FADE IN:

PROLOGUE

A crown comes up on the screen

V/O

When a member of royalty is in trouble, who do they call?

FADE TO:

INT. KITCHEN - DAY

SHOT: The camera is inside the unpowered fridge pointing at the door. There are sounds of cupboards opening and closing and a woman sighing. YEMISI (F,30s) opens the fridge with a worried look and checks the fridge.

SWITCH TO WIDE SHOT: The fridge is empty. Yemisi slowly shuts her eyes and begins to sob before she slams the door and crouches down in tears.

Yemisi

God… please

She hears movement outside the kitchen and stands up, wiping her tears and nose. DELE (M,8) runs into the kitchen.

Dele

Mummy, what happened?

He sees his mum’s face as Yemisi tries to force a smile, and his face falls. Yemisi goes to hug him.

Yemisi

It’s nothing, oko mi

Dele

But, mummy, you were crying again

Yemisi

No, Dele, I wasn’t. Something just entered my eyes, you hear? Are you hungry?

Dele reluctantly nods

Yemisi

What do you want for breakfast?

Dele doesn’t respond

Yemisi

Shey, we should eat garri?

Dele reluctantly nods at that, too

Yemisi

Okay

SHOT: The camera is inside an empty cupboard with a bucket. Yemisi opens it and sees the bucket with only a handful of garri. Her face falls, but she quickly catches herself and smiles as she brings it out.

SWITCH BACK TO WIDE SHOT: Yemisi brings out the bucket and smiles at Dele

Yemisi

Breakfast is served

Dele looks at the floor

Yemisi

Oko mi, what is it?

Dele

Mummy, they told us in church that God is Emmanuel and He's always with us

Yemisi

Yeah, that’s right

Dele

So why doesn’t He care?

Yemisi

What do you mean? Of course, He cares

Dele

Then why doesn’t He do anything?

Yemisi pauses, then takes a deep breath, drops the bucket and holds Dele

Yemisi

Hey, look at me… Did you know that another one of God's names is Jireh?

Dele

What does that mean?

Yemisi

It means that God is our provider. I've been alive for many years and I've seen God come through for me too many times. He won't let us down now, you hear? Come here.

She pulls him closer and gives him a hug

Yemisi

We're going to be alright

She looks up and her eyes start to tear up again. She shakes it off and stands up.

Yemisi

Did Mama Deola return our soaking bowl yesterday?

Dele

No, mummy

Yemisi hisses in frustration

Yemisi

(mumbles)

Every time, the same thing

Dele

Should I go and collect it?

Yemisi

No, don't worry. I'll go

CUT TO:

INT. LIVING ROOM - DAY

On her way out of the house, she sees a picture of herself, her husband, and Dele. They're all smiling. Her eyes start to tear up again, but she takes a deep breath and keeps going.

CUT TO:

EXT. OUTSIDE YEMISI'S COMPOUND - DAY

Outside her gate, she sees a MAN/PASTOR (M, elderly) sitting on a bench by the fence, reading a Bible.

Yemisi

Ekaaro, Sir

The man just smiles at her. She scrunches up her eyebrows and starts walking away, but she looks back and sees that he's still smiling at

her. She slows down her pace and looks back at him again before going back to meet him.

Yemisi

Ekaaro, Sir

Pastor

Oluwa we pelu yi, Ma

Yemisi

Sorry, please, are you– are you the pastor of that church down the street?

Pastor

Sure

Yemisi

Oh, okay… Do you live here?

Pastor

No o

Yemisi

Oh okay. Cause I've never seen you around, that's why I said I should ask. I'm always seeing your face on the billboard outside the church. What are you doing here, if I may ask? Is there a special program today?

Pastor

No, nothing like that. The Lord just said I should come and eat breakfast with you today.

Yemisi

(shocked)

Enipe Sir?

Pastor

Breakfast. The Lord said I should come and eat in your house this morning. We're eating bread and stew now, abi?

Yemisi looks around, then back at the pastor. She starts to laugh but she stops when she sees that he's serious.

Yemisi

Sir, it's only garri we have at home

Pastor

Enhen, it's been long I had garri. Alright now, let's go

Yemisi

(tearfully)

No o, it can't be me, Sir. God can't send you to me, Sir. God knows the garri that's in that house is the one my son and I are going to eat, and then I will hold him in my arms till we both go to be with my husband in heaven. It can't be me God sent you to, Sir!

The pastor chuckles

Pastor

Ah! Why are you talking about death? No, it's not your time yet, forget all that talk. Come, let's go and enjoy the garri. Don't worry, Jireh will provide after that.

She pauses and looks at him.

Yemisi

Okay, Sir. Let me go and get–

The pastor brings out a bowl.

Pastor

Your soaking bowl? I hope you don't mind, I took the liberty

Yemisi stutters.

Pastor

Oya, come, let's go and eat. Abi is there anything else you need?

Yemisi

No… no Sir

Pastor

Lead the way

Yemisi opens the gate and goes in. The pastor follows behind

CUT TO:

INT. KITCHEN - DAY

Yemisi fills the soaking bowl with the garri and pours water. She adds two spoons, pauses, and takes a deep breath before adding the third spoon and carrying it to the living room.

INT. LIVING ROOM - DAY

There’s a small table in the centre of the living room. The pastor and Dele are sitting on the floor around it. Yemisi walks in and sees the pastor whispering something to Dele. Dele laughs afterwards and they both smile at her. Yemisi forces a smile and sets the bowl on the table as she sits on the floor.

Yemisi

Let’s eat

Dele

Mummy, let’s pray first

Pastor

Will you pray for us, Dele?

Dele

In Jesus name

Yemisi & Pastor

Amen

Dele (V/O)

Thank you Jesus for this food. Thank you for provision. Thank you for coming to die for our sins. Thank you for loving us. Thank you for caring about us. Thank you for your grace. Thank you for your mercies that are new every morning. Thank you for your Holy Spirit. Thank you for all you’ve done and thank you for all you’ll do. Thank you in Jesus' name

Yemisi & Pastor (V/O)

Amen

MONTAGE

- ***The Pastor takes the first spoonful of garri, his expression shifting dramatically to one of exaggerated delight.***
- ***The Pastor winks at Dele.***
- ***Dele bursts into laughter.***
- ***Yemisi glances at them, observing Dele’s laughter.***
- ***A small, tentative smile creeps onto Yemisi’s face.***
- ***The group now sits together, talking and laughing animatedly, their voices muted as uplifting music swells in the background behind Dele’s prayer.***

CUT TO:

INT. LIVING ROOM - DAY

They have finished the garri and they're laughing about something. The pastor checks his watch.

Pastor

Ah, this has been a lot of fun. I should be on my way. Dele, Mummy Dele, thank you so much for the food. It was very delicious.

Yemisi and Dele chuckle. The pastor gets up and Yemisi gets up after him.

Yemisi

Let me walk you out, Sir

CUT TO:

EXT. YEMISI'S COMPOUND - DAY

Pastor

Thank you again for the meal

Yemisi gives a half-hearted smile

Yemisi

You're welcome, Sir

He stands there and smiles at her. She shifts on her feet uncomfortably when she hears Dele scream. She looks back at the house and at the pastor who's still smiling.

Pastor

Go

She frowns and runs inside the house

CUT TO:

INT. LIVING ROOM - DAY

Yemisi

Dele! What happened?!

Dele (O/S)

Mummy!

CUT TO:

INT. KITCHEN - DAY

She runs in and sees Dele in the middle of the kitchen, smiling. All around him, cupboards are open and they're full of foodstuff. She looks around with wide eyes, then back at Dele.

Dele

He said I should come and check the kitchen after he had left. He said God will have a surprise for me

Yemisi's mouth falls open. She runs out of the house, then out of the compound

CUT TO:

EXT. OUTSIDE YEMISI'S COMPOUND - DAY

She runs out of the gate then she looks around, dumbfounded, looking for the pastor but he's nowhere to be found. She runs back inside

CUT TO:

INT. KITCHEN - DAY

She runs to the fridge.

SHOT: The camera is inside the powered fridge pointing at the door. Yemisi opens the fridge looking dumbfounded as she finds a full fridge. She starts crying. Dele comes to hug her.

Dele

God provided

Yemisi

(Between sobs)

Thank you, Jesus. Thank you, Jesus.

The fridge closes.

THE END