

ST NICHOLAS EVE: A SOUL IN TORMENT

St Nicholas is a thousand-year-old bishop who makes visits every 5th of December, providing a gift and words that are either convicting or uplifting, both motivated by love.

ST NICHOLAS

I said I love giving gifts to children. You're just not the only child here tonight to receive one.

CAROL

No, of course not.

ST NICHOLAS

Come on. Nobody's coercing you into anything. You're a strong, independent woman making your own decisions.

CAROL

You think I wanted to--

ST NICHOLAS

I think you wanted it more than you wanted the alternative. But I also think that forgiveness can still be found.

CAROL

I'm not looking for forgiveness. All I did was--

ST NICHOLAS

Carol, forget your pride. Forget the slogans you've been telling yourself. You know in your heart that you have sinned, and you know full well how your conscience suffers while acknowledging this sin. So far, that has been your punishment.

(beat)

But, if Jesus can say "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do" about the people who were, at that moment, putting Him to death, then how much more do you think He can forgive you?