

**51. INT. PASTOR BROWN'S HOUSE - DINING ROOM - DAY****51.**

With their eyes closed, Pastor David, Layla, Ariana, and Austin hold hands, ready to indulge in the BUFFET.

**PASTOR BROWN**

(prays)

Thank you, Lord, for the joy of this gathering and for the food prepared by my wife. We are grateful for the earth's bounty that sustains us. Amen.

They open their eyes and begin serving themselves.

**PASTOR BROWN (CONT'D)**

(to Austin)

Education is a worthy pursuit, Austin, even for those already walking the path of marriage.

**LAYLA**

Three years is a long time for a husband to be away from his responsibilities.

**ARIANA**

It's a chance for growth before we start our family.

**LAYLA**

He should be earning, not learning at this stage of life.

**PASTOR BROWN**

Time does pass quickly, though.

Pause.

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**ARIANA**

It turns out, we don't even own that apartment. Austin has no assets to his name.

**LAYLA & PASTOR BROWN**

(in unison)

What?!

**ARIANA**

He misrepresented his financial standing to win my heart.

All eyes turn to Austin, who lowers his gaze, avoiding their judgment.