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Act II, Scene 4 (BGINP) — Fifteen years later

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You're worried about your mother. You're so grateful that she finally reached out, but you still haven't forgiven her. At the same time, no matter how angry you still are, it's painful to see her suffering. Your mother's MS has been getting steadily worse, and she had to quit her job this year.

You and Zach aren't struggling too badly right now. Maybe you could give your mother some money to hire someone to come in and help out a few days a week. It isn't much, but it might make the difference. It would make things tighter for your family, but someone needs to take care of your mother and you really don't have the time or the patience. On the other hand, is that really what you want to do? If you want to rebuild a relationship, is buying someone else's time the right way to do it? You saw your grandmother languish in a nursing home. She was so lonely and angry, being left to strangers. That sort of care needs a personal touch. You feel you should help out more yourself, but you have work, classes, and two young children to care for. Besides, are you really ready to spend that much time around your mother?

You just don't know what to do. You feel like you should help out, but you still resent her rejection of you and Zach. You feel so lost.