

PASTOR DAVE (w/Miss Hazel)

INT. DINER - DAY

Pastor Dave sits at a table as Miss Hazel approaches.

PASTOR DAVE

Miss Hazel, I was hoping to run into you before the church board meeting. You mind joining me?

Miss Hazel sits down.

MISS HAZEL

Well, what's going on, Pastor Dave?

PASTOR DAVE

This has been such an amazing year in so many ways, as you know we were able to help so many families in need across the community, the country and some overseas. While we continue to give and want to keep giving, our operating costs have increased significantly this past year. The church keeps giving but the people just can't. A lot of families are struggling right now. I don't tend to focus on money, but it takes some to run and operate a church. The roof is in such bad shape. We got a few quotes on a new one and they are way out of our range.

MISS HAZEL

That's tough. Sometimes people have to give up less important things for the greater works of God and His house.

PASTOR DAVE

And some people are working hard at giving all they can and have nothing more to give.

MISS HAZEL

How is church membership?

PASTOR DAVE

Recently two members passed away, and we've lost 13 and a half active members in the last few months who've moved out of the area.

MISS HAZEL

Thirteen...and a half?

PASTOR DAVE

The Peterson's had a baby.

MISS HAZEL

Oh yes, that's right. But I'm pretty sure it's a whole baby.

PASTOR DAVE

Well he wasn't a full member yet. I am asking you simply to join me in prayer. Our expenses are piling up and that roof isn't going to hang in there much longer.

MISS HAZEL

God will provide. He always has, and He always will, it's just in His timing, Pastor, not ours.

PASTOR DAVE

You're right. I guess Pastors should remember that.

MISS HAZEL

From what I hear, Pastor's are human too.

PASTOR DAVE

Nah. That's just a rumor.

MISS HAZEL

I have a prayer meeting with the girls this week. We will be in prayer over this and in the meantime, "be anxious for nothing".

PASTOR DAVE

I'm definitely anxious. For breakfast.