

## *Take my Hand*

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**Place:** Russia  
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**Topic:** Pre-marital sex  
**Message:** *One should never be forced to “prove” one’s love with sex (it’s the oldest ploy in the world, so watch out). If the relationship is truly strong enough for eventual marriage, then sex can wait. And it’s the best way to test any guy’s sincerity!*  
**Characters:** Sarah & Daniel, 15 and 16  
**Setting:** Living room

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*Both sit on the sofa. Daniel is watching TV.*

**Sarah:** Daniel...

**Daniel:** Mhmm?

**Sarah:** I want to ask you something...

**Daniel:** Mhmm...

**Sarah:** ...something very important.

**Daniel:** Mhmm...

**Sarah:** Do you love me?

**Daniel:** Mhmm...

*Sarah pulls a remote from his hand*

**Sarah:** You always just say mhmm...!

**Daniel:** Well, of course I love you... And I want to ask you something.

**Sarah:** I am listening...

**Daniel:** Do you know Marcus and **Julia**?

**Sarah:** Yes.

**Daniel:** Well... They have this kind of relationship... intimate...? You know what I am saying?

**Sarah:** Yes I know.

**Daniel:** And do you know Steven and Michelle?

**Sarah:** Of course, I do.

**Daniel:** They also have this kind of relationship.

**Sarah:** Daniel, I know, so what?

**Daniel:** Well, I was wondering... Why don't we?

**Sarah:** Oh, you know I am only 16... And I have talked to my Mom a lot about this—and I decided that she's right. I'm going to wait until I'm married.

**Daniel:** Come on, you are so old fashioned! Everybody is doing it, all around us! On TV, in the movies! It's okay!

**Sarah:** Daniel, I understand what you're saying. But that doesn't mean that just because everybody is doing it, means that it's all right.

**Daniel:** There's nothing wrong with it... Psychologists say that it is good to check everything out before you get married. And doctors say that it is good for your health.

**Sarah:** Yeah, maybe. But... I won't.

**Daniel:** I know the real reason. You don't love me!

**Sarah:** I love you!

**Daniel:** Well... You know my parents are out of town on a business trip, and left me all alone. We can go back to my place and... you know what.

**Sarah:** Daniel, I can't. I'm sorry.

**Daniel:** I knew it. You don't love me!

**Sarah:** I really love you, Daniel!

**Daniel:** I am tired of this conversation. Here I am. Take my hand and let's go.

**Sarah:** What if I won't go?

**Daniel:** Then it is our last talk. Make your choice.

*Sarah moves her hand towards Daniel's.*

### **FREEZE—DISCUSSION—UNFREEZE!!!**

**Sarah:** I choose love.

**Daniel:** What do you mean?

**Sarah:** Daniel, I really love you and I hope with all my heart that you love me also. But our love has nothing to do with what everybody else is doing. It's about us—the way we feel, the way we think. Please don't force me. Let me be who I am.