

I Wish I Was Here
1:05-1:10

SARAH
Did I scare you?

GABE
I thought if I ever saw you here alone, you'd be putting a pillow over my face.

SARAH
I looked. You're lying on the only two in the room. I've been watching the paramedics come and go for the last half hour and every few minutes they race in at full speed doing everything they can to save someone's life and then a few minutes later, they all walk outside and smoke cigarettes.

GABE
You never really think about death until you're here. Chemicals pumping into your veins while you watch Maury Povich. I'm unclear which one is killing me faster. Can I offer you some saline?

SARAH
I'm good. Glad to see you're keeping your sense of humor.

GABE
What else am I supposed to do? Eventually things get tragic enough and they circle back to comedy.

SARAH
You know, I don't think I ever told you this but, when I lost my sister, you were the most helpful person to me.

GABE
Really? Well, I'm glad if I was. I don't even remember what I said.

SARAH
You said "Nothing in life will call upon us to be more courageous than facing the fact that it ends. But on the other side of heartbreak is wisdom".

GABE
I said that?

SARAH
Yeah.

GABE
That was good advice. And now here I am, a shiva waiting to happen.

SARAH
Well, the wisdom that came out for me was that the things left

unsaid stay with us forever.
I wish nothing more
than if I could tell my
sister how much I loved her
and that I always idolized her.
But we never said those things.
We just weren't like that.
And suddenly one day she's gone.
And I have all these things to say,
but no one to say them to.

GABE

Both my boys know how I feel.

SARAH

Are you sure, Gabe?

GABE

I told them I wanted to retire.
I lied.
They pushed me out.
'Cause I wasn't keeping
up with technology.
Don't let anyone push them out.

SARAH

Have you told them this?

GABE

What is this?
Is this an intervention?
Did you come here to tell
me how I failed as a father?

SARAH

No!
Not at all. You've raised
two incredible boys, Gabe.
They may not have quick answers
or awards on their mantles.
In fact, neither one
of them has a mantle.
But they're incredible,
with big, sensitive hearts.
And right now they need to know
how much their father loves them.
Barbara used to help you with
the hard part of parenting, right?

GABE

She made everyone around her happy.
She just brought out the best in me.

SARAH

I think if she were here right
now she'd tell you that
your boys will remember this
time for the rest of their lives.
It will shape who they are as men.

GABE

You're gonna make a great
matriarch one day.

SARAH

I already am a great matriarch, Gabe.
At least I'm working on it.