

1 INT CHURCH - DAY

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DADDY PASTOR DP(strict and straight-laced,64) and his wife MUMMY PASTOR MP (typical Nigerian woman, very traditional, motherly and maternal, 59) sit on a couch in the church with the alter and stage in the background, as they begin an interview.

DADDY PASTOR

What exactly is this for again?

PRODUCER (O.C.)

It's a documentary that shows the relationship between people in the church.

MUMMY PASTOR

(whispers)

They are funding our renovation.

DADDY PASTOR

I am the Head of the church, built it from the ground up. We started Greater Pastures Parish about 25 years ago, it was a baby church partly funded by our big headquarters in Ikeja. I was appointed as a pastor under the main pastor Pastor Adekunle, who has since moved to Ekiti to retire. We have another pastor named Segun and a music pastor Samson. Together with our wives we lead our church and community into greater pastures.

MP smiles

MUMMY PASTOR

It has certainly not been an easy journey but things are a lot smoother now. We thank God. We have 4 children. My eldest daughter is married and hardly comes to this church now, my second is visiting Lagos and is staying with us for the time being our son is now a man, (chuckles) he runs the technical department and our last born is a girl.

PRODUCER

Do you have other jobs?

DADDY PASTOR

I own a factory and I used to print billboards all over the country but now there are mostly electronic billboards so we've moved the company in that direction. My wife sells fabric and is a civil servant.

PRODUCER

What's a typical weekday for you like?

MUMMY PASTOR

Our schedule is a little different now before we were basically empty nesters and we could do devotion in bed but our second daughter and two kids are visiting for the summer so that's a bit of a change for now.

PRODUCER

It's the third week of September.

MUMMY PASTOR

She said it's still summer in America.

DADDY PASTOR

Summer ends in August there.

MP looks alarmed

JUMP CUT TO:

2 INT. DADDY AND MUMMY PASTOR'S KITCHEN - MORNING

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OLAMIDE TALKING HEAD

OLAMIDE

I came to visit Lagos with my kids in July. First time coming back since I went to America 10 years ago and I have refused to leave. Everything just seems better over here, I have Tade and my parents to help me with the kids and my husband sends me allowance in dollars so I'm ballinggg. I love Lagos oo.

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3 INT. CHURCH

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DADDY AND MUMMY PASTOR TALKING HEAD

MUMMY PASTOR

Living with our daughter again was lovely at first but now that the novelty has worn off it's a bit ... (trails off).

JUMP CUT TO:

4 INT. DADDY AND MUMMY PASTOR'S LIVING ROOM - DAY

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Olamide throws clothes to the foot of the staircase.

OLAMIDE

Tade, Come and collect the laundry.

TADE (22-year-old house help, currently in university, loves to read books and is very to herself when not needed) makes eye contact with the camera before she goes to pick them up.

BACK TO:

5 INT. CHURCH - DAY

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DADDY AND MUMMY PASTOR TALKING HEAD

DADDY PASTOR

One day at 7 am I walked in on her eating amala and efo for breakfast.

JUMP CUT TO:

6 INT. DADDY AND MUMMY PASTOR'S LIVING ROOM - DAY

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OLAMIDE TALKING HEAD

OLAMIDE

What's crazy about that is it wasn't even breakfast, I hadn't slept yet. I had stayed up all night watching [game of thrones] so I was just about to go to bed even. But I'm not going to correct him, his story sounds better.

FADE OUT.

7 INT. CHURCH - DAY

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SEGUN (consultant, angel investor and pastor, he is very charismatic, warm and well-liked, 37) and his wife ADUNNI (very beautiful dark-skinned woman, doctor, not very present in the church, and a no-nonsense person, overprotective of her kids, 36) are getting mic-ed up in the same church background.

SEGUN AND ADUNNI TALKING HEAD

SEGUN

Hi, I'm Segun. I am the pastor that deals with the day-to-day proceedings of the Church, it is my full-time job. I'm here basically every day. This is my wife Doctor Adunni. We have 2 teenagers now, I can't believe how big they've gotten sometimes.

Segun smiles brightly, Adunni looks unfocused at first but smiles when he mentions the children.

DADDY AND MUMMY PASTOR TALKING HEAD

MUMMY PASTOR

Adunni doesn't really .. erm.. do much in the church, when Segun first started I tried to bring her in and teach her the ropes. When we first started we were about the same age they were and I led the women and he led the men(points at Daddy Pastor), other people do that now but Adunni is a doctor so she says she is always busy.

SEGUN AND ADUNNI TALKING HEAD

ADUNNI

She wanted me to do a three-day fasting and prayer retreat with her and when I asked what we were praying against she said it was preemptive.

Adunni stares at the camera while chuckling and Segun looks down and tries to stifle a laugh.

ADUNNI (CONT'D)

My husband and I got married young and about 5 years and two kids into our marriage he came to tell me that God had ministered to him and called him to service. I have supported him ever since to the best of my ability although I haven't received any call of my own sha.

SEGUN

We have 2 kids, Tomisin and Tofunmi, we were going to send them to boarding school but we think it's better to have them under our noses for now.

TOMISIN AND TOFUNMI TALKING HEAD

TOFUNMI, girl 13 and TOMISIN, boy 14 sit on the couch being interviewed.

TOFUNMI

We were never going to boarding school.

TOMISIN

Yeah, that was never going to happen. Daddy likes to call himself a full-time pastor but he is more like a stay-at-home dad that preaches on Sunday and what is a stay-at-home dad without kids at home?

TOFUNMI

Exactly.

FADE OUT.

8 INT. CHURCH - DAY

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SAMSON (lovable, approachable, 33) and EFE (bubbly personality, always helping out but has strong boundaries, plus size woman, 31) sit on the same couch being interviewed.

SAMSON

Hello, I'm Samson and I'm the music Pastor of the church. God blessed me with the talent of music and I have dedicated my voice back to him.

EFE

Hi, I'm Efe, his wife. I did the backdrop of the Church one day for the youth program and now somehow... I do this once a month.

Efe gestures at the backdrop behind her.

9 EXT. CHURCH COMPOUND - DAY

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VECTOR (security guard, comedic character, speaks majorly in pidgin and is well respected by everyone, in his 40s)

VECTOR

(In Pidgin) I used to live around here and I helped oga open the gate one morning and he tipped me so I started coming on Sundays to help open gate then the church started to grow and I started coming every day and they built me one small house for gate. I'm here full-time now and I had to quit my other jobs.

PRODUCER (O.C.)

What other jobs were you doing?

Vector points at the cameras

VECTOR

They Police go watch this?

10 INT. CHURCH - DAY

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SAMSON

We have a baby girl, she's 4 now. Before getting married we wanted 3 kids and by that schedule, we should have just had the last one-

EFE

Yes but naira is times two of what it was then so she is worth 2 children at least.

SAMSON

You know I was walking past the baby aisle in [names a supermarket] and pampers is now [...]naira.

Samson scuffs

EFE

Why were you walking past the baby aisle?

Samson looks at her then the camera, starts to speak then keeps quiet

EFE

Simple question now. You don't know the spirit of pregnancy is always lurking looking for who to bless. Me if I mistakenly walk past the baby aisle I close my eyes immediately if I see a pregnant woman I look the other way, I've even stopped carrying babies when we're in church, I don't want to give the holy spirit any ideas.

11 INT. CHURCH - DAY

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DADDY PASTOR

Today's Wednesday so there's mid-week service. Pastor Segun is in charge of it so I just come about 20 minutes earlier to pray before the service and to see if anyone needs me.

MUMMY PASTOR

Pastor Segun does a lovely job at the mid-week service, I just wish his wife was here more often to see and appreciate him.

Daddy Pastor shrugs.

DADDY PASTOR

She works a lot.

MUMMY PASTOR

So we've heard.

TOMISIN AND TOFUNMI TALKING HEAD

TOMISIN

On Wednesdays when Dad picks us up from school, he takes us to get lunch then we go to church.

TOFUNMI

Easily my favourite day of the week, we get to choose the restaurant and then we play card games together.

Tomisin interrupts her.

TOMISIN

It can't be too far though.

Tofunmi rolls her eyes.

TOFUNMI

Sometimes we've gone to watch a movie right after though but we've not done that in a while.

TOMISIN

We only used to watch movies when we were younger, I'm not going to the cinema with you and Dad.

TOFUNMI

We also put a change of clothes in the car in the morning so we don't have to wear our uniform all day.

TOFUNMI

Mummy never comes with us, she's too busy breadwinning.

TOMISIN

We don't really mind though (whispers) sometimes she's bad vibes.

Tofunmi laughs.

FADE TO BLACK.

(Act one)

12 INT. DADDY AND MUMMY PASTOR'S HOUSE

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It's barely morning. The Adekoge's (Daddy and Mummy Pastor's family) sit in the living room holding a daily devotional book. DP (Daddy Pastor) is dressed in his suit without the jacket and shoes. MP (Mummy pastor) is in a long native dress with a scarf tied loosely around her head. Olamide is seated half asleep with crust all over her face. Her daughter Lolami is sitting in between Mummy and Daddy Pastor trying to sleep and they keep taking turns waking her up. OLAJUWON (The last born, very feisty and self-oriented, she's a visual artist and photographer, she's very aware of herself and environment and "woke" for lack of a better term, 24) sits on the couch with Tade but she looks widely uninterested and stares at the floor vacantly.

DADDY PASTOR

[reads a scripture or something
from the book]

Olamide yawns very loudly. DP and MP look at her in annoyance.

OLAMIDE

Sorry sorry sorry!

Olajuwon tries to stifle a laugh. A short montage ensues of them reading the devotional book. They all disperse. Olajuwon gets up and goes back to her room to sleep, Tade goes to the kitchen and sits on a stool in the corner reading a book, MP goes into her room and then the bathroom. DP knots his tie and puts on his shoe in his room mirror. The camera spans to Olamide sprawled across the couch sleeping with one leg on the floor and the other on the chair. Lolami is also on another couch sleeping.

13 INT. SEGUN & ADUNNI'S HOUSE - MORNING

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Adunni gets up at 4:30 and starts getting ready to go to work. She whispers bye to her husband as she leaves. He mumbles a response in his sleep. She makes herself a cup of coffee and leaves the house while it's still pitch dark outside. At 6am Segun gets up from his bed to wake his children up. He wakes up his son, then goes to wake up his daughter. They get up tired and sluggishly. Tofunmi fetches water from the tap into a bucket in her bathtub, she then puts antiseptic inside the water. Tomisin brushes his teeth with his eyes half closed. Segun goes outside and jogs around the compound in his nightwear. Comes back in and wraps a towel around his waist in the bathroom. The children come downstairs and stuff biscuits and Capri Sonne into their bags from a cupboard. Tofunmi brings out bread and starts buttering it while Tomisin brings out a bowl to pour cereal into. Tofunmi's tie is knotted horribly and her dad comes downstairs and loosens it while she's eating. She groans.

SEGUN

Knot it properly

She gets up and starts knotting it in front of the window she uses as a mirror. Tofunmi goes to the cupboard and takes an extra snack to put in his bag. There's a quick knock on the door.

SECURITY

School bus is here.

SEGUN

Oya finish up here.

They pack their belongings and then they hold hands making a mini prayer circle.

SEGUN

Father Lord go before us today and
bless our day.

The kids hurry out of the house.

14 INT EFE AND SAMSON'S HOUSE - MORNING

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Efe is in the living room rubbing cream on her daughter PRAISE as she wears her school uniform. Praise is eating from a bowl. The TV is on and she keeps stealing glances at it while multitasking. Samson emerges from inside the house fully dressed.

SAMSON

Praise carry your load let's go.

Praise runs to carry her bag. She hugs her mum and runs to meet her dad outside

Samson and Efe call out bye to each other unenthusiastically. Efe lays down on the couch comfortably and continues watching tv.

15 INT. DADDY AND MUMMY PASTOR'S KITCHEN - MORNING

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LOLAMI (a little girl, mixed race, about 4 years old) is eating cereal. Olamide is eating out of her bowl while holding a one-year-old. She is feeding the one-year-old golden mourn and eating some too. MP walks in and looks wildly surprised

MUMMY PASTOR

Wow you're awake and dressed already, hope nothing?

OLAMIDE

Mummy please it's too early. Lola (pronounces it the American way) don't stain this top o.

Olamide looks visibly tired and sleepy. Lolami goes to hug MP

MUMMY PASTOR

Omo mi Lola(pronounces it the Nigerian way)

Carries her up and hugs her.

MUMMY PASTOR (CONT'D)

I have not seen you dressed up this early on a weekday since you've been around, where are you going?

OLAMIDE

Doyin and I are going to check something quickly, I'll be back and at my office shortly.

MUMMY PASTOR

Which office?

OLAMIDE

The couch upstairs, that's my headquarters.

OLAMIDE TALKING HEAD

OLAMIDE

So full disclosure, I have no desire to leave Lagos anytime soon. I've decided this is my base for now. Doyin is going to drive me around this morning while we check out schools for Lola. Now the issue is who will tell my parents I am now living here again full-time?

DOYIN (very charismatic, Lagos young boy, a fine boy too, 27) MP and DP's son walks in from outside fully dressed in a suit. He goes to greet his mum and kisses her cheek. He carries Lola and helps her clean her mouth.

DOYIN

Is Daddy around?

MUMMY PASTOR

Look at the time. Why would your father still be home at this time?

Doyin looks at his watch.

DOYIN

I guess I'll see him in the office.

DOYIN TALKING HEAD

DOYIN

I'm Doyin. I moved out of my parent's house about a year ago. It was just becoming .. umm too much. I see my father almost every day in the office, I come for dinner a couple of times a week and I spend most Saturdays with my mum buying fabric so we still see each other a lot. I go to church every Wednesday and Sunday so I see them there too. Plus I live about 20 minutes away with one of my friends so it's not that big of a deal. (Pause) Being in a long-distance relationship with my parents is wonderful.

Outside Doyin enters his car while Olamide puts Lolami in the backseat with seatbelts on. Olamide rearranges the position of the passenger seat.

OLAMIDE

Doyin you need to buy car seats for my children please, this is not safe.

Doyin looks at the camera in confusion.

DOYIN

Or maybe you should buy yourself a car first then we can start that dialogue.

OLAMIDE

Driving in Lagos is too scary.

OLAMIDE TALKING HEAD

OLAMIDE

When I came back I drove my mum's car to the hair salon and on my way back someone stole the side-view mirror. While I was in traffic. Gta no do pass you people oh I'm scared.

Doyin drives out of the compound.

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