

Shall we Begin

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INT. SIGHT OF AA MEETING

DANIEL Radfield (23), Sitting down staring blankly at the center of the room.

DREW SINGLETARY (24), a young religious man with a country accent, standing next to a table with snacks and brewed coffee with paper cups sitting next to it.

Drew pours coffee into a cup, picks up a donut, and turns to the center of the room. Where there are four chairs arranged in a circle.

Drew smiles with a devilish grin and evil squinting eyes for a second then relaxes back to his previous calm expression.

Drew sees all the seats full except for one. He walks towards that seat eating his donut while walking and sits down.

He dips his donut in his coffee and takes a bite. Drew looks around the circle as everyone looks back at him. He takes the last bite of his donut, puts the cup on the floor, and wipes his face off with a napkin.

DREW SINGLETARY

Good evening everyone, I hope everyone has had a good week.

Drew looks around the room to see people's responses but no one says a word.

DREW SINGLETARY

Shall we begin? I see that we have a new person here today. Would you like to tell us your story?

Drew looks to his left in the circle towards RON STEIN (23). Everyone in the circle looks at Ron waiting for him to speak but he stays silent.

DREW SINGLETARY

I understand, you probably don't feel comfortable with us yet, so I guess we should go first.

Drew picks his coffee up off the floor, takes a sip, and puts it back down.

DREW SINGLETARY

My name is Drew Singletary

THE WHOLE CIRCLE

Hi Drew

DREW SINGLETARY

And I've been sober for about two years now. I was an alcoholic and my drinking caused me to lose my job.

Drew picks up the coffee to take another sip and holds onto the cup in his left hand.

DREW SINGLETARY

Which lead to me losing my home. That's when I found the church and realized that Jesus Christ suffered for my sins. So, now I try to help others that are in the position that I was in.

Drew stops talking and has his devilish smile again but then reverts back to his normal face and the circle claps, not reacting to Drew's sudden change of face. Drew gazes around the room but ends up looking directly at Daniel.

Drew takes a sip of his coffee and starts pointing in the direction he is looking. He makes a smacking sound with his mouth as he begins to speak.

DREW SINGLETARY

Daniel, Will you go next?

Daniel gazes around the room and starts talking.

DANIEL RADFIELD

Hey....., my name is Daniel.

THE WHOLE CIRCLE

Hi Daniel.

DANIEL RADFIELD

So, I've been sober for eight months. I had been drinking for a while but I was pretty much in control of what I was doing. Until the worst day of my life happened.

Daniel stops talking and gulps.

DANIEL RADFIELD

Me and my girlfriend had just finished eating at a restaurant and were

walking home. We were nearly there.

Daniel looks at the ceiling getting teary-eyed.

EXT. STREET AND SIDEWALK

Daniel and his girlfriend Jennifer Grainger (22), Walk on the sidewalk crossing the street but Jennifer runs back into the street to retrieve her dropped phone.

DANIEL RADFIELD (V.O.)

We needed to cross one more street.
And we did until she realized that her
phone had fallen out in the middle of
the road. She ran to go pick it up
without looking for traffic.

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Daniel stops talking and puts his hands on his face.

DREW SINGLETARY

It's okay Daniel, this is a safe
space.

Daniel keeps his hands on his face but starts talking again.

EXT. STREET AND SIDEWALK

A car hits Jennifer and drives away without stopping. Daniel holds Jennifer crying and screaming.

DANIEL RADFIELD (V.O.)

The next thing I knew was a bang.

Daniel pauses talking for a few seconds.

DANIEL RADFIELD (V.O.)

Then I held her in my arms as she took
her last breath..... They never found
him.

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Daniel stops talking, pushes his lips together clutching his face with his hands and the whole circle starts clapping.

DREW SINGLETARY

Thanks for sharing Daniel, and I'm so
sorry that happened to ya. But,
remember the lord works in mysterious

ways.

Drew again starts smiling with a devilish grin and evil squinting eyes but only for a second and goes back to normal.

DREW SINGLETARY

Alright,... How about you Hannah, why don't you go next?

HANNAH SMITH (23), with a quiet squeaky voice, Stares at the ground and shakes her head up and down.

HANNAH SMITH

Hi, I'm Hannah.

THE WHOLE CIRCLE

Hi Hannah

Hannah continues to stare at the ground while wiping almost tears out of her eyes but starts talking.

HANNAH SMITH

I've been sober for two months now. I drank because of my shyness and my poor self-confidence. But, when I drink that all changes I can talk to anyone about anything. But, one day I took it too far and woke up in the hospital with all my family looking down at me.

Drew takes an obnoxious sip of his coffee. Hannah stops to look at Drew.

DREW SINGLETARY

Sorry Hannah continue

Hannah looks away from Drew and continues talking.

HANNAH SMITH

I had blacked out and gotten alcohol poisoning. The next thing I know I am here.

The whole circle claps after Hannah stops speaking.

DREW SINGLETARY

Thank you, Hannah, for sharing. I know it's hard. And remember to just take it a day at a time.

Drew takes a sip of his coffee, makes a loud swallowing noise.

Drew looks in the direction of Ron making eye contact with each other.

DREW SINGLETARY

Are you ready to share with us now?

Ron gives a slight head nod and starts talking.

RON STEIN

Hi, I'm Ron

THE WHOLE CIRCLE

Hi, Ron

RON STEIN

So, two years ago my wife told me she wanted a divorce. I Was really upset about it so I went out to drink. I got really messed up and decided to drive home.

EXT. STREET AND SIDEWALK

Ron is driving his car when a girl runs into the street .

RON STEIN (V.O.)

Everything was going okay until some girl ran into the street and I, I didn't have time to stop.....

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Ron starts to rub his hands together vigorously with a distraught look.

EXT. STREET AND SIDEWALK

A loud bang noise occurs while the screen is black then Ron is in his car breathing heavily panicking.

RON STEIN (V.O.)

And, I think I hit her. But, I panicked and I just kept driving. After that I couldn't stop drinking for a while.

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Ron staring at the ground wrestling with his own hands.

RON STEIN

Until I met someone five months ago
that got me through it. Ever since then
I've stopped drinking. I struggle
everyday with that image and that I'll
never be able to fix what I did.

The whole circle claps.

DREW SINGLETARY

Very good, Ron thanks for sharing with
us. Hopefully it gets easier for ya.

Daniel in shock stares at Ron across the circle. Daniel
breathes heavily with squinted eyes in the direction of Ron.

Drew announces the meeting is over, everyone gets up and hugs
each other except for Daniel who remains sitting staring at
Ron.

Everyone leaves the room except for Daniel and Drew.

DREW SINGLETARY

What's wrong Dan

Drew with a devilish grin and evil squinting eyes stares at
Daniel.

Daniel ignores Drew, gets up, and storms out of the room
toward Ron.

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Daniel sees Ron and starts to storm in his direction but
backs off once he notices that he is walking with his
girlfriend LENA STRONG (23).

Daniel watches as they walk away. He then walks towards his
car and opens the back set, sitting on the ground is an
unopened case of beer.

Daniel picks it up, sits down by his car, and starts to
drink.

Montage:

Daniel drinking a beer x 4

Daniel throws an empty beer to the side. x 4

Daniel gets up stumbling and gets into the driver's seat of the car. Daniel drives out of the parking lot.

Daniel drives the car.

Daniel drinking and driving.

End Montage

Daniel is driving and all of a sudden a girl is in the middle of the road and Daniel hits her. He turns his head in a panic to see who it was. It was Lena being held by Ron on the road.

Daniel panics and keeps driving.

Montage:

person in the car is Daniel.

Person in the car is Ron.

Person in the car is Daniel.

Person in the car is Ron.

Person in the car is Daniel.

Person in the car is Ron.

People on the road are Ron and Lena.

People on the road are Daniel and Jennifer.

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People on the road are Daniel and Jennifer.

End Montage

Cut to black

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There are four chairs arranged in a circle but only two of them are full. Sitting straight across from each other is

Daniel and Ron. While Drew is in the background stirring a spoon in a coffee cup.

Montage:

Daniel and Ron switch seats. X 6

Ron turns into Daniel so that there are two Daniels looking at each other.

Daniel turns into Ron so that there are two Rons looking at each other.

This goes back and forth x 3

End montage

Drew picks up a donut and turns around to the center of the room with all seats full again. With everyone sitting in the same spots as before.

DREW SINGLETARY
Welcome back everyone, I hope you all
had a good week.

Drew smiles with a devilish grin and evil squinting eyes.

DREW SINGLETARY
Shall we begin?

Fade to black.