

GOD IS BY MY SIDE

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FADE IN:

LEVITICUS 18:22- "You shall not lie with a man, as with a woman: it is an abomination."

FADE TO BLACK.

EXT. SACRAMENTO RIVER

At the Sacramento State River SEAN GIBBS, 25 years old, a short, African American, flamboyant gay college graduate student rises from the water.

SEAN(V.O)

I always believed in God. But I was never sure he would accept me into heaven. Because all my life I was told that homosexuality was a sin. And if I acted on the feelings to lie with a men I will go to Hell. But a few days ago every thing changed.

INT. SEAN OFFICE- LATE AFTERNOON

Sean is sitting in his office surfing the web on the Craigslist site looking for a classic rock-n-roll album.

He is interrupted by his buddy GERALD SCOTT, 26 years old, a short stocky designer.

GERALD

Hey Boss man what you still doing here, aren't you off?

SEAN

Yep.

GERALD

you must be looking for that album again, girl give it up, you have been looking for that album everyday for like ten years. I'm pretty sure you'll find it on eBay.

SEAN

No! I cant find it on eBay. I have to see it in person before I buy it anyway. None of the local record stores have it. And girl stop calling me Boss man, I've been your boss for like two days.

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Still looking at the computer with his hand on the mouse
Sean rises.

SEAN
No... YES! Finally.

GERALD
No way, you found someone selling
it?

SEAN
Yep and they're located not too far
from here.

Sean writes down the address.

SEAN
I gotta go. I have to see if they
still have it.

GERALD
Sweet. wait what about Johnny?
Isn't he taking you to dinner for
your birthday?

SEAN
Yea. I'm running late but he'll
understand. Besides, the restaurant
is in the same area.

Sean grabs his jacket off the back of his chair. Puts his bag
strap over his head and runs out of his office, passing
Gerald in the door way.

INT. SEAN'S CAR

Sean types the address in the GPS on his phone and places it
on his windshield mount. While driving, his ring tone goes
off, JOHNNY THOMPSON, 22 years old, texts him. Sean has his
phone read the text message.

SEAN
Siri Read text.

JOHNNY (SIRI)
Hey babe, where are you?

SIRI
Would you like to reply?

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SEAN

Reply, hey babe I'm sorry. I finally got a hit on the record, I will call you when I'm done.Send.

GPS

Your destination is on the right.

Sean realizes the address given is the address of the restaurant.

Sean puts his right blinker on and turns right into a shopping center.

EXT. PARKING LOT

Sean parks and gets out of the car. Standing in front is Johnny holding a record that reads IT'S RAINING MEN THE WEATHER GIRLS with a bow on it.

Sean is smiling as he walks closer to Johnny. Johnny smiles back.

A few feet before Sean reaches Johnny. A car in the parking lot loses control. The car heads straight for Sean.

Sean still smiling at Johnny keeps walking without seeing the car.

Sean sees Johnny turn his head to face the car, Sean then turns his and looks at the lights.

FADE TO WHITE.

EXT. SACRAMENTO RIVER

Sean is still rising from the river. He tries gasping for air.

He reaches surface in the water and stands up. He wipes his face to clear his eyes.

He sees a blurred man, he wipes his eyes again.

Sean begins to walk towards the shore, as the man stands there watching. Sean Yells.

SEAN

Can you tell me Where I am and um what I'm doing here?

The man remained quiet.Sean reaches the shore.

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SEAN

Um... Whats your name.

The man smiles, and replies.

UNKNOWN MAN

Some call me the almighty, some
call me the Creator, but I go by
God.

SEAN

Is this some kind of joke? Where am
I? Where's Johnny? Johnny!

Sean turns looking around for Johnny.

UNKNOWN MAN (SMILING)

Johnny's okay.

Sean turns to attack the man and screams.

SEAN

Who are you? You better not have
laid a finger on him.

UNKNOWN MAN

I told you who I am Sean.

SEAN

How do you know my name, what do
you want from me? How did I get
here?

UNKNOWN MAN

I don't just know your name, I know
your life. Iv been beside you all
your life, blind to human eyes.

SEAN

So your God, huh. Prove it.

UNKNOWN MAN

Okay.

The man reaches out his hand and steps toward Sean.

Sean steps back and looks at him suspiciously.

The man reassures Sean with a look and Sean grabs his hand.

FADE TO GREY.

INT. SEAN'S CHILDHOOD HOME- BEDROOM- YEAR 2004

GOD and Sean arrive in his high school bedroom. Sean is in God's arms Screaming.

SEAN
AHHHHH...AHH...AHH...AHH AH!

Sean stops screaming and begins to look around and starts to recognize the room. He taps God on the arm.

SEAN
Um.. you.. can put me down now.

God smiles and lets Sean down.

Sean looks around.

SEAN
This is my room!

GOD
Yes it is.

Sean turns and faces God.

SEAN
It's been years since I've been here.

Sean goes to his desk and reaches his hand out. Just when Sean was going up to an old photo. Sean hears the door open and he runs over to God.

SEAN
Oh.. oh My God.

Sean 16 year old self storms into the room. With God following.

SEAN
That's. That's you! Um can they see or hear us?

GOD
Yep and no they can't. This is a memory from the past-watch.

God grabs Sean and turns him to watch his younger self.

PAST SEAN
uh why am I like this?

Past Sean sitting at his desk, looks up.

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PAST SEAN

If you exist why would you make me this way, if it's wrong. I can't help the way I feel...Uh it isn't fair!

Sean throws his head down on the desk.

SEAN

I remember. This is when I told the captain of the football team I liked him..his name was, um Gregory Downer.

He pushed me down and called me a Fag.

Past God rubs Past Sean's head and slightly moves his computers mouse, to cut the screen on.

Past Sean reacts to the light and he sees his facebook, and that he has a message.

SEAN

Hey you did that? Seeing that message from Johnny changed my life.

Past Sean clicks on his messages and sees its from Johnny.

He begins to read.

PAST SEAN

Hey Sean, Its Johnny I saw what happened today at the field. I just want you to know Greg is a jerk. Don't listen to him, your an amazing guy and I'll be glad to remind you of that everyday. But um I got to go attend to being a dumb jock, I hope to see you at school tomorrow.

Sean begins to cry.

SEAN

How many times have you done things like that.

GOD

All your life.

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SEAN
So does fate or destiny really
exist?

GOD
If you believe in it.

God grabs Sean's hand.

FADE TO WHITE.

EXT. SACRAMENTO RIVER

Sean and God arrive at the river. Sean stumbles a bit.

SEAN
So, you never told me what you
wanted from me and why I'm here.

GOD
I wanted to let you know that I am
always by your side, and that you
never have to change. Also you
shouldn't believe everything you
read in books.

God Smiles, and slowly walks Sean back into the water.

SEAN
One question?

GOD
Shoot.

SEAN
was religion created by man or by
You?

God cocks his head, with a smile on his face and opens his
mouth.

GOD
Religion serves a purpose, but for
what humans think.

SEAN
But.

Before Sean could finish his sentence God dunks him under
water.

FADE TO WHITE.

EXT. PARKING LOT

Sean still smiling at Johnny keeps walking without seeing the car

Sean sees Johnny turn his head to face the car, Sean then turns his and looks at the lights.

God appears on the right side of Sean.

God turns and faces the out of control car and stops it.

Sean looks at the driver in the car, and the driver looks back with a confused look on his face.

Sean looks down to see how close the car was to hitting him.

Then he looks up to the sky.

SEAN

Thank You!

Johnny still waiting across the street runs towards Sean.

JOHNNY

Are you okay?

Sean with a smile on his face walks up and hugs him hard.

SEAN

Yes. I Love You.

They hug for a moment. Johnny pulls back.

JOHNNY

Uh Happy Birthday Babe.

SEAN

wow! where did you find it? Never mind. It doesn't matter. Thank you so much. Your the best!

JOHNNY

Your welcome! Oh and Love you too!

They smile at each other and the hug one another.

FADE TO BLACK.

INT. SEAN OFFICE- LATE AFTERNOON

Sean gets out of the elevator and walks into his office smiling, passing Gerald in is cubical.

As Sean passes, Gerald turns and watches him curiously. He gets up out of his chair and follows Sean into his office.

GERALD

So I'm assuming you had a great night Boss man?

SEAN

You know what I did.

GERALD

Yea? so you got the record?

SEAN

yeah!!! It was Johnny, he posted the ad on craigslist.

GERALD

what!? That is so romantic!

SEAN

I also told him I loved him.

GERALD

After all these years, finally!

SEAN

yea, I guess it was God's plan all along.

Sean and Gerald continue talking.

Camera zooms out.

FADE TO BLACK.