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THE GOSPEL OF KEVIN

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**KRISTIN**

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**6 PGS.**

YVETTE

To open yourself to the word of God. God talks to people all the time. I'm going to train you to hear.

(then)

Step one: go get your car.

**START**

**EXT. HIGH SCHOOL - PARKING LOT - DAY**

Kevin hurries toward his car, taking out his keys.

WOMAN (O.S.)

Kevin?

Kevin turns to see a pretty, smiling WOMAN approaching. A messenger bag over her shoulder, walking away from her car -- this is KRISTIN ALLEN.

KRISTIN

Oh my god, it is you!

Kevin looks briefly horrified.

KEVIN

Kristin? Wow. Hey. Wow.

He tries to pat down his hair in a futile attempt to not look like he looks. Kristin gives him a friendly hug.

KRISTIN

God, I don't think I've seen you in ten years. You look so different!

KEVIN

You look... great. You look great.

KRISTIN

What are you doing in town?

KEVIN

Um... just here for a visit. Visiting the fam.

KRISTIN

Your niece is such a good kid, one of my favorite students.

KEVIN

Oh, you're back here teaching?

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KRISTIN

Believe it or not. History. Some days it's like I never graduated.

(then)

It's good that you're here. Reese has been through so much. I've been trying to make time for her, pull her out of her shell a little. They really need you.

KEVIN

Yeah. Maybe.

(then)

So, what's going on with you? You, uh, married or anything?

~~Kevin suddenly standing right beside them.~~

~~Are you holding me?~~

Kevin startles, then tries to cover it with a cough.

KRISTIN

Still single. Work keeps me busy. What about you? I heard you're a big financial investor in New York?

~~Kevin is having a hard time concentrating with Kristin talking right in his ear.~~

KEVIN

Uh, yeah, you know I sort of got out of that business. Trying something different.

KRISTIN

Really? I'm surprised. You were always the guy who was gonna be a billionaire by thirty.

KEVIN

Yeah, my priorities shifted. There are more important things than money. Probably.

~~While we have work to do, Kevin. We have to start now. Say~~

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KRISTIN

Well, I hope you find something  
that makes you happy.

YVETTE

Goodbye. Goodbye. Goodbye.

KEVIN

Okay goodbye.

And he runs to his car, leaving Kristin a little bewildered.

~~INT. BMW - DRIVING - DAY~~

**STOP**

~~Kevin drives, Yvette in the passenger seat. Outside is  
farmland as far as the eye can see. Yvette considers him.~~

~~YVETTE~~

~~So she broke up with you, right?~~

~~KEVIN~~

~~Hey, you know what? Not talking  
about that.~~

~~YVETTE~~

~~Fine. Let's talk spiritual power.  
The more you have, the more  
connected you are to God. And the  
way to build that power is fairly  
simple: believe in love. Give  
more than you receive. Help those  
in need.~~

~~KEVIN~~

~~So if I help Reese, God's gonna  
talk to me.~~

~~YVETTE~~

~~Communicate. Not always talk.~~

~~(then)~~

~~It's like a video game. Every  
selfless act, every time you help  
another, you level up. God will  
begin to guide you in finding  
thirty-five other righteous souls.  
Once you know who they are, you  
will anoint them with an embrace.~~

~~KEVIN~~

~~A hug?~~

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KRISTIN

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REESE (CONT'D)

My mom, in bed, for two weeks straight. But she's still crazy about you, and I have no idea why.

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KEVIN

Look, I suck. I absolutely do. But I'm here now, right?

REESE

You're here because you don't have anywhere else to go.

Reese walks off the field. Kevin stands there a beat, gutpunched. Then picks up the ball and jogs after her.

START

EXT. HIGH SCHOOL - FRONT ENTRANCE - DAY

Reese walks fast as Kevin tries to catch up with her.

KEVIN

Reese -- Reese, wait a minute --

KRISTIN (O.S.)

Hey guys.

Kristin is exiting the school. She's smiling, but quickly sees something is wrong. Reese stops in front of her.

REESE

Will you give me a ride home?

KRISTIN

Oh, isn't your uncle --

REESE

I'm not going with him. Can you?

Kristin looks from Reese to Kevin, not really wanting to get in the middle of this, but she doesn't have much of a choice.

KRISTIN

Um, sure, Reese --

REESE

I'll wait by your car.

And she's gone. Kristin looks at Kevin with a sympathetic smile. He's wound tight, hurt and angry, and looking for somebody to punish.

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KRISTIN

She's a teenager. Storming away in a huff is standard operating procedure. I'll talk to her.

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KEVIN

Don't even bother.

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KRISTIN

It's no trouble, I have a pretty good relationship with her --

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KEVIN

You know what, I get it. Everybody gets it. You're a great person and I'm a dick.

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KRISTIN

Wait, what? What are you talking about?

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KEVIN

Nothing. Forget it. It's just a little too much perfect for me to handle right now.

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At some point, Kevin realizes that he's going too far, but he's a runaway train now. Kristen clenches her jaw, close to blowing up at him.

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KRISTIN

Oh, I'm perfect? Well what does that make you?

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KEVIN

(shrugs)

The guy who gets to make you feel good about yourself?

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She almost laughs.

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KRISTIN

That's kind of the opposite of what you do, Kevin. You always acted like you were better than all of us. Too good for this school, this town. Too good for me.

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KEVIN

That is definitely not true.

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Kristin shakes her head, more sad than angry now.

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KRISTIN

I'd ask you what happened to turn  
you into such an unhappy person...  
but now I think you were always  
like that.

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She turns and walks toward the parking lot. Kevin almost  
goes after her. But he doesn't.

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EXT. AMY'S HOUSE - NIGHT

~~STOP~~

~~Kevin pulls up -- there is an Air Force Humvee parked out  
front. He exits the SUV as Amy, Diebolt and two Air Force  
Security Force officers approach. Amy is clearly upset.~~

~~KEVIN~~

~~Hey. What's going on?~~

~~AMY~~

~~What did you do, Kevin?~~

~~SECURITY FORCE OFFICER~~

~~Mr. Flynn, we'd like you to come  
with us to answer a few questions.~~

~~KEVIN~~

~~Wait -- what are we talking about?~~

~~AMY~~

~~Just tell them what happened. It's  
the only way you can fix this.~~

~~Off ~~Kevin~~ being guided into the military vehicle --~~

END OF ACT THREE

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