

A script from



“What the Stick Said”

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- What** You have two kids and it's time to get on with life, right? Well, only if that's what God has in mind. In this skit two friends talk over the nature of God's plans while waiting on a pregnancy test. (Themes: My Plans vs. God's will, Anxiety, Perspective, Friends, Pregnancy)
- Who** Karen
Julie
- When** Present day
- Wear (Props)** A living room set is optional.
- Why** Jeremiah 29:11, Psalm 115:3
- How** Do your best not to “act” this skit at all. Make it as real as possible. The moment the audience sees that you are acting, and this isn't just a “peek through the windows”, the effectiveness and connection is lost.
- Time** Approximately 6-8 minutes

Karen is already on stage and Julie enters.

- Julie:** Okay. The box says just a few minutes and I'll know.
- Karen:** So how are you doing?
- Julie:** Oh I'm fine. It's probably nothing. All in my imagination. You know. False alarm. (*Pause*) Oh who am I kidding! This is awful! I can't believe this is happening! What am I going to do? (*Big gasp*)
- Karen:** What? What's wrong? (*Julie speaks unclearly through crying*) What?
- Julie:** My Martha Stewart bedroom!
- Karen:** Your what?
- Julie:** I just redecorated my guest room like Martha Stewart, and now it has to be a baby's room. (*Sobs*)
- Karen:** Oh, it's okay. You'll be fine. You don't know yet if it has to be a baby's room, and if it does, you can still do Martha Stewart. Everything will be okay.
- Julie:** No, it won't. You don't understand. Alex will start kindergarten next year. I've got both kids in school now. My ducks are in a row! This is not part of the plan!
- Karen:** You know God's ways are not our ways (*Sharp look from Julie*) Sorry. Um... how about... God is building character in your life? (*Sharp look*) Okay, okay! Let me think. I've got it! That which does not kill us makes us stronger. (*Julie rolls her eyes*) Alright, so I'm not a therapist.
- Julie:** I just don't understand. Things were so perfect. Derek just got promoted at work and we can finally be debt free. Things were going to be better financially. And now, with the possibility of a baby... it just throws a kink in everything. I don't mean to sound selfish. I realize that's how I sound. Having to buy all that baby food again.
- Karen:** Formula.
- Julie:** Diapers.
- Karen:** All those bottles.
- Julie:** All my clothes ruined by spit up again.
- Karen:** No sleep for months.
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- Karen:** But... a baby... those little hands squeezing your finger.
- Julie:** *(It takes her a second, but she starts to like the sound of it)* Those little baby gurgles.
- Karen:** First smiles.
- Julie:** First words.
- Karen:** That fuzzy head.
- Julie:** Little diapered bottoms.
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- Julie:** *(Snapping back to reality)* I cannot believe this. You know, just when you think you're in control of everything something like this happens and you realize you're in control of nothing. Does God think this is funny? *(To God)* Do you think this is funny? I don't know if I can do this. My life is changing so fast. Things are going so fast. I just now finished losing all the weight I gained with Alex and Maribeth. I've started doing some contractual work again. This was not the plan. Derek and I were really starting to reconnect again. What's he going to say when he finds out?
- Karen:** Do you think he'll be mad?
- Julie:** I don't know.

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