

EPISODE FIVE

House Calls

EVELYN STEWART

JAMES' MOTHER

Evelyn is a loving and caring mother, and while she has gone off on an international mission for their church, she remains committed to helping her son when he needs it. She returns early from her overseas mission as soon as she learns of the wreck. In this scene she gives him some important advice on how to deal with what could otherwise be a life destroying journey for James.

Scene 24 “A Mother Returns”

STEWART'S HOUSE. EXT. DAY.

Michael drives into the driveway. Michael and James get out and walk into the house, where James is met by his mother.

CUT TO INT. Evelyn grabs James in her arms and hugs him. She is trying not to cry.

EVELYN STEWART

It's going to be O.K. baby.

JAMES

They are all dead!

EVELYN STEWART

(openly crying)

I know sweetheart. You must keep the faith.

JAMES

So God can destroy all our lives?

EVELYN STEWART

(pulling away and holding James at arms' length)

Don't say that!

JAMES

(looking down)

I'm sorry mom.

EVELYN STEWART

You should be. Don't take the Lords' name in vain son.

JAMES

(still looking down)

Yes mam.

EVELYN STEWART

You have to be strong James. You have to rely on your faith. You are being tested.

JAMES

(Looking up. Speaking fiercely)

What about my friends? Are they being tested?

EVELYN STEWART

They are in the hands of God now. It's not your right to question the will of God.

JAMES

But it doesn't make sense mom.

EVELYN STEWART

We can never understand everything that God does or why he challenges us. It's not all his action either. There is evil in the world.

JAMES

So I'm evil then?

EVELYN STEWART

I didn't say that... and you shouldn't be thinking that either. Your attorney said the preliminary investigation shows that Sam was texting.

JAMES

I know.

EVELYN STEWART

Your attorney...

(Turning to Michael)

What's his name?

MICHAEL

Austin Sanders.

EVELYN STEWART

(turning back to James)

Austin said that if you hadn't had anything to drink, this probably wouldn't even go to trial.

JAMES

I'm afraid, mom...

EVELYN STEWART

Of what?

JAMES

Of going to prison.

EVELYN STEWART

I told you. God is testing you. You have to be strong. You will get through this. You are stronger than you think.

JAMES

But there are gangs.

EVELYN STEWART

There's also the prison Ministry. I want you to reach out to them. I know them. I can find out who you should get in touch with.