BERNARD (CONT'D)
I cannot glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ or taste and see how gracious He is, while I am hungering for gold and honor. How could I have been so tempted with vain ambition. And yet my brothers hold the same fate, unless with your grace, Lord, they can see another path. I will go to the monastery, Mother! And if it is God's will, I will not go alone!

TRANSITION WITH MUSIC.

9 EXT. CAMP OF THE BURGUNDIAN ARMY - NIGHT

CAMPFIRES. EVENING WIND. BERNARD APPROACHES ON HORSEBACK AND DISMOUNTS.

074 UNCLE GAUDRY
Bernard you've joined us after all!

075 GERARD
Brother, I was worried you had changed your mind.

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076 BERNARD
I have.

077 UNCLE GAUDRY
Good! We besiege the Castle of Grancey tomorrow. The Duke will be pleased to see you.

078 BERNARD
No, Uncle. I cannot stay. I was in a deep conversation with God, and-

079 GERARD
Bernard, you're not-

080 BERNARD
I'm going to join a monastery.

081 GERARD
Brother-

082 UNCLE GAUDRY
A monastery?

083 BERNARD
The Monastery at Citeaux.

084 UNCLE GAUDRY
That monastery is so bleak, so austere, so rigorous. Why Bernard?

085 BERNARD
My heart is restless. At Citeaux, my life will be stripped of many distractions so that I may find true rest in my soul.

086 UNCLE GAUDRY
Are you ready to eschew the world for such a harsh, desolate life?

087 BERNARD
The Word of God is living. And when God speaks, He acts. God has spoken a word so sweet to my soul that it has given me the courage and strength to leave our life of nobility and take on something poorer and more hidden. I am filled with wonder and thanksgiving. Do you not feel wonder in the presence of God, in the presence of all He has created?

088 GERARD
The monks who founded Citeaux all left Cluny, their original monastery, to form their very own order. You want to join an order that was founded by prideful men, who thought they could found a better monastery?

089 BERNARD
Gerard, it was not pride that led these monks to leave Cluny. It was a calling.

090 UNCLE GAUDRY
It sounds like these monks at Citeaux lacked commitment and loyalty. Key virtues that I know you have, Bernard. Virtues that would suit you better as a knight.

091 BERNARD
Uncle, they were loyal. They faithfully listened to the invitation in their hearts: to return to simplicity.
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BERNARD (CONT'D)
Cluny is ornate and elaborate, filled with things intended to draw the heart to God, but things that can also block a soul's ascent to Him. The monks who founded Citeaux wanted to lead a simple life. No frills, no finery. Just good, honest work.

092 GERARD
Bernard, you will bring shame and dishonor upon our family name.

093 BERNARD
By being a knight, do you think you bring our family honor, Gerard?

094 GERARD
I do.

095 BERNARD
Well my calling is to become a knight for Christ! Fully committed and clothed with the armor of God.

096 GERARD
You would turn your back on your family? You refuse to serve with us?

097 BERNARD
You serve the Duke of Burgundy, but my captain wears a crown of thorns.

098 GERARD
We all serve the Lord, Bernard, by following the leaders God appointed for us.

099 BERNARD
In every place, Gerard, you must be attentive to your inward state. God, who is the assessor of your heart and mind, knows everything about you. Are you allowing your heart to melt like wax in God's presence, or harden like clay in the sun?

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100 GERARD
How dare you judge me! Your pride precedes you. Become a monk? Ha!
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