



# Pop goes CATHOLICISM Resource Sheet

# 17 Again

(PGC 3 of 3: Marriage is Peace & Safety)

## Media Information

Rating:

PG-13

Year:

2009

Director:

Burr Steers

Stars:

Zac Efron  
Matthew Perry

## Clip Description

Clip Time: 1:23:23-1:26:41

Movie Overview: A dissatisfied 30+ Mike is magically sent back to his 17 year old body and realizing what he's been ignoring makes an impassioned plea to save his marriage.

Key Quote: "I felt so peaceful... and safe, because I knew that no matter what happened from that day on nothing could ever be that bad, because I had you."

## Related

### Scripture:

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Romans 2:1-4

### Catechism:

#1604

#1606, #1608

## Faith Connection

In the background of all the magical body-swapping and kid-spying, a lot of this movie revolves around the marriage of the main character, Mike. The movie ends with the apparent reconciliation of said marriage. In Catholic theology, marriage is the mutual self-giving of a man and woman to each other in love that becomes a symbol of God and His Church. The movie shows a marriage almost destroyed by jealousy, resentment, and regret. Catholicism teaches that such things are the result of the damage done by sin, Original and personal, only overcome with God's grace. Just as in the movie Mike's experience of magic helps him remember his love for his wife, so we are called to experience God's love to help us remember to love the other, especially when that other is a spouse.

## Discussion Questions

1. Do you have someone with whom you feel "safe...nothing could ever be that bad"?
2. Are you that person for someone else?
3. If so, how do you feel about that responsibility? If not, why not?
4. Do you own your own mistakes/sins/failings?
5. What do you think about what the Church teaches about marriage? Why?

