

MELODY / DAD

MELODY

It's all your fault. It's because of you I did what I did.

DAD

I'm sorry, baby girl. I was tough on you growing up. I didn't know my words would have carried so much weight.

MELODY

Well, they did. I didn't think I could make a mistake because you wouldn't forgive me. The only thing I thought I could do to set things right was kill the child. I was only seventeen. I had no job, so there was no way for me to pay for an abortion. So I did what I had to.

The pain was unbearable, but there was no amount of pain more hurtful than your disappointment in me. I wanted to do right by you. I made one mistake, and you lost all faith in me. You said so many hurtful things to me that even now I can't appreciate kind words from my husband.

DAD

I'm sorry, baby girl. You were my pride and joy, and you almost died because of me. I was a preacher. I handled it the best way I thought I could. I've never forgiven myself for that day. I know I lost your daughterly love, but I don't want to lose you by death. Please don't put yourself in that predicament.

MELODY

Why not, Dad? I would rather die trying to give birth for the one person I know that would do anything for me. Tony truly loves me, and I love him. His dream is for us to have a child and be a happy family. What kind of wife am I if I can't do that?

DAD

Baby girl, Tony loves you. He'll be hurt, but I'm sure he will eventually understand.

MELODY

You don't know that. I'm gonna have this baby.