GERARD (CONT'D)
The river of God's grace could never ascend the steep cliff of your proud heart.

GERARD LEAVES. TWIGS CRUNCH. HORSE BLOWS.

101 UNCLE GAUDRY
Bernard, have you fully considered this commitment?

102 BERNARD
Our God is a hidden God, Uncle. Hidden in our hearts, in the Eucharist, in the smallest details of our day. I too must be hidden with Christ in God in order to find Him. He wants to be found by you too, Uncle. If you seek Him, you will find the greatest treasure of all.

PAUSE. FIRE CRACKLES. BERNARD GETS ON HIS HORSE.

103 BERNARD (CONT'D)
I will return home tonight.

104 UNCLE GAUDRY
But it is already dark.

105 BERNARD
The Lord will be a light for my path. He will be a light for you too, Uncle.

TRANSITION WITH MUSIC.

**10 INT. BERNARD'S HOME, DINING ROOM - DAY**

BREAD CUTTING. SILVERWARE AND EATING SOUNDS.

106 HOMBELINE
Bernard, do you not see the grief you are causing Father?

107 BERNARD
Hombeline, please. Father, I am planning on going to Citeaux with or without your blessing. Will you bless me?

108 FATHER
You know, your mother wanted to join a cloister before we married.
(MORE)

FATHER (CONT'D)
But that wasn't the Lord's plan for her. You beautiful children wouldn't be here today if she had.

109 HOMBELINE
Bernard, please don't leave. Losing Mother was enough. I can't lose you too.

110 FATHER
Bernard, your heart is in the right place, but as Hombeline said, must you go?

111 BERNARD
Father, do you ask me to refuse the Lord?

112 FATHER
Do you think your mother refused the Lord in raising you? She took great care in loving you.

113 BERNARD
A military career would divide my heart.

114 FATHER
I have never allowed my military service to the lords of this land to interfere with my service to the one true Lord God. Do you not want to follow in my footsteps?

115 BERNARD
Mother did not raise me for a military career. I had a vision of her.

116 HOMBELINE
A vision of Mother?

117 BERNARD
This calling on my heart, I am to be an instrument of glory to God. Of this she was certain.

118 FATHER
Bernard, I don't understand.