Family, Mom, Dad, Children, Parents, Wealth, Peace
- Who** Sister
Brother
- When** Present
- Wear (Props)** Couch
Brother and Sister should be dressed casually
- Why** Proverbs 3:3, 14:30, 10:12
- How** Keep the dialogue conversational and real. Be careful not to overact. When speaking to the "counselor", have a focal point in mind so that you are both looking at the same thing.
- Time** Approximately 8-10 minutes

Sister and Brother enter. They sit on a couch in a family counselor's office.

Sister: Why? Why do I have to tell you?

Brother: Just answer his question.

Sister: I don't want to answer his question. He doesn't need to know.

Brother: We have to.

Sister: I don't even know why we're in family counseling in the first place.

Brother: You know why.

Sister: It's not our fault.

Brother: Just answer his question.

Sister: Fine. What did you want to know? Mom and Dad?

Pause as they listen to an imagined counselor restate his question.

Sister: I guess when I was eight, or so. Things were fine up to then.

Brother: Mom and Dad are both like really driven, I guess? You know, what I mean? Dad worked at his managing job doing...

Sister: ...manage-y things.

Brother: Right. Whatever. And Mom is a writer.

Sister: She wrote for the paper. She was always off doing some interview or something. Actually that's when things really took off for her. When I was 8.

Brother: We moved.

Sister: We used to live in this little house.

Brother: It wasn't so little.

Sister: It seemed little. Compared to our new house.

Brother: Our old house.

Sister: *(Beat)* Anyway, she got her new job,

Brother: Dad got his promotion to more manage-y type things.

Sister: They were both super happy.

Brother: We were happy too, I guess. We didn't know any better. Dad got us this huge house-

Sister: It had a curving staircase in the foyer. Like in the movies where the girl comes down in her prom dress and everyone just oohs and ahhs.

Brother: We each had huge rooms. We got rid of that old beater. The swagger-wagon.

Sister: I liked the swagger-wagon

Brother: It was a station wagon

Sister: Sport wagon.

Brother: You liked it better than the Expedition?

Sister: Yeah.

Brother: Weird.

Sister: Anyway, so yeah, that's when it all started. Pretty much everything got good.

Brother: And then it got really bad.

Sister: Not at first. At first it wasn't bad, just...

Brother: Busy.

Sister: Really busy.

Brother: For them. Mom and Dad.

Sister: Mom started working Sundays.

Brother: Dad would come home super late, like after we were in bed.

Sister: Once, I went an entire week without seeing him.

Brother: He wasn't traveling. We just didn't see him.

Sister: Mom said he was trying to get caught up.

Brother: They were both always trying to get caught up.

Sister: We got a house cleaner to keep up with the house work. No one had time to dust or vacuum.

Brother: We got a lawn care service.

Sister: A laundry service.

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ENDING:

Sister: It's not bad, you know. Grandma has a small house and a crappy car. But we eat together every night.

Brother: We take care of the house together.

Sister: Mom has more time for us. We actually talk again. It's not fun, but we do talk.

Brother: That's all we ever wanted, you know.

Sister: Just to hang out together.

Brother: We just wanted to be a family.

Sister: We never needed all that stuff. We just wanted Mom and Dad.

Brother: Does that answer your question? *(Lights fade.)*