

A script from



“Extreme Love”

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- What** A new dad gets a lesson from a veteran dad on how much his life is about to change now that his daughter has come into the world. (Themes: Fatherhood, Parenting, True Love, Sacrifice)
- Who** Mike
Dave
- When** Present day
- Wear (Props)** None
- Why** Romans 8: 38-39
- How** Keep the dialogue conversational and light. The two men are facing the “nursery”, so make sure the focus stays on the baby, which is towards the audience.
- Time** Approximately 4-5 minutes

Dave is standing face front. We learn that he is looking into the window of the newborn nursery at the hospital. Dave is somber as if he is in another world. Mike joins Dave also facing front looking through the window.

Mike: Hey, Dave.

Dave: Hey, Mike. How's it going?

Mike: Doing okay. Which one is yours?

Dave: She's the one in the middle right there.

Mike: Ohh. She's a cutie.

Dave: *(Lost in thought)* She's perfect. You know I have to admit when Carol told me we were going to have a baby I wasn't exactly...

Mike: Overjoyed?

Dave: Exactly. And now I'm just so...

Mike: Nauseous?

Dave: *(chuckling)* Yeah, nauseous. But...how do I explain it? I feel...

Mike: Madly in love? Like your life finally has meaning?

Dave: Like I'm part of some sort of club now. It's like yesterday I was so worried about hospital bills and college funds and daycare. And now I see her and I know that I would give her everything I have. I thought this "dad" thing would be easy. What was there to know? You make sure they have food and clothes and a roof over their heads, but now I feel like I know nothing.

Mike: Just wait until she hits puberty. I've got one in high school and let me tell you- this is the easy part. They turn 13 and suddenly Dad is a moron and knows nothing at all. They want to start doing such grown up things, but all you see is that tiny little thing sleeping soundly.

Dave: Does this feeling ever change?

Mike: No, it just gets worse...I mean stronger. They grow on you, ya know? I felt just like you when we had our first... and then the second...and then the third. I didn't know about the whole baby thing either. I just knew I'd give anything for them. When they start to get older and learn all about free will and the word "no," that's when it starts to hit home.

Dave: What hits home?