

# THREEFOLD CORD

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**BYLINE/ABSTRACT**

*A Faith and Family movie based on GOD's  
sovereign and wonderful ways of bringing  
a man and woman together in marriage in  
their later years - based on Ecclesiastes 4:12*

*"A THREEFOLD CORD is not quickly broken"*

CHAPEL OF THE BELLS, ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA - 1962

VIEW FROM THE REAR OF THE WEDDING CHAPEL SHOWING SEATED GUESTS, WEDDING PARTY AT FRONT OF CHAPEL, BRIDE AND GROOM IN CENTER FACING EACH OTHER WITH HANDS CLASPED AND MINISTER AT CENTER STAGE.

MINISTER

On this most special day in the lives of you, Daniel and Betsy, I want to direct your hearts to a very precious portion of God's Holy Word. In Ecclesiastes Chapter 4 and verse 12 God has given us a profound truth and a special promise to you, as you join together in Holy Matrimony. In that passage we read these words: A THREEFOLD CORD IS NOT QUICKLY BROKEN.

MINISTER

Daniel and Betsy - I have known you both for some time now and your testimonies of faith in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. In the bonds of marriage your relationship in truth will be THREEFOLD. It will be God, Daniel and Betsy. My earnest desire is that you will live out your years together keeping that truth ever before you. That THREEFOLD CORD will not quickly be broken and I believe you will have many wonderful years together keeping God at the center.

THE VIDEO WILL DISSOLVE INTO THE BRIDE AND GROOM COMING TOWARDS THE CHAPEL EXIT.

Traditional Recessional Music is played as the couple exits.

*Note*

*It is now 47 years later in the lives of Daniel and Betsy*

PRIVATE HOSPITAL ROOM IN PACIFIC NORTHWEST - 2009

Daniel gets out of chair next to Betsy's bed and leaves her room and goes to the nurses' station. Betsy's best friend Judy shows up to visit Betsy. Betsy is coughing frequently. She's on oxygen and I-V drips.

JUDY

(kissing Betsy's forehead) Oh, my Betsy! Sorry I didn't get by yesterday. Where's Daniel?

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BETSY

He went down to the Nurses'  
Station. He'll be back soon.  
(coughs)

JUDY

I'm so worried about you.

BETSY

I'll be ok, Judy. It's Daniel I'm  
worried about. Forty-seven years  
together. He's really holding on to  
me. Don't know if he can ever let  
me go.

LARGER HOSPITAL ROOM - SAME HOSPITAL

All three of Daniel and Betsy's children are keeping vigil in the same room with their Dad. Betsy's eyes have been closed for a long time. Her breathing is shallow and noisy. The children are speaking quietly with each other, not looking at their mother. Daniel's eyes are fixed on his dying wife Betsy. The wall clock shows 2AM and for a brief precious moment Daniel observes Betsy raise eyebrows dramatically over her still-closed eyes. To Daniel it looks as if a curtain was just pulled back for her that was hiding something breathtakingly beautiful.

DANIEL

(Looking towards the  
three children)

Did you see Mom's expression?

HANNAH

No, Dad. What?

DANIEL

She just raised her eyebrows like  
in a surprised delight.

PAUL

Dad ... Do you think she just saw  
into heaven?

DANIEL

Maybe the LORD just took her spirit  
and she's really not here with us  
any more.

Daniel opens Bible and reads verses about the River of God as George, Paul and Hannah listen.

SAME HOSPITAL ROOM. CLOCK NOW READING 4AM

Two nurses arrive and make some tests and observations. One places stethoscope on Betsy's chest.

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NURSE

I'm sorry. No sign of life. She's passed away.

The children turn sadly to leave the room. Paul and Daniel linger and are the last to leave.

PAUL

She's with the LORD now, Dad.  
Sorry. That's not Mom anymore.

Paul hugs his Dad and slowly the two turn and leave.

DANIEL AND BETSY'S HOUSE

It's Sunday after church. The boys and their Dad decide to engage in emotional diversion. They get clay targets, a big box of shells and Dad's 20 guage shotgun, taking turns flinging targets skyward into the gray and drippy Northwest November sky. Hannah opens the front door to watch the action. Daniel's little Cockapoo dog MOKI bolts off unnoticed into the forest to escape the noise of the shotgun. Hannah decides to join Daniel and her brothers, when George asks,

GEORGE

Where's MOKI?

HANNAH

Oh no! I think she's gone! Maybe the gun scared her.

All three and Daniel start calling for MOKI. It gets dark early in November and there is no response. Soon nearby coyote howling penetrates the silence.

GEORGE

This is terrible. We just lost Mom yesterday and now Dad's lost the little dog he loves. How can I even face telling my daughter this all happened! And I'm to blame with the shooting.

HANNAH

And I let her escape out the front door.

PAUL

We're all involved. We just gotta find her. We need to pray.

Daniel and the three children pray in the kitchen together.

DANIEL

I'm gonna call Brock and Judy.  
Maybe they can help us.

**-THREEFOLD CORD-**

GEORGE

Yeah Dad ... Brock's always been there to help you.

DANIEL

(On telephone)

Brock! We just lost MOKI. She got scared and ran off while we were shooting clay targets.

BROCK

That's what they do. They can't handle loud noises. I'll come over and help you look for her.

BROCK

(arriving)

Hey ... Do you have any favorite noise-making toy of hers?

Daniel grabs MOKI's small stuffed squeaking toy from her indoor kennel.

DANIEL

This is her very favorite, Brock. Makes a loud squeaking noise. (demonstrates)

BROCK

Ok. Which way did she take off?

GEORGE

I think she may have gone over the creek bridge. That's where the coyote howls were coming from too. Be awful if they got her ... She's so little.

A short while later Brock returns, soaking wet, with flashlight in hand and with a shivering and wet MOKI wrapped over and clinging to his shoulder. Everyone's eyes glisten, especially Daniel's. MOKI is passed from person to person and hugged. Hannah gets a towel from the bathroom to dry the dog.

GEORGE

Thank the LORD! He answered our prayers and Dad'll still have MOKI. We can't thank you enough, Brock!

**DANIEL AND BETSY'S FRONT PORCH**

It is two days later. Hannah has flown home to San Diego. George and Paul left early that day for the long drive back to San Diego. Daniel rises late on this first day of being alone and heads to the front porch. The sun is out on an unusually clear November morning. His eye focuses on the

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long porch eave and he's overwhelmed to see that all the hanging plant buckets which had long since lost their flowers are now beautifully filled with Betsy's artificial flowers which had been quietly removed from inside the house that morning.

Daniel dials George's cellphone

DANIEL

George, Dad here. When did you guys get up to leave?

GEORGE

Real early, Dad. We wanted to let you sleep.

DANIEL

You made the front porch look so cheerful and beautiful. Thanks. Love my sons so much! Drive safe. Call me when you get home.

GEORGE

Love you, Dad. Come down soon. And let us know when Mom's Memorial Service will be.

DANIEL

Will do. I do need time with the family. Bye.

COLUMBIA BIBLE CHURCH

A memorial service has just concluded at the church. Abby and her friend Lisa are discussing the passing of their friend Betsy.

LISA

She was one wonderful friend, wasn't she...battled that cancer seven years!

ABBY

Had a great sense of humor, too. When she quit working last summer I realized she was failing fast.

LISA

Daniel looks so sad. They were married almost forty-eight years. Wonder how he'll cope by himself with his whole family down in San Diego.

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ABBY

I know. He was so loving to her.  
His life revolved around her. We'll  
see him around town, at least for a  
while. We should try to cheer him  
up and bring that happy smile back.

LIVING ROOM OF DANIEL'S HOUSE

It is four month's after Betsy's death and Dr Ray Sterling is reviewing with Daniel the Ordination Vows he will be asking Daniel to make at next morning's Ordination Service at Columbia Bible Church.

DR STERLING

Daniel, I think since you just lost your dear wife and are now a single widower, we should leave this next one out when I read the vows tomorrow.

DANIEL

You mean the one about the wife?

DR STERLING

Yes. The one that asks you to affirm that your wife will go with you wherever the LORD leads and that she stands beside you as your willing co-laborer.

DANIEL

You know, Ray, let's leave it in. It'd be true if Betsy were still alive and besides, if the LORD should ever bless me with a new wife it would have to be a woman who'd do just the same and have the same commitment.

DR STERLING

OK. I know that part'll be emotionally hard for you tomorrow, but I'll put it in perspective with the congregation when we get to that one.

COLUMBIA BIBLE CHURCH

Dr Sterling and Daniel are both standing at the pulpit. Dr Sterling has just finished most of the vow recitations.



**-THREEFOLD CORD-**

DR STERLING

(Addressing the  
congregation)

This next vow is one that Daniel asked to be left in. As we all know, Daniel lost his dear wife Betsy just four months ago, but in honor of her and as the LORD may bring him yet another companion in later years he wanted it left in.

(turning to Daniel)

Daniel, do you affirm that your wife is willing to go with you wherever the LORD leads and that she stands by you as your willing co-laborer?

DANIEL

(choking back tears and  
barely able to speak)

Yes, she would.

OLD JZ'S HOUSE NEXT DOOR TO DANIEL'S HOUSE

It is the first summer after Betsy's death and old JZ's afternoon birthday party is underway on his lawn overlooking Cougar Creek. It will be the last celebration at JZ's house, since he will be moving to Salmon Creek. Daniel decides to walk down and give JZ a birthday card and mingle with the assembled guests. On arriving he notices Abby in her work uniform sitting next to Brad James from down the street. Abby and Daniel break into warm smiles as Daniel greets her.

DANIEL

Oh Hi, Abby. Looks like you're all ready for work.

ABBY

Yeah. Can't stay long. Gotta be at work at two-thirty today.

DANIEL

Good to see you...and Brad, too.

LISA'S BOUTIQUE STORE

It is a year after Daniel's Ordination. Abby is sitting at the counter sipping her 11 o'clock Latte before heading across the street to start her work shift. She turns to Lisa with a far-off dreamy look in her eyes.

ABBY

You know, Lisa, I've been thinking...It's been almost seven years since Marty left me for his new adventures with that woman in

(MORE)

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ABBY (cont'd)

Wyoming. I've really made some wrong choices in life and this internet match-making business isn't panning out. I'm not getting any younger.

LISA

Yeah, I know how you feel. But you're a beautiful woman with a beautiful heart...and you still look so young!

ABBY

Well, it's been more than a year since Daniel lost Betsy ... Do you think he might ever be a possibility? He knows she was a good friend of mine.

LISA

Oh, you might as well forget about him. I'm surprised he hasn't moved down to San Diego to be with his kids and grandkids. He probably stays buried in his computers out at his house.

ABBY

(Sighing)

Yeah, you're probably right. But ... who knows!

COLUMBIA CHOICE FOODS SUPERMARKET

Daniel has just finished picking up a few groceries. His wife Betsy's old friend Jeanette is out for the day visiting and is with him as he heads for the checkout area. Daniel looks over the checkouts and spots Abby who is just arriving back from her break taking over for her coworker Carla. The other lines are busy and she motions to Daniel.

ABBY

I just opened the register and I can check you out.

As Abby checks Daniel's groceries, Daniel is looking uncomfortable.

DANIEL

Oh Abby. I'd like you to meet my friend Jeanette. She's a long time friend of Betsy's. Betsy and I were her neighbors down in Southern California and she stopped out for a visit.

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ABBY

Hi. Nice to meet you.

Abby turns back to Daniel.

ABBY

Paper or plastic.?

DANIEL

Paper, I guess. (turning to Jeanette) If you know Abby you just don't dare ask for plastic. She hates plastic!

Daniel and Jeanette leave the store. Abby's smile quickly disappears as she waits on the next customer.

LISA'S BOUTIQUE STORE

ABBY

Well, Lisa. I guess I can forget the idea of Daniel as a possibility for me.

LISA

What makes you say that?

ABBY

Well...he was in the store yesterday getting groceries and he actually had a woman with him. Introduced her as an old friend of Betsy. She was obviously single. You know how those things develop. Said he and Betsy were her next door neighbors down south. Now she lives up here in the Northwest.

LISA

Maybe you're making too much of what happened. Don't give up!

LISA'S BOUTIQUE STORE

Daniel decides to stop by and have some afternoon tea and shortbread. Lisa makes him some Earl Grey.

LISA

How are you doing, Daniel?

DANIEL

OK...I guess. It's been over a year since I lost Betsy, but it's still hard to face that empty house. I get out as much as I can. Your place is always a cheerful hangout.

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LISA

Got any thoughts about moving away down to San Diego?

DANIEL

Nope. Not really. Too expensive in California. Besides, I can drive down whenever I feel like it. MOKI rides great in the car in her kennel. Hey...You know that gal Abby ... She ever been married?

LISA

Yes; to a real rotten dude who up and left her for another woman over in Wyoming. About seven years ago I think.

DANIEL

She's such an attractive lady with a super-pleasant personality. Very nice and always friendly. I know you are close to her.

LISA

Real close. The kids and I share her apartment. I consider Abby like a Mom to me. That's what I call her.

DANIEL

Let me ask you something, since you really know her. Do you think she is a Christian?

LISA

You bet she is. No doubt about it.

DANIEL

(looking very pleased)

Just curious, that's all. Abby just seems so different and so nice.

LISA

She's a wonderful person!

COLUMBIA CHOICE FOODS SUPERMARKET

August the 4th. Abby just had her birthday on the 1st. Daniel finishes his grocery shopping and heads over to checkstand number one to have Abby check him out. He knows Abby likes to be part of old JZ's birthday celebrations.

DANIEL

Hi Abby. Did you hear about JZ's 101st birthday party over at the Senior Center in Salmon Creek?

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ABBY

No. When is it?

DANIEL

It's this Saturday. Are you gonna go?

Abby reaches over behind her Cash Register and grabs her work schedule.

ABBY

Actually, I'm off Saturday. I'd really like to go.

DANIEL

Well, I'm going. Why don't we carpool together?

ABBY

Sure. Why not!

DANIEL

How about if I pick you up at your place? What's your phone number? I can call you.

Abby hastily writes her phone number on a scrap of paper and hands it to Daniel.

ABBY

You can call my cell tomorrow. I'm on Supper Break at four-thirty, and we can figure out the time for Saturday morning.

DANIEL

Thanks!

Daniel pushes his cart with the bagged groceries over to the store's greeting card rack and begins looking for a birthday card for JZ. A few minutes later Abby comes over to the card rack. She's on her scheduled break.

ABBY

I'm on break. I need to get a card for JZ too.

Daniel and Abby have a fun time looking over cards suitable for the "Old Geezer" JZ. After picking his card, Daniel starts flipping through some Belated Birthday cards.

ABBY

Do you need a card for someone else?

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DANIEL

Yeah ... Not sure what would be appropriate for my fun-loving daughter-in-law. I missed her birthday.

Daniel takes his card for JZ back over to the checkstand to pay for it and Abby shows up with a card in her hand just as he is next in line for checkout. She hands it to Daniel.

ABBY

I found this one. Might work for your daughter-in-law.

Daniel quickly reads the card and smiles with amazement.

DANIEL

Wow, this is perfect for Sally. She'll get the biggest kick out of this. It's almost like you know her.

DANIEL'S HOUSE

It is now late Friday afternoon. Daniel dials Abby to firm up Saturday's plans.

DANIEL

Hi Abby.

ABBY

Hi!

DANIEL

How about if I pick you up about eleven. That'll give us plenty of time.

Abby then throws Daniel an unexpected curve.

ABBY

Sounds good to me. You know, we should probably invite Brad James too. He always goes to JZ's Birthday Parties and we'd have room to take him along.

At this point Daniel is crestfallen, since he remembers Abby sitting next to Brad at previous Birthday Parties. He doesn't want Abby to make the invite!

DANIEL

OK. How about if I call him tonight and invite him along? I've got his phone number and he lives right down the street from me.

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ABBY

Yeah ... You can pick him up first on the way to my apartment.

DANIEL

Alright. I'll see you in the morning. Bye Abby.

ABBY

Bye.

DANIEL'S HOUSE

DANIEL

Hey Brad, Abby and I were planning on driving over together to JZ's Birthday Party tomorrow. I could pick you up and the three of us can ride over together. It'd be about a quarter to eleven.

BRAD

Good idea. Give me a jingle in the morning when you're leaving your house.

DANIEL

Will do. Take care.

DANIEL'S HOUSE

It's just after ten-thirty. Daniel phones Brad.

BRAD

Hello.

DANIEL

OK, Brad, I'm just now leaving to pick you up.

BRAD

I'm gonna have to bow out on the party. I ate a bunch of raspberries last night and they gave me bad diverticulitis. Got a lot of pain in my gut this morning.

DANIEL

That's too bad. Hope you get better soon.

BRAD

It'll go away. This hits me now and then. I just gotta watch what I eat. You guys give JZ my best and tell him I'm sorry I couldn't make it.

**-THREEFOLD CORD-**

DANIEL

Will do. See ya.

ABBY'S APARTMENT

Daniel parks his car and knocks on sliding door of Abby's apartment. Abby is in bathroom with door open. She's almost ready to go.

ABBY

Come on in. I'm almost ready.

Abby emerges from her bathroom with an electric toothbrush buzzing away in her mouth. She looks radically different without her work uniform.

ABBY

Where's Brad? Is he waiting for us out in the car?

DANIEL

No. He had to bow out. He came down with a diverticulitis attack. Ate a lot of raspberries last night. Just the two of us going.

IN DANIEL'S CAR ENROUTE JZ'S PARTY

ABBY

So ... Do you know why I try to never miss JZ's Birthday Parties?

DANIEL

Why?

ABBY

He and I have the same birthday, only we're forty years apart.

DANIEL

Just gave away your age, Abby! Makes you sixty-one.

ABBY

Yep. You got that right.

DANIEL

I'd never guess you sixty-one!

DANIEL

Since its your birthday too, can I take you out to dinner after the party's over?

ABBY

Sure!



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DANIEL

How about the Italian Gardens? -  
It's not far from the party.

ABBY

I love eating there. Italian food's  
my favorite.

DANIEL

Mine too.

ITALIAN GARDEN RESTAURANT

Daniel and Abby are halfway through the meal.

DANIEL

Hope you don't mind me asking this,  
but ... You just said you've been  
single about seven years now. You  
are an attractive and very  
young-looking woman. I'm surprised  
you're still single. How come?

ABBY

Well, I'm waiting for the man that  
GOD has for me.

DANIEL

And how are you gonna know when  
that's happening?

ABBY

That man will put GOD first, me  
second and himself last.

DANIEL

OK...

ABBY

(breaking in)

And I will put GOD first, him  
second and myself last.

DANIEL

A THREEFOLD CORD. Real strength.  
That's in the Bible. Ecclesiastes  
4:12

ABBY

It's the only way I want it to be.  
I've made some bad choices in life  
and I don't want them repeated!  
It's gonna have to be GOD's way or  
I'm not going there.

**-THREEFOLD CORD-**

DANIEL

That's a great commitment. You couldn't give a better answer.

DANIEL'S CAR - ENROUTE ABBY'S APARTMENT

DANIEL

So - what's on your agenda tomorrow?

ABBY

I'm headed out in the afternoon for my friend Josie's house. We're going over plans for our vacation in Europe.

DANIEL

When's that? Where are you going in Europe?

ABBY

Leaving next month - Labor Day weekend - heading to England, Scotland and Wales. I'll be gone for the whole month.

DANIEL

That means I won't get to see you for a full month. I'm just getting to know you! When did you decide to make this trip?

ABBY

It's been in the planning for almost three years. She and I got our tickets quite a while ago. It's all mapped out. Even the Bed 'n Breakfast places. We're gonna do the whole tour with Rail Passes.

DANIEL

Wow! You know I'll really miss you! Just getting to know you and in less than a month you'll be gone

DANIEL

Hey - I got an idea.

ABBY

What?

DANIEL

I'll be home tomorrow afternoon after church. My house is on the way to Josie's - Right?

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ABBY

Yes.

DANIEL

Why don't you stop by on your way up to her place and I'll give you a tour of my house?

ABBY

Love to. Aren't you right up the street from Brad's next door to JZ's old house.

DANIEL

Same side of the street. Come up the long driveway.

ABBY

It'll probably be about three.

DANIEL

OK. I'll be home expecting you.

DANIEL'S HOUSE - SUNDAY AFTERNOON

It's a warm and sunny August afternoon. Daniel notices it's getting kind of close to three. He relaxes in a porch rocker awaiting Abby's arrival. Her white car enters the driveway and Daniel gets up from the chair and leans over the porch railing to greet Abby. Abby is barely out of her car when Daniel starts talking.

DANIEL

Welcome!

ABBY

Hi!

DANIEL

Say ... Betsy once told me you wore a wig. Is that true?

ABBY

(removing her wig as she steps from car to approach the porch)

Sure. This is what I look like with it off.

(places her wig back on and teases it with a toss of her head)

I'll tell you all about it later.

DANIEL'S MASTER BEDROOM

Abby takes a long look at the picture on the wall of Daniel, Betsy and their entire family. The plaque above it reads

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"All because two people fell in love". She turns to look at Daniel.

ABBY

That's a great picture. I always wanted to have a marriage and a big family like that.

DANIEL'S DAYLIGHT BASEMENT

Abby looks around - in the bedroom, bathroom and the living room.

DANIEL

Sometimes I think this would make a nice one-bedroom rental unit. Even has a ground level entrance.

ABBY

I could really live here. Would be very adequate for me. The wood stove is something I really miss at my apartment.

DANIEL'S FRONT PORCH - LATER THAT SUNDAY EVENING

Daniel is enjoying the last minutes of the nice sunset. He gets up from his rocker and goes inside to grab his portable house phone. After returning to the rocker he phones Abby.

DANIEL

Hi Abby.

ABBY

Hi.

DANIEL

Have a good planning visit with Josie?

ABBY

Yeah...I think we got everything organized.

DANIEL

You know...I was wondering if I could stop by and take you to work tomorrow.

ABBY

You can do that if you want to. I have to clock in before one-thirty.

DANIEL

OK. I'll be there early. You don't live far from work.

**-THREEFOLD CORD-**

ABBY  
Less than a mile.

DANIEL  
Catch you tomorrow.

ABBY  
OK.

DANIEL  
Bye.

ABBY  
Bye

DANIEL'S CAR - ENROUTE ABBY'S WORK

ABBY  
So sweet of you to take me to work.  
You're ten miles out and I can even  
walk from my apartment.

DANIEL  
Gives me more opportunity to get to  
know you, Abby.

ABBY  
I just thought of something. How am  
I gonna get home for my lunch  
break? Not enough time without my  
car.

DANIEL  
I'm retired. I'll just come back  
and pick you up.

ABBY  
Another twenty-mile round trip?

DANIEL  
Sure. Why not. What time's your  
lunch break?

ABBY  
I'll have to look at my schedule to  
be sure, but I think it's at five  
today and I have a full hour.

DANIEL  
Lunch...at five? That would be  
supper for me. Guess when you work  
evening shift lunch IS supper.

ABBY  
Yeah. Been on evenings for almost  
ten years and you get used to it.

**-THREEFOLD CORD-**

DANIEL

What are you having for supper  
...excuse me, LUNCH tonight?

ABBY

I'll find something in the fridge.  
Might be leftovers. Probably enough  
for you, too, if you wanna stay and  
join me.

DANIEL

I'll take you up on that.

ABBY'S APARTMENT

Daniel opens door for Abby and heads for his car's trunk. He  
removes electric Wok and a bag of groceries he brought from  
home.

ABBY

Whatcha got there?

DANIEL

Oh just some food and cooking  
supplies.

ABBY

You didn't have to go to all that  
trouble.

DANIEL

Easy. Just some Stir Fry. It'll be  
ready in no time.

Daniel cooking Sir Fry on counter top. Abby gets out plates  
and silverware and sets small Bistro table.

ABBY

Smells delicious!

DANIEL

Hope you like it.

Daniel prays for the meal.

DANIEL

Yesterday you said you'd tell me  
more about why you wear a wig.

ABBY

(removing her wig)  
So, this is what my head looks  
like. My two sisters and I were  
born like this. It's a rare disease  
with no health side effects. Our  
brothers and both parents have  
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ABBY (cont'd)

normal hair. It is some rare genetic thing that only affects females.

DANIEL

Looks like you have a scar on your skull. What IS that?

ABBY

It's from my Brain Aneurism. Happened in ninety-five. The surgeon told me that only one person out of eight survives to live a normal life.

DANIEL

Wow. Incredible. God sure must have plans for you. A living miracle. I'm so glad you pulled through and are here with me!

ABBY

(replacing her wig)

Well - now that you know all about my head - want to go with me Wednesday to the wig shop over in Gresham? You can help me pick the best one for my Europe trip.

DANIEL

Ok. But...I don't think we've been together enough for me to know all about your head, but I'd love to go with you. Great time to visit in the car.

ABBY

(laughing)

Yeah and I can learn more about YOUR head.

DANIEL

Who knows...maybe my heart, too! I'll buy lunch at your favorite nearby restaurant.

ABBY

Do you like Chinese?

DANIEL

Sounds fine with me. Can we do the wig shop first and then eat after?

ABBY

If we do that you should probably grab me about ten-thirty.

**-THREEFOLD CORD-**

DANIEL

It's a little too soon to be  
grabbin' you but I can pick you up  
then.

ABBY

You're right (laughing) But you  
CAN pick me up.)

DANIEL

Actually, you pick me up just being  
with you.

ABBY

You sure have a way with words!

Abby's kitchen timer goes off.

ABBY

The kitchen timer just went off.  
Means I'm gonna have to be back to  
clock in.

DANIEL

I'll come back and clean up and  
I'll hang out here 'til you get off  
and pick you up when you close.

ABBY

OK. Ten-thirty.

DANIEL

Can I borrow your apartment key?

ABBY

(taking key off her  
keyring))  
Sure...here it is.

DANIEL

Nervy of me to ask, but do you have  
a spare one? I'd like to make  
tomorrow a repeat of today.

Abby gets up from the table and goes over to the kitchen and  
opens a drawer and finds her extra key.

ABBY

(handing Daniel the key)  
Here's a spare.

DANIEL

Thanks. I promise not to steal any  
of your jewelery.



**-THREEFOLD CORD-**

ABBY'S APARTMENT

Abby is heading for her bedroom.

ABBY

I'm going to get out of these work clothes and into something more comfortable.

Abby emerges from her bedroom in a beautiful evening dress.

ABBY

Do I clean up OK?

DANIEL

OK?? That's an extreme understatement. Wow!

WIG SHOP

ABBY

So - what do ya think of this one?

DANIEL

My favorite of all the ones you tried. I like the messed-up, wind-blown look on you and the color is perfect.

ABBY

I'm going to get it. (looking in corner mirror and beckoning Daniel)  
I've got this patch of darker shaded skin under my shoulder blade.

DANIEL

(looking at it closely)  
Probably nothing, but you better get it checked out by a Skin doc.

ABBY

I'm not worried about it.

DANIEL

You still should check it out. I had a surface Melanoma on my cheek about ten years ago and it's a good thing I got it removed.

CHINESE RESTAURANT - TROUTDALE

Abby and Daniel are almost finished eating.

**-THREEFOLD CORD-**

ABBY

You know that dark patch under my shoulder - maybe you're right - I should have it checked.

DANIEL

I'm praying it's nothing. But I want you to know if it's anything bad you would never have to go through it alone. I'd be right there with you no matter what.

COLUMBIA RIVER PIER NIGHT SCENE

Clear night with full August moon. Daniel and Abby are walking back on the pier towards the shoreline path.

ABBY

What a beautiful night. Thanks for treating me to that great Steelhead sandwich. You're so good to me!

DANIEL

My pleasure. (timidly slipping his right arm around Abby's waist)

ABBY'S APARTMENT

It's 2AM and Daniel stands up to leave. For a brief moment Daniel and Abby intensely look into each other's sparkling eyes. Daniel and Abby's lips meet for their first kiss. The two of them take each other's hands and walk out into the moonlit yard. They kiss again, and linger on this one.

DANIEL

Pick you up in the morning - usual time?

ABBY

OK. Sweet dreams.

DANIEL

Bye. Thanks for the wonderful evening.

DANIEL'S CAR - ENROUTE DANIEL'S HOUSE

Daniel mutters to himself "only ten minutes - she's probably not yet asleep". Grabs his cell phone and dials her.

ABBY

What's up?

DANIEL

You know, I have been thinking ever since I left your place.

**-THREEFOLD CORD-**

ABBY

What?

DANIEL

I kissed you tonight, and that's the first time in almost fifty years I've actually kissed a woman on the lips other than Betsy. For me that's really profound!

ABBY

Yes. I understand. I thought about that too. But it's OK now, you know.

DANIEL

I know, but I just wanted to share my feelings with you. Have a nice refreshing sleep.

ABBY

Goodnight, Daniel.

DANIEL

Goodnight.

DANIEL'S HOUSE

Abby has the day off. Daniel decides to phone Abby even at the risk of waking her up.

DANIEL

Mornin' Abby. Hope I didn't disturb your sleep time.

ABBY

No - I actually got up a little earlier than usual.

DANIEL

Have you ever been to Pinchot Falls?

ABBY

No. Never heard of them. Are they around here?

DANIEL

About seven miles up the Forest Road from my house.

ABBY

Really? Lived here all my life and never even heard of them.

**-THREEFOLD CORD-**

DANIEL

Come on by and we'll go on up. They are spectacular with triple cataracts.

ABBY

Love to. After lunch?

DANIEL

Yeah, but come on out sooner and I'll fix us lunch.

ABBY

It'll be about an hour.

DANIEL

OK. See you soon. Bye.

PINCHOT FALLS

Daniel takes Abby by the hand to lead her down from the road on the narrow forest trail to the Falls. It is a beautiful winding trail through giant Douglas Fir trees. The sound of Pinchot Creek and the Falls beneath grows louder with each bend of the trail. They step out onto the large wooden platform over the cauldron beneath them. Neither speaks as they stare with amazement at the beauty before them.

ABBY

So amazing! So beautiful! How did you ever discover these falls?

DANIEL

The old Geezer JZ told me where they were. He said the county locals need to keep it a secret, otherwise they'll be overrun by tourists.

DANIEL'S HOUSE

Daniel walks over to the living room French Doors and swings them wide open to let in the afternoon breeze and the sound of Minnow Creek below the house. He turns to Abby and says,

DANIEL

Abby, I want you to hear a beautiful piece of music and get your impression.

After starting the music, Daniel wraps his arms around Abby from behind and they stand at the open French Doors listening to the music.

ABBY

That is so beautiful. Dreamy and very romantic.

**-THREEFOLD CORD-**

DANIEL

If someone wanted a non-traditional piece of music at a wedding for the bride's entrance this could be so moving. Think of someone coming down a path to this music.

ABBY

Imagine descending towards Pinchot Falls to that music!

DANIEL

Thinking the same thing ... But you'd need a loud PA system to hear it above the noise of the Falls. And there are no power outlets there!

ABBY'S APARTMENT

ABBY

Well. I think I'm finally packed. Got mixed feelings. I've been excited about this trip for a long time, but I'm really gonna miss you!

INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT SECURITY LINE ENTRANCE

DANIEL

Guess what. My daughter Hannah mailed this old iPhone to me last week. It's all configured with SKYPE, so we can keep it touch face-to-face. I even got a new case for it with embossed red roses.

ABBY

Wow; (handing Daniel her old flip-phone) this won't do me any good in England. Just keep it safe for me.

DANIEL

Here's hoping the time flies while you're gone. Call me when you are safely in London.

Daniel and Abby hug and kiss intensely. Daniel and Abby keep exchanging loving glances as she progresses through Security and slowly disappears from his sight.

ON TRANSATLANTIC FLIGHT

Abby's head is bowed. She is softly whispering a prayer:

**-THREEFOLD CORD-**

ABBY

"LORD, you know all about the mistakes and bad choices I've made in my life and you know the strong feelings Daniel and I are having for each other. I don't trust myself with my feelings and I don't want to repeat making wrong choices. If you want me to continue this relationship with Daniel, I want a physical sign from you before I get back home, and if that doesn't happen I will end that relationship with Daniel".

DANIEL'S HOUSE

Incoming Skype call from Abby.

ABBY

Check out the picture I just sent you. Met a nice British Army guy.

Daniel quickly checks picture and breaks into a smile when he sees the picture is showing Abby standing next to a museum statue of a British soldier.

DANIEL

Wow, Abby. You had me scared.

ABBY

Don't worry. Nobody I'd rather be with right now than you. I was just having fun with you.

DANIEL

Yeah. You really know how to get to me!

RYE, UNITED KINGDOM - A FEW DAYS BEFORE ABBY'S FLIGHT HOME

Abby is walking down a gravel path with Josie's stuff towards their Bed and Breakfast place while her friend Josie has gone on ahead to the restaurant to wait for Abby for dinner. Up ahead Abby spots a small shiny object lying in the gravel. She reaches down and picks it up. It is a beautiful silver ring wound into three strands joined together in unity. Amazed and overwhelmed Abby puts it on the ring finger of her left hand. The fit is perfect!

ABBY

(raising her hands and  
eyes heavenward) )

"Oh, dear LORD, You are so awesome and loving to me. Thank you for this perfect answer to my prayers."

**-THREEFOLD CORD-**

DANIEL'S HOUSE

It is the next day. Daniel is about ready to head to bed at 1AM when he see an incomming Skype call from Abby.

DANIEL

Hi Honey. You're up early over there and you caught me just before jumpin' into the sack.

ABBY

I'm so excited and happy you're still up. You'll never guess what I found yesterday!

DANIEL

What?

ABBY

I was walking down this gravel path towards our BnB here in Rye and I found this beautiful ring! I'm gonna turn the phone camera on it for you.

DANIEL

Wow. It's really unique.

ABBY

If you look at it closely you can see it's three strands tied-across as one. It reminded me immediately of something. How about you?

DANIEL

Yes. A threefold cord. Something we talked about on our first date.

ABBY

Fits me perfectly. My ring size. I'm blown away. In just a few days we'll be back together and you'll see it in person.

INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Daniel glances up at the flight arrival board and sees that Abby's flight has landed. Looking at his watch he figures she must be through Customs. He strains his eyes to scan the passengers now coming through the security area exit, Abby appears in the crowd with her joyful smile spotting Daniel. They kiss and embrace and head on to the baggage rotunda. Inside Daniel's car they kiss again and take a selfie.

DANIEL

Oh Sweetheart, it's so wonderful to have you back home!

**-THREEFOLD CORD-**

ABBY

I had a wonderful vacation, but I missed you so much every day over there.

DANIEL

Well, we're not gonna be missing each other now.

ABBY

I know!

DANIEL

Are you specially hungry now? We could stop at McMenamins.

ABBY

Sounds good to me!

MCMENAMINS - WOOD VILLAGE

Daniel and Abby are in the middle of dinner.

ABBY

(handing Daniel the ring she found)

So. Let me tell you why I believe this ring was there for me.

ABBY

When I got on that plane for the long flight to London, I started praying earnestly to the LORD about my life - mistakes I made and my bad choices. I told the LORD what He already knew, that I was having strong feelings for you and that you were feeling the same about me.

DANIEL

Yes. You got that right!

ABBY

And I said, "LORD, I not going to repeat bad choices. If you want me to continue this relationship with Daniel, I want a physical sign from you before I get back home, and if that doesn't happen I will end that relationship with Daniel".

DANIEL

Wow. How scary for me!

ABBY

I continued praying that prayer all the while I was over there.



**-THREEFOLD CORD-**

ABBY

Well, the LORD gave me that ring  
and not just any ring, but one that  
is a threefold cord and in my ring  
size.

DANIEL

Wow. That gives me goosebumps and  
speaks volumes!

DANIEL

Nothing now to be scared about.

ABBY

So you can keep courting me, and I  
love it.

DANIEL

The feeling's mutual!

RIVERFRONT PICNIC PARK

DANIEL

Well, in about six weeks I'll be  
headed down to San Diego for  
Thanksgiving and Christmas. Not  
sure I can go through being without  
you again.

ABBY

My son Jim works for the Airline  
and I can fly free on my days off.  
That's if you could find me a place  
to stay.

DANIEL

Really? That'd be great! I think  
Hannah would let you stay at her  
place. Give you a chance to meet my  
family.

HANNAH'S HOUSE

Daniel is removing Abby's overnight bag from trunk in front  
of Hannah's house.

DANIEL

It's great how you can fly for  
nothing. Third time down now and  
this is helping me survive.

ABBY

You survive? You mean US!

**-THREEFOLD CORD-**

DANIEL

I'll put your bag in Jerry's room  
and we'll hang out on the porch til  
Hannah gets home.

ABBY

Where's Ron and the boys?

DANIEL

They've got sports practice this  
afternoon. Ron'll be home about the  
same time as Hannah.

JOSH'S BEDROOM

Abby is sleeping in the first morning at Hannah's house. Her wig is hanging on the bedpost. Half awake, she sees her bedroom door open a crack. The eyes of grandson Josh peer in briefly before he proceeds to close the door. After a few minutes the door again opens a crack and grandson Brent peers in briefly before he proceeds to close the door.

HANNAH'S KITCHEN

Hannah is busily making breakfast and notices the two boys unusually quiet and looking towards her.

HANNAH

What's up boys?

JOSH

Mom...does Grandpa know?

HANNAH

Know, what??

BRENT

Does Grandpa know that Abby doesn't  
have any hair?

HANNAH

Sure he does. He's been dating her  
since Summer!

HANNAH

Now boys...how did YOU find out?  
You didn't open her bedroom door  
without knocking, did you?

HANNAH'S SECOND FLOOR HALLWAY

It's after midnight when Daniel hears a soft knock on his bedroom door. He cracks the door open and is greeted by Abby.

DANIEL

What's wrong, Abby?

**-THREEFOLD CORD-**

ABBY

I can't sleep. There's some cheesy Christmas music that keeps coming from somewhere.

DANIEL

What do you mean - somewhere?

ABBY

Honestly. I don't know where. It's just there and driving me crazy.

Daniel goes into Abby's room and listens.

DANIEL

I can barely hear it, but I don't have my hearing aids in. Sounds faintly like it might be from outside the house.

Daniel and Abby, clad in their pajamas, tiptoe downstairs and quietly open the front door of Hannah's house.

ABBY

I think it's coming from that house across the street -  
(pointing)  
the one with the big inflated Santa and the Snowman.

DANIEL

I think you're right. Bet they forgot to turn off the sound at bedtime. I'll go across and see if I can find the sound switch.

ABBY

Got slippers by your bed?

DANIEL

Yeah - should've worn them.

Abby returns with Daniel's slippers. Daniel puts them on and starts across the street. Worriedly, he tiptoes gingerly across the blacktop street.

SAN DIEGO RESIDENTIAL STREET

ABBY

Shh! Real quiet. You'll actually be trespassing.

Daniel begins exploring the neighbor's complex Christmas display - a tangled array of wires, switches and power strips. Abby is anxiously keeping her eye on Daniel. Exasperated he begins turning off switches and lights start going out. The music continues. He pulls another plug from a

**-THREEFOLD CORD-**

socket and the music abruptly stops. Suddenly, Santa and the Snowman collapse into heaps of uninflated vinyl. Daniel flees quickly back across the street to Abby.

DANIEL

Can't believe it - didn't mean to ruin their whole Christmas display - just wanted to shut down that crummy music.

ABBY

Hurry. We gotta get back inside before they come out and see us.

Once inside, Daniel begins to laugh uncontrollably. He grabs Abby's hand and leads her into the downstairs bathroom so his laughter won't wake up Hannah's family. He shuts the bathroom door and is laughing so hard that Abby begins laughing uncontrollably too.

DANIEL

Remember last night's Christmas party - when Hannah gave everyone their own plastic cup with a Christmas character's name?

ABBY

What was the name was on yours?

DANIEL

SCROOGE! Can you believe it!  
SCROOGE! And I'm the neighborhood  
SCROOGE! I just killed Santa and Frosty and left everyone in the dark.

Abby and Daniel laugh again and finally quiet down and tiptoe back upstairs to their bedrooms.

DOCTOR'S OFFICE

Daniel is in Dr Smith's office and just got a skin biopsy report. He phones Abby.

DANIEL

Hi, Honey.

ABBY

Hi. Where are you?

DANIEL

At Dr Smith's. Just went over biopsy report. Turns out that spot on my nose WAS cancer. Good news is that it's what they call "IN-SITU" which means it's just on the surface and hasn't gone internal.

**-THREEFOLD CORD-**

ABBY

Oh...That's a great relief. So -  
what's the next step?

DANIEL

Outpatient surgery. They'll need to  
graft skin from behind my ear to  
rebuild the area taken out.

ABBY

Wow! Who's gonna do it?

DANIEL

I could have Dr Solomon do it up  
home.

ABBY

No! I think we should ask Dr Smith  
to do it. He's a top Plastic  
Surgeon.

DANIEL

I think you're right, but I'd have  
to make another long trip down  
here.

ABBY

We should just fly. I want to be  
with you. Jim might be able to get  
you a Buddy Pass.

DANIEL

That'd sure be easier than a  
twenty-four hundred mile round trip  
in the car. No fun going over the  
Siskiyou Summit this time of year!

ABBY

Are you leaving to head north  
tomorrow or Friday?

DANIEL

Friday. Wish you were off and could  
fly free down to Sacramento and  
maybe meet me halfway. I could pick  
you up and we could do the last leg  
of the trip together. You could  
drive while I catch some winks.

ABBY

I'm gonna check my schedule and get  
a trade with someone if I can. I'll  
let you know.

**-THREEFOLD CORD-**

DANIEL

That'd be great. Here's hopin' 'n'  
prayin' you can make it happen!  
Call me when you know. I love you!

ABBY

Bye. Love you, too.

PORTLAND AIRPORT

Abby notices that her flight goes on to San Diego after Sacramento and gets an idea.

ABBY

(calling Daniel from  
flight waiting area)

Daniel?

DANIEL

Hi, Sweetheart. Did you make the  
flight?

ABBY

Lots of empty seats. I'm gonna be  
on board.

DANIEL

Wonderful. We'll be together real  
soon!

ABBY

You know this flight continues on  
to San Diego. Should I just stay on  
it? You haven't left yet, have you?

DANIEL

Not yet. But that's too long a day  
for you flying to San Diego and  
driving twelve hundred miles back  
up north. But, wait ... I got an  
idea!

ABBY

What?

DANIEL

We could get a couple of rooms  
halfway up in Williams. You know -  
adjoining if available. Then we can  
head up after breakfast tomorrow.

ABBY

I'm actually off three days with  
the trade I made. Fun! We could do  
a motel Christmas in the morning  
before checkout.

**-THREEFOLD CORD-**

DANIEL

I'll try to get reservations. What time do you arrive in San Diego?

ABBY

Get's in at ten-fifteen. Flight 623.

DANIEL

Super. I'll be all packed and pick you up at ground level. We'll be able to beat LA traffic. Safe travels, Honey!

ABBY

See you soon.

DANIEL

Bye. Call me from Sacramento, OK?

ABBY

I will. Bye.

DANIEL

Bye, Honey.

SACRAMENTO AIRPORT

ABBY

I'm here. Through flight so I can't easily get kicked off.

DANIEL

Just a couple of hours and we'll be together, Honey.

ABBY

I know!

DANIEL

Since you're off three days, I went ahead and made life easier for us driving home.

ABBY

What'd you do?

DANIEL

Friends in Mt Shasta City. Wanted you to meet them. They have a farmhouse with lots of room. We're staying there tomorrow night. Weather's supposed to be better over the Siskiyou's.

**-THREEFOLD CORD-**

ABBY

Our first road trip adventure!  
Gotta run. Flight's boarding. Bye.

DANIEL

Bye, Honey.

DANIEL'S CAR - DRIVING AWAY FROM SAN DIEGO AIRPORT

DANIEL

So cool you got the time off and we  
get to travel together, Honey! I  
got us adjoining rooms.

ABBY

And I brought your Christmas  
presents for tomorrow morning.

WILLIAMS MOTEL

Daniel and Abby have finished dinner at Granatelli's  
Restaurant and returned to the Motel. They hug and kiss  
goodnight and head into their rooms to retire for the night.  
Within a few minutes Abby knocks on the door between their  
two rooms. Daniel opens the door and Abby is still in her  
travel clothes. He is too.

DANIEL

Hi. What's up?

ABBY

I just can't wait. Let's do  
Christmas tonight.

DANIEL

That's a great idea. We can put the  
gifts on the TV stand and have some  
of that cheese we picked up at the  
restaurant.

ABBY

And don't forget the chocolates.

DANIEL

How could we! It's our weakness.

ABBY

I'll be back with your presents.

DANIEL

Give me a few minutes to go get  
yours from the car. I forgot to  
bring 'em in.

ABBY

I'll just arrange what I got while  
you're gone.



**-THREEFOLD CORD-**

DANIEL'S MOTEL ROOM

Abby approaches closely to Daniel with one hand behind her back hiding a sprig of Mistletoe.

ABBY

OK. Close your eyes.

Daniel closes his eyes and Abby holds the Mistletoe over his head as they kiss and hug - Daniel with a two-arm embrace and Abby with just one arm around Daniel.

ABBY

OK. You can open your eyes now, I want to start out by giving your card,  
(giving Daniel the card)

Daniel opens his eyes and sees the Mistletoe Abby is holding above his head. He takes the card out of the envelope and chuckles as he notices that the front of the card is decorated with Mistletoe. He reads the inside and her personal note.

DANIEL

Thank you, Honey. You're so sweet!

DANIEL

OK. Now I want to to give you your card before we open presents.

Daniel hands Abby her card. She pulls from the envelope the exact same card as the one she gave to Daniel and for a moment has a look of surprised disbelief.

ABBY

How did you know I got you this very same card?

DANIEL

Honestly... I had no idea. I'm as surprised as you are. Got mine at your store.

ABBY

Amazing! Thank you, Honey.

INTERSTATE 30 - HEADED EAST FROM AIRPORT

DANIEL

What'd you thik about the Barton family in Shasta?

ABBY

Great family. Their kids are so sweet and well-behaved,..Oh, no! I  
(MORE)

**-THREEFOLD CORD-**

ABBY (cont'd)  
can't believe it. We drove way out here right past the airport and forgot to get my car at the Parking Lot!

DANIEL  
(laughing)  
Yup. We forgot it. Good thing you thought about it before the Falls or we'd be going all the way to the Dam before we could go back and get it! Now I'm bummed. Have to drive back home all by my lonesome self and not see you til tomorrow.

ABBY  
Me too. We'll just have use our cell phones to stay connected.

DANIEL'S HOUSE - WRITING/SPELLING

Abby is at Daniel's house on her day off and they are each occupying their recliners. Daniel is on his laptop and Abby is using Daniel's netbook writing an email to a friend. She has a doubt about the spelling of a word and asks Daniel for the correct spelling.

ABBY  
Getting Daniel's attention.  
Daniel...how do you spell the word "Fabulous"?

DANIEL  
That's easy... "A" "B" "B" "Y"

ABBY  
You're not much help, but you're sure sweet.

DANIEL'S CAR LEAVING CASCADE SHOPPING CENTER

DANIEL  
Remember how we talked about me making a formal marriage proposal to you soon?

ABBY  
Yup. What are you thinking?

DANIEL  
Well, your parents have already passed on and I think it would be appropriate for me to have someone give me permission to ask for your hand in marriage.

**-THREEFOLD CORD-**

ABBY

You know my son Jim might think it unusual, but he knows you fairly well by now and you could ask him.

DANIEL

OK. I'm gonna try to get him on the phone right now and ask him.

Daniel's hands-free phone rings from the dashboard.

JIM

What's up, Dan?

DANIEL

You're on the speaker with me and Mom, and I have an important question for you.

JIM

What is it?

DANIEL

I want to have your permission to ask your Mom to marry me.

JIM

That's an honor, Sir. But you don't really need my permission.

DANIEL

Maybe I don't need it, but I do want it.

JIM

Yes. It's great with me. You and Mom have my blessing.

DANIEL

Thanks! Glad we caught you between flights.

JIM

Just finished a layover in Charleston. Headin' for Nashville then on to Phoenix.

ABBY

Love you, Jim. Thanks!

JIM

Bye Mom.

ABBY & DANIEL

Bye!

**-THREEFOLD CORD-**

ABBY

That was wonderful. You just honored my son in a special way.

LISA'S BOUTIQUE STORE

Abby is at work across the street. Daniel arrives for afternoon tea. He's pleased to see Lisa is working the store by herself and not busy at the moment with any customers.

DANIEL

Lisa. I got a cool idea I wanna run by you to see what you think.

LISA

About you and Abby?

DANIEL

Yeah. I told Abby she'd have a formal proposal by the end of this month and I wanna do something really different. I trust you not to peep a word to anyone about this - OK?

LISA

So what d'ya got up your sleeve, Mister Daniel?

DANIEL

This is my idea in a nutshell. I'll talk to her boss and the store owners to see if they can create a new barcode on a store item. Same price, but the screen at her register would show "WILL YOU MARRY ME" instead of the usual product name. I'd try to get the Rivertalk newspaper guy to sneak in casually to photograph it for a story.

LISA

That's so cool, Daniel, and so different. Just like you, too, being the technical geek!

DANIEL

And I'd get some ladies from our church to just happen to be there, too - casually shopping.

LISA

Oh, I can't wait! I wanna be there too and I bet I could get my boyfriend to sneak in the other entrance with a video camera.

**-THREEFOLD CORD-**

DANIEL

Could you have some flowers hidden  
in a bag?

LISA

Sure. Did you already get her a  
ring?

DANIEL

Nope. But I have a key to her  
apartment and I think I know where  
her jewelry box is. The real ring  
will come later, but she'll get one  
when I propose.

LISA

So creative. What are you gonna use  
for the scanned item.

DANIEL

Thought about that already.  
Remember when I won the store's  
drawing for the Pellet Barbeque?

LISA

Yep. That was great.

DANIEL

Well...Abby just gave me a heads-up  
yesterday that the store might be  
running out of Pellets soon and  
told me I should get a bag. It's  
big, but she won't suspect  
anything.

LISA

You got a lot of coordination to  
do. Keep me posted and let me know  
how I can help. I'm so excited for  
you and Abby!

DANIEL

God is blessing me so much.

LISA

Yes He is. Blessing Abby, too.

NEWSPAPER OFFICE

Daniel is headed out the door of the news office giving a  
thumbs up sign to Bill (the Editor). Bill responds with a  
big smile and a thumbs up back to Daniel.

DANIEL

Thanks, Bill. Three o'clock on the  
thirty-first. I'll call you if  
anything changes.

**-THREEFOLD CORD-**

COLUMBIA CHOICE FOODS SUPERMARKET - ALICE'S OFFICE

Alice and Abby's Supervisor Tom are sitting at desks. Daniel is ready to leave.

DANIEL

So you guys sure you can pull this barcode thing off with the change on Abby's screen.

TOM

We've already tested it, Dan. Works like a charm. Don't worry. It'll be clear-taped over the bag's normal bar code. I'm gonna have your cart loaded up with the bag and park it in the beer cooler area.

DANIEL

How do I get past the "Employees Only" sign at the back of the store?

TOM

Employees will be clued in not to challenge you.

DANIEL

I'll come into the store by the West entrance so she doesn't see me. About two-forty-five.

TOM

And I'll make sure Abby's workin' checkstand one.

DANIEL

You guys are great. Thanks! Just two more days to go.

DANIEL'S CAR - ENROUTE ABBY'S WORK

Abby stares in disbelief at Daniel's attire. He is wearing white socks and wrinkled green high-water jeans. Looking Daniel in the eye, she says:

ABBY

Well, I sure hope today's not the day you were planning on asking me to marry you!

DANIEL

Why do you say that?

**-THREEFOLD CORD-**

ABBY

'Cause I'd have to say "NO". I  
couldn't marry a man dressed like  
you are today...high-water ugly  
jeans and white socks!

DANIEL'S HOUSE

Daniel's got ample time, so he changes his entire outfit and  
grabs a nice ring box from his dresser drawer.

ABBY'S APARTMENT

Daniel goes into Abby's bedroom and carefully paws through  
her jewelry boxes. Suddenly he comes across an adjustable  
ring with a giant red plastic stone and hastily puts it into  
his own ring box.

LISA'S BOUTIQUE STORE

Daniel arrives with the flowers he had ordered and gives  
them to Lisa.

LISA

All set...ready to go?

DANIEL

Yes. I can hardly wait to see her  
face when she realizes that I've  
popped the question...right there  
on her checkout screen.

LISA

It'll be priceless!

COLUMBIA CHOICE FOODS SUPERMARKET

It is ten minutes to three and Daniel enters the store at  
the west entrance. At checkstand one Abby's friend and  
co-worker Christy asks Abby to take over her position  
because she is going on break early. Lisa's boyfriend is  
hiding behind a pillar focus his video camera on Abby as she  
takes over the checkstand from Christy.

Unseen by Abby, Daniel quickly makes his way to the beer  
cooler area, retrieves the shopping cart with the bag of  
pellets and proceeds to Abby's checkstand.

ABBY

Hi Sweetheart! You know I'm not  
allowed to wait on you because  
we're going together.

At this point her boss Tom, faking a phone call at the  
service desk next to her says:

**-THREEFOLD CORD-**

TOM

Oh, its OK, Abby. I'm right here.  
Go ahead and wait on him.

A couple of the ladies from Columbia Bible Church are trying not to be noticed by Abby as she grabs the heavy bag of pellets and drags it across the scanner. Abby then looks up and only notices the price of \$10.79. She misses the words completely and turns to Tom with a light-hearted question.

ABBY

Hey Tom, it's over \$10.00. Can I  
give him my discount.

At first, Tom doesn't answer her question. He looks over at her. Meanwhile the store owners and family look on nearby and Bill the newspaper editor has been there un-noticed but ready with his camera. Lisa is approaching the checkstand with the paper bag hiding the bouquet Daniel will give Abby.

ABBY

So Tom, can I give Daniel my  
discount?

Abby catches a glimpse of Bill the Rivertalk Editor out of the corner of her eye and turns her head briefly towards him then back to Daniel.

TOM

(with a strong, firm  
voice)

Abby! ... Read the screen!

At this point Abby reads the screen. She is shocked with extreme joy. She covers her mouth as she gasps and bursts into delightful laughter. Abby looks at her Sweetheart Daniel with an expression of intense joy. The voice of a lady from the church is then heard

CHURCH LADY

I didn't hear her say "YES".

ABBY

(looking at Daniel)  
Well, don't I get a ring?

Daniel reaches into his coat pocket and pulls out the ring box holding the red plastic ring. Abby extends her hand and Daniel puts it on her finger.

ABBY

Yes! Yes!

Abby continues to joyfully laugh and holds her hand with the ring showing it to all the cheering people now gathered around, many of whom are her coworkers. Everyone is taking pictures of the event. Daniel and Abby kiss first across the



**-THREEFOLD CORD-**

counter then Abby comes out from behind the register for a very passionate hug and kiss to the delight of the people. Lisa then pulls Daniel's bouquet from the bag and hands it to him, at which point he hands it to his Sweetheart Abby.

Tom moves to Abby's checkstand to takeover for her and relieve her for some celebration time with Daniel.

DANIEL'S TRUCK IN PARKING LOT

Daniel pushes shopping cart with bag of pellets over to his pickup truck and for the very first time notices the manufacturer's slogan printed on the back of the bag -"YOU NEVER HAD IT THIS GOOD".

DANIEL

Honey - look at this!

(points to slogan)

Can you believe this? Believe me, it's the first time I ever noticed this. Just now!

ABBY

Wow. Now that's from the LORD. When we use up the pellets I want to cut that square out and save it.

*Note*

*Probably best to put pellet bag in bed of truck? This will enable Daniel to point down to it.*

JEWELRY SHOP

Woman behind counter hands Abby back her silver ring.

WOMAN

Well, I guess I gave you wrong information the other day. My husband says you absolutely cannot make a ring like this from a mold. It has to be a single strand of silver shaped to match this one and then soldered at the ends. He said whoever made this one is a master because he couldn't find where it was joined.

ABBY

That's because it was given to me by the Master Himself. I told you how I found it over in the UK, didn't I?

WOMAN

Yes you did. That was incredible.

**-THREEFOLD CORD-**

ABBY

Well my fiancee and I want one made just like it in his size. They'll be our Wedding Rings.

WOMAN

OK. We made detailed pictures and a scale drawing, so all we'll need now is his ring size.

DANIEL

OK. Let's do it.

Woman gets out sizing rings and determines size.

WOMAN

We'll call you when it's done. No more than a week.

ABBY

Oh...one more question. I wear jewelry a lot that is made of silver. But this ring...how come it doesn't tarnish?

WOMAN

Because it's made of the highest quality silver obtainable.

COLUMBIA BIBLE CHURCH

Members of the church decide to hold an Engagement Shower for Daniel and Abby. For a fun activity they put Daniel and Abby in separate rooms and ask them to fill out identical questionnaires and then they seat them at a table near the stage. The Pastor's Wife gives Daniel the paper with Abby's answers and Abby the paper with Daniel's answers. She has progressed through a number of questions, and now turns to Abby and asks -

PASTOR'S WIFE

Abby, what was it that made you know you loved each other? What did Daniel say in his answer?

ABBY

The love-light in each others eyes.

PASTOR'S WIFE

Daniel, how did Abby answer that question?

DANIEL

She said we could see the love in each others eyes.

**-THREEFOLD CORD-**

PASTOR'S WIFE

So sweet and so romantic! Now, this next one is going to be quite personal. Abby...where were did you experience your first kiss? How did Daniel answer that one?

ABBY

In Stevenson, Washington.

PASTOR'S WIFE

Alright, Daniel, how did Abby answer that same question...where did she experience your first kiss?

DANIEL

(holding back laughter)

On her lips.

Everyone enjoys a good laugh.

ALL THINGS BRIDAL SHOP IN SAN DIEGO

Abby has flown down to San Diego to check out wedding dress possibilities with Hannah. Her son Jim has a layover in San Diego and will tag up with her and give his opinion on a dress, too. Abby is with Heather at this shop and after trying on several dresses, the sales woman brings out another dress with a style Abby likes but which has a very poor fit.

ABBY

I really love this dress but it fits so poorly. Do you have a smaller one more in my size?

SALES WOMAN

Probably not in the color you'd want, but yes, I think I do. I'll bring it to your dressing room.

ABBY

Thanks.

A few minutes later Abby reappears with a gorgeous red wedding dress. Hannah gasps.

HANNAH

Wow. You look stunning and beautiful in it. Would you really think of wearing red?

ABBY

It's what she had in my size. And you know red IS my color and your Dad's favorite color. How do you think your family would react?

**-THREEFOLD CORD-**

HANNAH

I don't know, but I'll do some asking of the women.

ABBY

(looking at SALES WOMAN)

How about if you put aside the three dresses I looked at. My son is flying in today and I want him to come back and get his opinion.

SALES WOMAN

I can do that.

Abby has gone back to Hannah's house and picked up her son Josh. She and Josh drive to the airport, pick up Jim, and return to the Bridal Shop.

SALES WOMAN

Hi Abby. This must be your son Jim. Hi, Jim. Whose the handsome young man you brought along with him?

ABBY

This handsome young man is Hannah's oldest son Josh. She couldn't come back with us. She had to attend a parent-teacher conference with his younger brother.

Abby models a couple of the dresses, one of which is very formal and elegant. She turns to Jim and says,

ABBY

Take a picture of this one and send it to Maria and get her opinion.

Jim snaps a picture on his cellphone and sends it by text to his fiancée Maria with "what do you think of this one". Maria texts back, "for me or for your Mom?". Jim turns to Abby and says,

JIM

Hey Mom, look at Maria's response!

ABBY

She 's thinking of the big day that'll be coming soon, Jim, but she'll keep you in suspense 'til then.

Abby disappears to dressing area and puts on the red dress she had set aside. As she emerges, Jim says,

JIM

Wow, Mom! That looks beautiful on you. Would you wear a red dress?

**-THREEFOLD CORD-**

Josh looks at Abby and his eyes get real big and he breaks into a big smile.

ABBY

So what do you think, Josh?

Josh rapidly nods up and down with great enthusiasm.

ABBY

(turning towards SALES  
WOMAN))

Well. That's it. Decision is made.  
This is gonna be my wedding dress.

DANIEL'S HOUSE - WEDDING DAY

The wedding party is all gathered that morning in the Master Bedroom. Everyone seems just a bit gloomy about the late June rain. The Pastor reminds everyone-

PASTOR RON

There are awning tents set up on the lawn for the reception and we could change the ceremony site from Pinchot Falls to the front of the property.

Abby is an exception to the gloominess. She tells everyone-

ABBY

Well, I've asked the LORD all along for a sunny day for our wedding and I'm trusting He will have the sun break out in time.

PASTOR RON

Abby, I think we should let you make the call.

SALLY

(Looks out the window and  
back to Abby)

You'll be in your wedding dress and Daniel will be in a suit!

ABBY

I'm not worried about Daniel and I getting wet. I really want it to be at the Falls. It's so beautiful and I want that memory of our day. I'm only concerned about the guests getting wet.

PASTOR RON

They know it's outdoors and most are local and would have umbrellas.

**-THREEFOLD CORD-**

PASTOR RON

It's up to you, Abby. What d'ya want to do?

ABBY

The Falls.

PASTOR RON

Decision's been made by the bride. It'll be the Falls.

HILLSIDE TRAIL

A brilliant sun with beautiful fluffy clouds has broken out in the afternoon. The Pastor and Daniel have taken their positions on the platform over the Falls. They watch as a few last minute arriving guests meander their way down the winding trail to the ceremony area. Daniel's eyes are focused as far as he can make things out at the top of the hill. Suddenly he catches a flashing glimpse of bright red next to a big fir tree at the top of the trail and turns to the Pastor.

DANIEL

Did you see that? Why would some woman come to our wedding wearing such a bright red dress? Not respectful to my bride!

PASTOR

I didn't notice anything. Are you sure?

Daniel looks up to the same spot but this time doesn't see anything. He remains focused as the music begins for accompanying the bride's descent down the hill. Suddenly he sees his Abby in her beautiful red wedding dress descending the hill with her son Jim and is overwhelmed with joy and anticipation.

PINCHOT FALLS

It is near the conclusion of the ceremony, and the Pastor is now leading Daniel and Abby in the recitation of their vows.

PASTOR RON

Recognizing your oneness with Abby, will you, Daniel, purpose in your heart, soul and mind to love her as Christ loves the church and give yourself up for her just as He gave Himself up for His church?

DANIEL

I will.

**-THREEFOLD CORD-**

PASTOR RON

Will you commit to dwell with her according to knowledge, in an understanding way, and grant her honor as a fellow-heir of the grace of life?

DANIEL

I will.

PASTOR RON

Will you, Daniel, continually seek to bless Abby and bring to her the praises she is due?

DANIEL

I will.

PASTOR RON

And do you pledge to Abby that you will be a faithful and loving husband, in sickness and in health, in good times and hard times, so long as you both shall live?

DANIEL

I do so pledge.

PASTOR RON

Recognizing God's hand in bringing you Daniel, will you, Abby, follow Daniel wherever the Lord shall lead and seek to do good for him all the days of your life?

ABBY

I will.

PASTOR RON

Do you recognize the divine call of God upon Daniel's life as publicly set apart for the work of the Gospel Ministry and do you stand beside him in it as his willing co-laborer?

ABBY

I do.

PASTOR RON

Will you, Abby, purpose in your heart to respect and be subject to Daniel as the head of your home, just as the church is subject to the Lord?

**-THREEFOLD CORD-**

ABBY

I will.

PASTOR RON

And do you pledge to Daniel that you will be a faithful and loving wife, in sickness and in health, in good times and hard times, so long as you both shall live?

ABBY

I do so pledge.

PASTOR RON

Ecclesiastes chapter four verse twelve speaks to the strength of a three-stranded cord. Will you both therefore purpose in your heart, soul and mind to grant The LORD first place in your marriage union and acknowledge Him in all your ways, seeking His will and direction for your life together?

DANIEL & ABBY

We will!

PASTOR RON

Symbolizing these vows you have just taken, I ask you, Daniel to place this ring on Abby's hand as your token of the solemn and loving pledges you have made.

Daniel places ring on Abby's hand.

PASTOR RON

Symbolizing these vows you have just taken, I ask you, Abby to place this ring on Daniel's hand as your token of the solemn and loving pledges you have made.

Abby places ring on Daniel's hand.

PASTOR RON

Daniel and Abby - in recognition of these pledges you have made in the presence of God and these witnesses, the tokens you have bestowed, and the authority granted me by the State of Washington as a Minister of the Gospel - I do hereby pronounce you "husband and wife".



**-THREEFOLD CORD-**

Daniel and Abby embrace and kiss. The guests break into applause and cheers.

PASTOR RON

Friends and Family, it is my joy to  
present to you Daniel and Abby  
Grayson!

DANIEL AND ABBY'S HOME

It's after their return from the Honeymoon and Abby is checking out kitchen storage cabinets to figure out where her belongings from her apartment kitchen will go.

ABBY

Well, we pretty much got my dishes placed in the upper cabinets. Now we need to find some place for my pots and cookie sheets.

DANIEL

Check out the island cabinet over on the stove side. Betsy never used it much. I think she just had cleaning rags and some bags from her shopping in there.

Abby gets down on the floor and opens the lower island cabinet to explore its contents. She pulls cleaning rags first, then large numbers of folded paper grocery bags and finally reaches in and finds some plastic bags. She throws the plastic bags on the kitchen floor, turns to Daniel and says:

ABBY

Daniel! Plastic bags! You know how I hate them!

DANIEL

Everyone's got to have a few, Honey. But.. there are probably some more. Betsy just shoved them in there after emptying groceries.

Abby reaches deeper in the cabinet and begins pulling one plastic bag after another and throws them on the floor next to her, shaking her head with major disbelief. The pile grows and grows and soon Abby and Daniel begin laughing loudly.

ABBY

Think I got the last one! Get your camera!

DANIEL

Yeah ... we need a picture of this for the store and your friends!

**-THREEFOLD CORD-**

Abby lies down on the huge bed of plastic bags as Daniel takes a couple of pictures. She gets up and they both review the pictures on Daniel's phone with much laughter.

VISITOR CENTER - MOUNTAIN VIEW NURSING HOME - BEND OREGON

DANIEL

Wish you could've known Dave before he was stricken with Alzheimers. He was a giant of a Christian Servant with a powerful speaking and writing ministry. A real positive spiritual influence n my life.

ABBY

Ruth is such a devoted wife.

DANIEL

They've been married 63 years. He's bedridden and confined to a wheelchair.

ABBY

She's wheeling him down the hall now.

DANIEL

He probably wont recognize me but you never know what goes on in their inner being.

Ruth wheels Dave close to Daniel and Abby and takes a seat close to them. Dave stares wildly but intently at Daniel.

DANIEL

Hi Dave. Wish I could have gotten here to see you sooner while Betsy was still alive. Want you to know that she has died and is home with the LORD now.

Dave's expression changes to a glimmer of shocked sadness.

DANIEL

(looking first at Dave  
then quickly pointing to  
Abby)

But I want you to know that the LORD has blessed me with a new wonderful Christian wife. Her name is Abby.

At this point Dave's expression appears greatly altered and he seems intensely animated.

**-THREEFOLD CORD-**

DAVE

(speaking very loudly))  
GREAT GRACE! ... GREAT GRACE! ...  
(more loudly) GREAT GRACE!

DANIEL

Yes. Great grace indeed!

DANIEL AND ABBY'S CAR - DRIVING AWAY FROM NURSING HOME

ABBY

Wow, Honey - what a pronouncement  
from Dave Hunt! I believe it  
registered in his mind that God has  
given us Great Grace. He was so  
intense when he said it.

DANIEL

I agree. That was an unforgettable  
moment! God spoke through him.

BURGERS AND BREWS RESTAURANT

Abby and Daniel are having supper together with Jim. Jim  
picks up his hamburger, looks directly at Daniel and says:

JIM

Dan...if you ever die...I'm going  
to kill you! (and then takes a big  
bite of the hamburger)

DANIEL

(turning to Abby) What  
did he say?

ABBY

I don't know...ask him.

DANIEL

(turning to Jim))  
What did you just say?

JIM

I SAID...If you ever die I'm going  
to kill you!

Jim takes another bite of his hamburger.

DANIEL

(turning to Abby))  
Why did he say that?

ABBY

I don't know, ask him.

**-THREEFOLD CORD-**

DANIEL

(turning to Jim)

Why did you say THAT?

JIM

Cause I've never seen my Mom so happy. And now she doesn't call me all the time.

All three laugh.

SCOTTSDALE BARN WEDDING OF SON JIM & MARIA

It's toast time after the ceremony and it's now Daniel's turn.

DANIEL

This marriage of Jim and Maria brings me great joy and thankfulness. Their union has blessed me personally and brought me into the new family circle of the Barlowe Family. I love you all!  
(raising his glass)

A toast to our wonderful son Jim and his lovely bride Maria. May the Lord richly bless their marriage!

SCOTTSDALE RESTAURANT

It is the day after the wedding, and Daniel and Abby are sitting at a patio table enjoying lunch before heading over to California for their journey north.

DANIEL

You know somethin' - I got a crazy idea.

ABBY

What?

DANIEL

We're not under any deadline to get back home. We're both retired.

ABBY

So what are you thinking?

DANIEL

For years I've always been curious to go to Prescott and see what its like. It's a mile high and very historical.

ABBY

I've never been there.

**-THREEFOLD CORD-**

DANIEL

We could get a motel room for a couple of nights and just look around. Besides, Betsy's Maid of Honor and her husband retired there from Phoenix - Bob and Esther. We could look them up when we get there.

ABBY

I'm game. Let's phone the Comptons and tell 'em were gonna be over to San Diego a couple of days later.

DANIEL

I'm excited. Love to try new adventures with my Honey.

ABBY

I love you!

DANIEL

I love you, too!

PRESCOTT DOWNTOWN

Daniel and Abby have just finished dinner and are walking around the brightly-lit County Courthouse. They stop and sit at a park bench. The night is refreshingly brisk after enduring the Scottsdale heat the day before.

ABBY

This is a wonderful town. Can't wait to come back and explore it more tomorrow.

DANIEL

Yeah...it's so clean and quiet. Well-preserved historical buildings. Makes me think of America as it used to be in the good old days.

ABBY

Are you thinking what I might be thinking?

DANIEL

Probably. Maybe this is the new place we could live.

ABBY

Radical change from the Northwest, but I think I'm ready to ditch the rain.

**-THREEFOLD CORD-**

DANIEL

Me too. And we'd only be about six hours from the San Diego family.

ABBY

And it was only an hour and a half drive up here from Scottsdale. That's where Jim and Maria eventually want to settle.

DANIEL

Might be the best combination for us. We could probably get plugged into a good church here and make new friends.

Daniel and Abby hug and kiss, then rise from the bench to continue their walk around the Courthouse Square.

DANIEL'S (AND ABBY'S) HOUSE - SNOWY WINTER

DANIEL

Honey, what are we gonna do now? Our buyer got his loan denied because the lender found out the house won't be owner-occupied. You'd think they'd be OK with his parents living here.

ABBY

This means our Arizona house deal is now over, too. Looks like we're stuck here. But with the snow piled six feet and our long driveway how would we ever get a moving truck up to the porch.

DANIEL

Good point. Maybe God's protecting us and something better's in the works.

ABBY

I still think it's His will that we move to Arizona.

DANIEL

We're gonna be out about three-thousand bucks for appraisal, survey work and home inspection.

ABBY

Think we can recover the money from the buyer's deposit? He put twelve thousand into escrow.

**-THREEFOLD CORD-**

DANIEL

Worth a try. I'll send the buyer an email. And try to be gracious and firm at the same time.

It is the following morning and Daniel gets up from his computer desk to find Abby in the kitchen.

DANIEL

Well, Honey, you won't believe the response I got from the buyer...he agreed that it was reasonable for him to forfeit three-thousand of his escrow deposit.

ABBY

God is watching out for us! THREEFOLD CORD, you know. We need to trust Him to find us a new buyer and a new home to in Prescott.

DANIEL

Yes. This time let's get away from this Sale-by-Owner business and find a reputable Real Estate Broker.

ABBY

You know we could just put the cash into the bank when the house sells and stay in Jim's trailer at an RV site while we look for a house.

DANIEL

I like that idea. Minimizes risk.

DANIEL'S (AND ABBY'S) HOUSE - EARLY SUMMER

DANIEL

OK, Honey, the house is sold and we have thirty-days to be packed up and outta here. What did you find out about storage unit rentals?

ABBY

It's real bad. Nobody even will take your name and phone for a vacancy callback. One place did but the woman offered no hope. There's one place a half hour away in the boondocks from Prescott but who wants to be driving back and forth all those miles! What did YOU find for a monthly RV space?

**-THREEFOLD CORD-**

DANIEL

Dead ends, too! Seems everybody and their kid brother grabs the RV sites to escape Phoenix summer heat on weekends. Most of them are repeat customers.

ABBY

(sighing with  
exasperation)

Oh, Sweetheart, what are we gonna do? We desparately need the LORD's help.

DANIEL

Look at the way He sold our house. Someone once said, "He took you across the Red Sea and now he'll bring you across the Jordan".

ABBY

I know. Pray, pray, pray!

It is the following morning. Abby's phone rings. It's Prescott Valley Safe Storage.

OWNER OF STORAGE FACILITY

Hello. I'm calling from Safe Storage in Prescott Valley. Is this Abby Grayson?

ABBY

Yes.

OWNER OF STORAGE FACILITY

Well, you're in luck. I've got a twenty by fifty storage unit coming up on the sixteenth at the price we quoted. It's yours if you wanna take it.

ABBY

Yes. Yes. Want our credit card number to hold it?

OWNER OF STORAGE FACILITY

That'll work. Go ahead and read it to me.

Daniel grabs their credit card from his wallet and hands it to Abby.

ABBY

OK. It's a Master Card. Ready?

OWNER OF STORAGE FACILITY

Go ahead.



**-THREEFOLD CORD-**

ABBY

4998....7577....9861....9874 Wanna  
read that back to me?

OWNER OF STORAGE FACILITY

4998....7577....9861....9874

ABBY

That's right. Expires in June of  
2020. The security code is 486.

OWNER OF STORAGE FACILITY

Name on card and billing address?

ABBY

Daniel C Grayson. 801 Spruce Ridge  
Road, Stabler, Washington 98611.

OWNER OF STORAGE FACILITY

Just put through your first month's  
rent.

ABBY

Thanks a million! Bye.

DANIEL

Wow! Praise the LORD! He solved  
that one for us.

ABBY

Yes. We need to trust Him for an RV  
spot around Prescott.

It is now evening that same day. Daniel and Abby are sitting  
in their recliners going through emails.

DANIEL

Honey...I just had an idea about  
temporary living in Prescott.

ABBY

What?

DANIEL

Maybe we should check out month to  
month studio apartment rentals  
downtown Prescott.

ABBY

That'd be alright with me but  
probably a lot more expensive than  
staying at an RV site.

DANIEL

Yeah...especially if it's  
furnished.

**-THREEFOLD CORD-**

ABBY

Where you gonna look?

DANIEL

Craig's List for Prescott area.

Later, before going to bed.

DANIEL

Sweetheart. Doesn't look like there are any cheap month-to-month apartments available in Prescott area. I struck out.

ABBY

What'll we do?

DANIEL

I'm going to do things in reverse.

ABBY

What d'ya mean?

DANIEL

I'll try posting a wanted ad on Prescott's Craig's List. Who knows?

ABBY

Worth a try. Read it to me before you post it, please.

DANIEL

Sure.

A short while later.

DANIEL

Honey. Here it is. Under Apartments Wanted. "Couple moving to Prescott area. Have been looking for RV spot while house-hunting, but none available. Considering alternative of month-to-month small apartment rental. 509-427-7999" and I attached a nice picture of us, too?

ABBY

Why'd you do that?

DANIEL

It's a nice picture just in case they're worried about renting to some disshevelled Hicks.

**-THREEFOLD CORD-**

ABBY

(rolling her eyes)

OK. But why the reference to an RV spot? T-M-I. Too wordy and not relevant.

DANIEL

That's just me, Honey. Somehow I think it should be in there.

ABBY

OK.

(praying)

"LORD, please find us a place to live"

DANIEL

Amen!

Daniel rises early the next morning and notices a text message from an Arizona location has come in his phone. He checks it out. Two pictures and a message. One picture is of a clear gravel area next to a ranch house; the other is of a beautiful sunset in open ranch area. The text reads, "We have an RV spot which will be ready for use later this month on our ranch property. Call Carly at 928-997-9763.

Excitedly, Daniel goes into the bedroom to show Abby the message. He hands her the phone and waits for her reaction.

DANIEL

Well??

ABBY

Did you call the woman yet?

DANIEL

Not yet.

ABBY

What are you waiting for! Call her now! Right here!

DANIEL

Here goes.

(dialing the number)

Pray!

ABBY

I am.

CARLY

Hello?

DANIEL

I'm responding to your text message and pictures. Can you fill us in?

**-THREEFOLD CORD-**

CARLY

Sure. My husband and I have a ten acre ranch just outside Prescott Valley with two existing RV tenants and we're putting in a third site.

DANIEL

It looks like a nice area. We have a 24 foot Toy Hauler we're borrowing from our son down in Phoenix. We're gonna need a spot for at least two months while looking for a house.

CARLY

It'll have good well water, sewer connection and 50 amp electric hookup. We've got good WIFI internet here.

DANIEL

Sounds great. What's the monthly cost?

CARLY

It'll be \$350, but that includes everything... including the electric. We're getting meters installed later and then we'll lower the monthly but you'd pay the electric useage.

DANIEL

We'll take it! Our son would be delivering the trailer before we get there and hooking things up. But...tell me, how did you find us to make the contact.

CARLY

Kind of a fluke. My husband and I were laying in bed reading Craigs List ads when we stumbled across your wanted ad for an apartment. We noticed that you really wanted an RV spot, so we jumped on it. Besides, from the picture you posted we knew you weren't Axe-Murderers.

DANIEL

You guys are a direct answer to our prayers. How do we pay you?

**-THREEFOLD CORD-**

CARLY

You can just send a check for the first month. I'll text you our full name and address after we hang up.

DANIEL

Great. We'll get it right off to you. Looking forward to meeting you guys.

CARLY

Us, too. Bye.

DANIEL

Bye.

DANIEL

Hope you're OK with this. I jumped on it.

ABBY

I sure am! We have a great God supporting us! Answered our prayers overnight. Glad I didn't try to talk you out of the RV stuff in the ad!

DANIEL

Thanks, Sweetheart! Sometimes it's best for you to put up with my wordiness!

PRESCOTT VALLEY RANCH COUNTRY

Daniel and Abby have sold their home and deposited the proceeds in the bank. They've been down to the area a few times and have narrowed their choices to a few neighborhoods in the Prescott Valley area. They settle down for their first night of temporary living in Jim and Maria's trailer parked at the ranch.

DANIEL

We should call Debbie first thing in the morning and see what houses she might have to show us.

ABBY

And tomorrow we'll be married five years! Our tenth anniversary, since we celebrate every six months.

DANIEL

Our first night in our new hometown! Goodnight Sweetheart.

**-THREEFOLD CORD-**

ABBY

We are so blessed! Goodnight, my sweet Daniel.

PONDEROSA REAL ESTATE OFFICES

Abby and Daniel are seated in the conference room looking at the large screen monitor across the table.

DEBBIE

I've got two so far today I can show you. Let me bring up the particulars on the screen. First one is vacant and it's in the subdivision you guys liked last time you were here looking with me.

ABBY

In Gramercy Ranch?

DEBBIE

Yes. In your price range. Good covenants and reasonable HOA fees. You can walk to the clubhouse from this one. It's vacant.

DEBBIE

The other listing is not in any particular subdivision. It's a bit older. Wanna look at it too?

ABBY

Sure. What's next?

DEBBIE

We can just go first to the vacant one in Gramercy. I've got realtor lockbox access, but I wanna call the listing agent with a heads-up. I'll get an appointment at the second place for later.

DANIEL

Abby and I'll meet you out in the lobby. We'll grab a cup of coffee out there while you call.

DEBBIE

OK. By the way...the house you had in escrow that you couldn't buy...Guess what! It went back on the market and sold for fifteen thousand less than the price you had agreed to.

**-THREEFOLD CORD-**

DANIEL

Good thing God's got it all under control.

GRAMERCY RANCH PROPERTY

Debbie, Abby and Daniel go from room to room looking over the house. Daniel and Abby look very pleased.

DEBBIE

This house has Solar, so you don't have worry about electric bills. The owner just leaves the A-C on all the time, even though she's already moved to New Mexico.

DANIEL

Wow. Beautifully painted and ten-foot ceilings.

(turning to Abby)

This is great. Just what we're looking for. A turn-key house. What d'ya think...should we make an offer?

ABBY

I like it but I don't think we should consider doing that until we look at the other house.

DANIEL

You're right. Ok, Debbie, this might be it but let's go over to see the other house.

DEBBIE

Sure. I'll meet you out at my car after I lock up.

SECOND HOUSE IN PRESCOTT VALLEY

No one is at home. Abby and Daniel make brief tour of the house not saying anything. Their final stop is the Arizona Room facing the back yard and the neighbor to the rear. The nearby houses all have ugly swamp coolers on their roofs.

DANIEL

I don't think I'd want to have THAT view from my back yard!

ABBY

Me neither. And this house does absolutely nothing for me.

**-THREEFOLD CORD-**

DANIEL

Well, Honey, what d'ya think?  
Should we make an offer on the  
first house? I don't think it'll be  
on the market very long.

ABBY

Seems to be just what we've been  
looking for. We've been down here  
before and I for one don't need to  
do any more looking.

DEBBIE

Ok. Let's head back for my office  
and write up an offer.

PRESCOTT BIBLE CHURCH COURTYARD

TABLES AND BOOTHS ARE IN VIEW WITH "SMALL GROUP"  
REPRESENTATIVES GREETING PEOPLE AND ARRANGING FOR NEW  
SIGNUPS.

Daniel and Abby are looking around and Abby spots Michelle  
at one of the Small Group signup tables.

ABBY

(pointing to Michelle and  
her table)

I don't know about you, Sweetheart,  
but I want to be part of the Small  
Group of that woman, Michelle. When  
she and I first met we just were  
drawn to each other in a special  
way.

DANIEL

Well, OK, but I think we should  
visit a couple of different Small  
Groups first before we make a  
permanent choice. Besides, I met a  
man who is one of the church Ushers  
and I'd like to find out what Small  
Group he attends. He and I hit it  
off and I think we would click as  
great friends. Matter of fact  
(pointing to Marco as he enters the  
Courtyard from the church's Main  
Entrance) that's him - his name is  
Marco.

ABBY

If that's what you want to do, OK,  
but I want to go to Michelle's  
group first.



**-THREEFOLD CORD-**

DANIEL

Yeah...we can do that. Let's go over to her table and find out what part of town her group's in.

Michelle's husband Marco arrives at the signup table just as Abby and Daniel approach Michelle.

DANIEL

Hello Marco. Are you thinking of joining this Small Group, too?

MARCO

Actually, my wife Michelle and I are the Small Group leaders. Our home is in Williamson Valley. You're from Prescott Valley - right?

DANIEL

Yep. By the way, Honey, (looking at Abby) this is the man I was just telling you about - Marco. Marco... This is my wife, Abby.

MARCO

Pleasure to meet you, Abby. We're probably about a ten to fifteen drive. My wife'll give you guys the address and tell you time and date for this season's kickoff meeting.

DANIEL

Thanks. We'll be visiting your group first, but we may check out a few other groups before making our final decision.

MARCO

That's OK. We have a great group of brothers and sisters. Glad you're coming to ours first.

DANIEL AND ABBY'S CAR - DRIVING AWAY FROM MARCO & MICHELLE'S

ABBY

Well, what d'ya think?

DANIEL

It's a wonderful group. Marco and Michelle lead it well. Marco keeps the group focused. Great hospitality, too. And we're both specially drawn to them as friends.

ABBY

We're coming back, aren't we?

**-THREEFOLD CORD-**

DANIEL

Absolutely. I think the LORD already made it clear we belong in their group. Threefold Cord's evident in what we do. We just gotta stay close to the LORD.

ABBY

Right - it's Him and us. So blessed!

PALACE RESTAURANT AND SALOON - PRESCOTT

It's been a year and a half since Daniel and Abby moved to Prescott. They are waiting eagerly for word from Jim and Maria on the arrival of their new Grandson "Waylon". Just as the waiter returns with the bill, Abby's phone rings. It's Jim.

ABBY

Jim?

JIM

Yeah, Mom...where are you guys?

ABBY

Just paying our bill for dinner downtown.

JIM

Better head home and pack your overnight bag. Maria's water broke and I'm sure she'll deliver in the next few hours.

ABBY

(looking with an excited smile at Daniel)

I'm so excited! We're on our way. What hospital?

JIM

Scottsdale Oasis.

ABBY

Don't worry about the address. We'll get it on GPS.

JIM

Just off the 101 Loop. Love you!

ABBY

Praying for all three of you! Give Maria our love and tell her we're on our way. Can't wait to hold little Waylon.

**-THREEFOLD CORD-**

JIM

Ok, Mom. Drive safe.

ABBY

Bye.

SCOTTSDALE OASIS HOSPITAL MATERNITY CENTER

Abby races on ahead of Daniel from the Parking Lot. They meet up in the Maternity Center. Maria's parents are already there. Jim is there to greet them.

JIM

Glad you made it, Mom. I'm going back in. She'll be delivering any minute.

ABBY

I'm so excited! Can hardly wait to see our little guy!

After a short wait, Jim comes to the visitor sitting area.

JIM

You can follow me down to the room now. Maria and the baby are doing great!

All four grandparents are in the room admiring the baby now lying on Maria's chest.

JIM

Wanna hold him?

ABBY

Is the Pope Catholic?

Abby accepts little Waylon from Jim.

ABBY

My very own little Grandson! Oh...A dream come true.

DANIEL

And now I have ten, including this precious little guy!

ABBY

That's right...ten boys between us. But only one girl so far. We'll let Jim and Maria work on making that at least two!

JIM

Not so fast, Mom!

**-THREEFOLD CORD-**

ABBY

Can you believe it. Grammy holding  
our first baby.

Abby gently offers Maria's Mom the baby.

PRESCOTT DOWNTOWN - COURTHOUSE SQUARE NIGHT SCENE

Daniel and Abby are enjoying the warm evening and making  
their way around the long block at the County Courthouse.  
It's lit up specially for tomorrow to commemorate  
Independence Day. They sit on a park bench and reminisce.

ABBY

So nice and peaceful here. What a  
great town. God has blessed us in  
every way, Daniel.

DANIEL

I know. I go back in your life to  
your surviving a Brain Aneurism.  
And in my life...relocating from  
California to the Northwest ... to  
your very hometown way back in  
ninety-three..

ABBY

My friendship with Betsy.

DANIEL

And for some reason I stayed in the  
in the same house after Betsy  
passed away. We know it was  
predicted I'd head on down to San  
Diego.

ABBY

And the LORD kept the old geezer JZ  
around to his 101st birthday so we  
could carpool and have our first  
date.

DANIEL

And now we life pool!

ABBY

He protected us on the sale of our  
house and blessed us with our new  
house down here.

DANIEL

Led us to a friendly church with  
good Bible Teaching.

**-THREEFOLD CORD-**

ABBY

So many wonderful new and special friends. And we're so close to Jim and Maria's.

DANIEL

San Diego, too!

ABBY

We can't begin to count all the blessings God's given us, can we?

DANIEL

You're so right...and it goes back to that threefold cord relationship we started out with.

Daniel and Abby hug and kiss.

CAMERA SLOWLY ZOOMS IN ON THEIR JOINED HANDS AND THEIR WEDDING RINGS.

Note

*This is the proposed ending to the movie.*