

SCENE FIVE

LIZZIE AT THE COUNSELOR

LIZZIE: I don't want to harp on this honesty thing...But I do think sometimes it's a luxury....Something you can't really afford so you just make the decision you have to. You just do it and its like you can't even remember deciding....Only later you think...Was it right? Should I have done that? What did it cost?

I've done that twice. Once when I was 19. And I don't judge myself for that.

And whatever we say...Ben and I...It's not me...I know it's not me. I had no trouble conceiving in 10 rapid fire minutes with Shane Hicks in his parent's holiday house at Torquay...All I could think about afterwards was the chenille bedspread. It was such an ugly bedspread. I think it was turquoise.

And I know 19 wasn't really that young but in a way it also was. It was younger then than it would be now. And I wasn't ready.

So it's now and I'm not 19.

And he won't go to the doctor. He's scared and I'm scared and I don't get scared. I just don't do that..Not usually....Except with Ben...because with Ben everything means just a bit more.

It wears me out.

So we're stuck. At an impasse. You can't be happy at an impasse. You get tired of it. Tired of each other.

Then if you think about it another way...A better way....it's just a problem and problems have solutions. You just have be prepared to find them. Reprioritize

(A SOFT ALARM SOUNDS)

Time's up...Can I just say you're very good at this...You don't say anything which I find strangely comforting. You're a bit like a night light. It's easy to ignore you but it's quite nice that you're there. And I'm not sure I could keep quiet for so long. That's a real skill. So....Well done you.