

Set 1: mistak, serious, tri, wrong, mayb, charact, seem, disagree

Set 2: love, experi, children, faith, daughter, man, part, person

Set 3: campaign, word, apolog, anyth, fact, never, foreign, week

Set 4: sir, minut, pleas, respond, goe, sorri, ask, statement

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MODERATOR Weve come, gentlemen, to our last question. And it occurred to me as I came to this debate tonight that the three of us share something. All three of us are surrounded by very strong women. Were all married to strong women. Each of us have two daughters that make us very proud. Id like to ask each of you, what is the most important thing youve learned from these strong women?

GEORGE W. BUSH To listen to them. (LAUGHTER) To stand up straight and not scowl. (LAUGHTER) I love the strong women around me. I cant tell you how much I love my wife and our daughters. I am — you know its really interesting. I tell the people on the campaign trail, when I asked Laura to marry me, she said, “Fine, just so long as I never have to give a speech. “I said, “ok, youve got a deal. “Fortunately, she didnt hold me to that deal. And shes out campaigning along with our girls. And she speaks English a lot better than I do. I think people understand what shes saying. But they see a compassionate, strong, great first lady in Laura Bush. I cant tell you how lucky I am. When I met her in the backyard at Joe and Jan ONeills in Midland, Texas, it was the classic backyard barbecue. ONeill said, “Come on over. I think youll find somebody who might interest you. “So I said all right. Bopped over there. There was only four of us there. And not only did she interest me, I guess you would say it was love at first sight.

MODERATOR Senator Kerry?

JOHN KERRY Well, I guess the president and you and I are three examples of lucky people who married up. (LAUGHTER) And some would say maybe me more so than others. (LAUGHTER) But I can take it. (LAUGHTER) Can I say, if I could just say a word about a woman that you didnt ask about, but my mom passed away a couple years ago, just before I was deciding to run. And she was in the hospital, and I went in to talk to her and tell her what I was thinking of doing. And she looked at me from her hospital bed and she just looked at me and she said, “Remember; integrity, integrity, integrity. “Those are the three words that she left me with. And my daughters and my wife are people who just are filled with that sense of whats right, whats wrong. They also kick me around. They keep me honest. They dont let me get away with anything. I can sometimes take myself too seriously. They surely dont let me do that. And Im blessed, as I think the president is blessed, as I said last time. Ive watched him with the first lady, who I admire a great deal, and his daughters. Hes a great father. And I think were both very lucky.