



“Jamaica For Jesus”

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SCENE 1

Guide:

Tonight, you will become an active participant in our story. You will be an eyewitness into the lives of two families, the Lawsons and the Clarks. These families are such special friends. They have known each other for many years and spend quite a bit of time together. Tonight is a birthday party for Jennifer Lawson, who has turned 18 today. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawson, are here to celebrate along with her younger brother, Jamey.

Mike Clark is here and just happens to be a very special friend of Jen (if you know what I mean?!). His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clark, are here too, along with Mike's younger brother, Tony.

Sprinkle in a few friends, old pictures, and lots of memories and you have our first stop of the evening. Something significant is going to happen tonight. Let's join the celebration!!!

(Friends and family are sitting around the living room watching a video that has been put together)

Mrs. Clark: There we are!! Me, you and Francis. Look at those bathing beauties.

Mrs. Lawson: You mean beached whales don't you? (they laugh together) Weren't we about 6 months pregnant in that picture? We kinda look like the three musketeers.

Tony: The three musketeers never looked like that. You look like you're about to pop.

Jamey: (to Tony) Who's Francis?

Tony: She was one of mom's best friends and her daughter Lisa was one of Jen's best friends. Lisa was a babe----

Mr. Clark: (to Tony with a raised eyebrow) Tony, go get me some more popcorn, please.

Tony: Ah, Dad, it's just getting good. (Tony exits grudgingly)

Mrs. Clark: Here it is. This is the good part. Jen! Mike! Come on in. This is the part you've gotta see.

(Mike and Jen enter) (Tony returns too, with the popcorn)

Mike: OK everybody quiet. This is where it all began.

Jen: Where did you get that picture? Oh my goodness, would you look at that. That's the teddy bear you gave me for my 5th birthday. He looked a lot younger then since he more hair. Sorry, Dad. (Jen holds bear up to screen as if comparing the "young" teddy to the one she's holding) (Video footage shows Mike and Jen as small children)

(Everyone is enjoying the video with ad-lib comments now and then)

Jen: Mike you loved me even back then. I could see it in your eyes.

Tony: I'm gonna be sick!

Mike: OK Tony. You'll find out one day that girls your own age DON'T have cooties.

Tony: No way, dude!!!!

Mrs. Clark: I can't believe how much time our families have spent together over the years. I had forgotten about a lot of this. What memories.

Mr. Clark: And Lisa--what ever happened to Lisa?

Jen: When her mom and dad split up she lived with her mom for a while, but they couldn't seem to get along. She finally went to live with her dad, but that wasn't much better.

Jamey: The last I heard she dyed her hair and had tattoos all over. Yuck!!!

Jen: I don't think it was THAT bad, but she was out of control and heading in the wrong direction.

Tony: Hey where am I in these pictures? These are all of Mike and Jen. Who put this video together?

Mr. Clark: We all helped out with this project to make Jen's birthday extra special. This is a celebration of friendship and of relationships that last a lifetime.

Mr. Lawson: Here, here!! (as in a toast)

Mrs. Lawson: Yeah, we know everything about each other and we're still best friends.

Mike: And so are we!!! (to Jen)

Tony: (in a girl's voice) Oh, Jen..... (dramatically making kissing sounds on the back of his hand)

(Mr. Clark covers Tony's head with a pillow)

Jen: Oh, Mike you saved my life there. (watching a clip of the two swimming) Remember that?

Mike: You almost drowned me on that trip. I thought I'd never get all the water out of my lungs.

Jamey: (sarcastically) And all to keep Jen's hair from getting wet!!!

(Mike throws a hand full of popcorn at Jamey)

Jen: We were at Panama City Beach with Lisa. (Lisa is shown in the video.) You had a crush on her, didn't you?

Mike: No I didn't.

Jen: You did too.

Mike: (sarcastically) Mr. Lawson, you be careful when you and Mrs. Lawson go on vacation to the beach next week. Don't let her talk you into carrying her on your shoulders through the water out to some distant sandbar JUST to keep her hair dry!!

Jen: Oh, you!!!! (punches him with her elbow)

Jen: I can't believe this. These pictures show every part of our lives. You haven't missed a thing!!

Mike: The most important picture isn't on there.

Jen: Wwwwat else is there??

Mike: A picture of me saying to my best friend, (motioning for the camera, Mike drops to one knee) "Jen, will you marry me"?

(Jen gasps and throws her hands over her face and sinks into the couch. Mike nervously tries to look into her face.)

Mike: Jen?

(Jen takes her hands down, looks at him with a blank stare, slowly stands to her feet as he stands to his feet, like mirror images)

Jen: (does "pull down" and says) YES- YES- YES!!!!!!

(room breaks out in pandemonium -- dads are shaking hands and swatting each other on the back--moms are hugging and squealing--little brothers have sunk down on the couch grossed out & popcorn is flying)