

'BEVERLY LEWIS' THE RECKONING'

SYNOPSIS

Shunned by the township she was raised in and ostracized by her adoptive parents, Katie Lapp, a beautiful young Amish woman, now enjoys life in the secular world, having inherited Mayfield Manor, a palatial Upstate New York mansion, and substantial wealth following the death of her English biological mother, Laura Mayfield. Settling into her newfound life, Katie enjoys a conversation with her maid, Rosie. Later, at a bowling alley, Katie joins her boyfriend, Justin, a handsome Harvard graduate/businessman. Across the street, Daniel and Austin, two local construction workers, sit in a truck, observing that Katie and Justin are romantically involved. Daniel tells Austin that he and Katie used to date and that they both hail from the same Amish community. Daniel also shares that his intentions are to win back Katie's heart and marry her.

At Mayfield Manor, Rosie asks Katie if she plans to contact her adoptive Amish parents. Katie explains that the Amish church ordered her parents to cut ties with her after she refused to marry a church bishop. Rosie offers to send Katie's adoptive parents a letter, informing them of Katie's whereabouts and giving them an update regarding her present life.

The next day, at the Mayfield Foundation (a charitable organization overseen by Katie), Katie meets with Justin, who acts as the foundation's manager. Katie and Justin consider offering financial assistance to For Kids' Sake, a foster home for troubled boys. At For Kids' Sake, Katie is introduced to Willie, a teenage ward of the court and foster home resident. Emotionally moved by her conversation with Willie, Katie informs For Kids' Sake's director, Bryant, that the Mayfield Foundation will fund the foster home's badly needed makeover. In a country store, Rebecca and Samuel Lapp, Katie's Amish adoptive parents, shop for supplies and receive Rosie's letter regarding Katie. Preacher Yoder, an Amish minister, suspects the letter has come from the "shunned" Katie and pressures Rebecca and Samuel to refrain from opening it.

That evening, Daniel, who abandoned Katie years earlier and who she believed had passed away, shocks Katie by arriving at her door, begging for forgiveness and asking to rekindle their relationship. Daniel explains to Katie that he left her because he believed God was calling him to join the army. Angry over Daniel's disappearing and allowing her to believe he was dead, Katie tells Daniel she never wants to see him again and that she is now committed to Justin. Meanwhile, at Lapp Farm, a tempted Rebecca holds a batch of Katie's unopened letters, conflicted over whether or not she should read them.

At For Kids' Sake, Katie and Bryant interview Richard, a candidate for a counselor position. Initially, Katie and Bryant do not think Richard is a good fit, but, later, impressed by the way he handles a fight between Willie and another boy, Katie hires Richard on the spot. There is something about Richard that resonates with Katie.

That night, at Mayfield Manor, Katie and Justin have a romantic dinner on the beautifully decorated outdoor patio. After dinner, Justin proposes to Katie, and Katie accepts. Later, as Katie prepares for bed, Rosie wonders if Katie feels passionately about Justin or if she has only agreed to marry him for practical reasons.

(more)

HALLMARK MOVIES & MYSTERIES / 'BEVERLY LEWIS' THE RECKONING' - Synopsis – Page 2

The next day, Katie, Justin and Rosie meet with Rhonda, a high-end wedding planner, who overwhelms Katie with extravagant suggestions. Katie questions whether her agreeing to marry Justin was the right decision. Later, at For Kids' Sake, Katie is surprised to find Daniel and Austin working on the construction crew hired to renovate the foster home. When Justin notices the chemistry between Katie and Daniel, he questions the nature of their relationship. Katie assures Justin that her romantic involvement with Daniel is in the past. When Daniel learns that Katie and Justin are engaged, he becomes emotionally devastated. Meanwhile, at Lapp Farm, Rebecca finally reads Katie's letters, learning that Katie is preparing to be married. Defying the command of the Amish church, Rebecca sends Katie a letter.

As Katie and Justin sample wedding cakes at Mayfield Manor, Katie is disappointed to find that Justin does not place God and prayer as a main priority in his life. At For Kids' Sake, Daniel reminds Katie of her Amish roots and tells her she does not belong living a fancy life in the modern world. Later, after hearing Daniel sing an emotionally moving song to the boys, Katie asks him to supervise a special project she has planned for them. The next day, Richard and the For Kids' Sake boys arrive at Mayfield Manor to take part in Katie's special project: building a barn from the ground up. All of the boys are excited and eager to help build the barn, except Willie, who angrily storms off. Katie follows Willie, bonding with him over their mutual abandonment issues. As Katie watches Daniel work with the boys, her feelings for him begin to rekindle.

Later that afternoon, Richard shocks Katie by telling her that he is her biological father. Richard apologizes to Katie for abandoning her and confesses that he applied for the job at For Kids' Sake with the hopes of getting to know her. Katie tells Justin that Richard is her biological father.

At an upscale restaurant, Justin introduces Katie to his parents, who make rude and judgmental remarks regarding Katie's Amish heritage. Back at Mayfield Manor, Katie receives Rebecca's letter, which conveys Rebecca's wish for Katie to ask the church for forgiveness and return home to Lapp Farm. Upon learning that Justin has fired Richard from For Kids' Sake, Katie becomes furious with him.

Paying a surprise visit to Lapp Farm, Daniel informs Samuel and Rebecca that Katie has been doing charity work to help the For Kids' Sake foster home and urges them to attend her upcoming wedding.

The next morning, Katie struggles to process her overwhelming emotions. Rosie reads Katie a letter written by Katie's late biological mother, Laura, which encourages Katie to come to a reckoning and become the person God created her to be. At a little country church, Katie says a prayer and, realizing Justin is not the man she truly loves, decides to cancel the wedding. Along the edge of a nearby river, Katie finds Daniel and forgives him for abandoning her. After they share a kiss, Daniel asks Katie to marry him. Katie accepts.

(more)

**HALLMARK MOVIES & MYSTERIES / 'BEVERLY LEWIS' THE RECKONING' - Synopsis –
Page 3**

On a perfect summer day, Katie and Daniel prepare to be married in the little country church. As the ceremony is about to begin, Samuel and Rebecca arrive to witness their daughter's wedding. As Samuel prepares to walk Katie down the aisle, Justin and Richard enter the church, offering Katie support on her special day. Katie introduces Richard to Samuel. Escorted by Samuel and Richard – her two fathers - Katie walks down the aisle and is married to Daniel.

-- HALLMARK MOVIES & MYSTERIES --