

ST NICHOLAS EVE: A SOUL IN TORMENT

Carol is a young adult who is lonely, both physically and emotionally. She stopped going to church years ago but can't shake God's conviction on her conscience.

CAROL
(moans in pain)
I...I think I'm okay.

JOE
We're just about to the door. Okay,
you have the key?

CAROL
It's right here.

Carol struggles for a few seconds but UNLOCKS and OPENS THE DOOR.

CAROL (cont'd)
Thank you. I, I'm all right now. I
appreciate your help. And thank you
for going with me today.

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MARY
I don't know. I'm still early in my
pregnancy; so there are some options
I can consider.

CAROL
Um, I don't think that's a good idea.

MARY
Why? It's what you did.

CAROL
(crying)
Yes. I did.

MARY
So aren't other options exactly what
you believe a person in my situation
should do?
(beat)
Can you look me in the eyes and tell
me everything will be, well, happy?

CAROL

CAROL (cont'd)

Look, I don't remember as much as I thought I did about what happens. But I do know that the birth of your Son impacts the world...maybe more than anything else in history. Every year, we remember His birth as a time to, I don't know, be nice to each other and...and be thankful for each other.

(beat)

Whatever I think about autotomy, I can't ignore that without this birth, your giving birth to Jesus, none of this happens and the world is that much more hateful.