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### **Stone's retreat & Thula's return**

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Will a church sponsored retreat successfully cure Stone Khuse (Zenzo Ngqobe) of his "unnatural" desire to be with men?

His fiancée, matric student Charlotte (Nozipho Nkelemba), has given him an ultimatum after he hit her during one of their increasingly frequent arguments - seek professional help for anger management - or else we're over.

A remorseful Stone, tormented by his secret double life (he's been sneaking out to test the waters with a man), agrees, tells his unsuspecting family that he will be attending a recommended church forum on general men's issues.

The forum turns out to be a conversion programme that culminates in a cleansing ceremony. It is here that Stone meets Swazi (Tsepo wa-Mamatu), who, as a married man, and a father, is on hand to offer glowing testimony as to the triumph of the group sessions. He volunteers to be Stone's future sponsor and support if he should ever require help in the future.

Stone returns from his workshop convinced that it has had the desired effect. He is no longer plagued by his attraction to other men. His newfound commitment to Charlotte, and to the marriage, is further strengthened when he discovers that his family has invited Thula (Wright Ngubeni) to stay.

Thula and Stone had a flirtation that ended with Thula fleeing Stone's endless inability to commit to him. Now here he is, just when Stone thought that all those messy feelings were in the past.

Stone sees this as a big test of his new-found faith and pushes even harder to get married to Charlotte as soon as possible, thinking that the marriage will be the final screwing down of the lid on this troubling aspect of his emotional make up.