

START

KM

Are you sayin' when you get manager, you won't dock my pay if I'm late?

JESSE

I already told ya, they're movin' Terry up to it.

KM

Look, I'm tellin' ya, Terry's an outright idiot. He's the type comes to a full stop on the on-ramp when he should be merging into traffic.

JESSE

They're asking him to manage the store, not drive it.

KM

You wait, you'll see, any kinda pressure comes 'round, Terry's gonna fold like a paper napkin.

JESSE

I think something's wrong with me, KM.

KM

I'll say.

JESSE

No, I mean it.

KM

I don't know why you won't just flirt with someone sometime.

JESSE

No, I don't mean romantically.

KM

But, there is something wrong, Jesse. I've never known you to go out with anybody.

JESSE

I got into a really bad fight with my Mama this mornin'.

KM

I get into a fight with my mother every time I talk to her. That's what parents are for. You know what I think?

JESSE

Sometimes.

KM

I think, you need to start coming with me to church on Sundays.

JESSE

I tole you before, God and me ain't on speaking terms.

KM

So I heard. But still, Petie, he was all over the God map. And, maybe whatever it is you need is in the very same place you don't want to go.

JESSE

God lets way too many bad things happen for me to go celebrate him in some uncomfortable pew.

KM

God isn't the one doin' all the bad stuff. It's people doin' that.

JESSE

If God is God, He could stop all the bad stuff is what I'm sayin'.

KM

But then, we wouldn't be choosin' to do right because we wanted to, we'd be choosin' it 'cause we had to.

JESSE

You're not listenin' to me, KM. She had wrote out directions for her to go and visit Daddy at the mental place. And I don't know, something in me just kinda snapped. So, I jumped on top of her and I sorta strangled her for awhile.

KM

Well, maybe she deserved it.

JESSE

If You weren't my only friend, I'd stop being friends with you.

KM

No you wouldn't. If both of us was gay or one of us was a man-

JESSE/KM

We'd be the perfect couple.

KM

Come to church with me. Look, I know a lot a double standard stuff happens up in the church. Hell, I'm a walkin' double standard. But a whole lotta good happens there too.

JESSE

I ain''t goin to no church.

KM

Would you come if I told you I was pregnant?

JESSE

Are you?

Probably.

KM

SCENE THREE

STOP

BONNIE AND JESSE'S DINING ROOM

The Sparks Ministry plays on Bonnie's TV.

PASTOR SPARKS (V.O.)

Tune in tomorrow for a Sparks Ministry tune up. And remember, the joy of the Lord can be your strength.

Bonnie enters from another room. She carries a paint tray and a paint roller.

BONNIE

One room down, seven to go. Now, every room is gonna have its own feel, every room gonna be a brand new place.

KM enters.

KM

What'd Jesse say when you told her you was gonna paint her room?

BONNIE

We haven't exactly talked 'bout that, yet.

KM

What?!

BONNIE

It's my house, I can do whatever I want to to it.

KM

You do know this's got "bad idea" written all over it, right?

BONNIE

Way I figure it, she's gonna be mad at me no matter what anyway. So...Want some sweet tea?

Bonnie pours them both an iced tea.

KM

Sure. Jesse told me what happened so I just thought I'd drop by to make sure you're okay. You're okay, right?

BONNIE

Let's just say, Jesse and I had a little disagreement 'bout whether or not I should go and see my husband.