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**HALLMARK CHANNEL ORIGINAL PRIMETIME SERIES  
'WHEN CALLS THE HEART'  
Episode #2003 – Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> (8pm ET/PT, 7C)**

**ABIGAIL TRAVELS TO HAMILTON AND GETS HELP FROM AN UNWELCOME SOURCE,  
WHILE ELIZABETH MAKES AN EMOTIONAL DECISION  
ABOUT HER RETURN TO HOPE VALLEY**

In **Heart's Desire**, Abigail (Lori Loughlin) plans a trip to Hamilton to find her daughter-in-law, Clara (Eva Bourne), concerned after not hearing from the girl since the trial and still reeling from the painful discovery of Bill Avery's (Jack Wagner) infidelity. After arriving to stay with the Thatcher family, Abigail notices the chemistry between Elizabeth (Erin Krakow) and her friend Charles (Marcus Rosner), and wonders where Elizabeth's feelings for Jack (Daniel Lissing) stand. Back in Hope Valley, Rosemary (Pascale Hutton) is celebrating her good fortune after being offered a starring role in a play in San Francisco, and planning her imminent departure, accompanied by two producers. But as she travels out of Hope Valley with the two men, her happy excitement quickly turns into a terrifying kidnapping. When Jack gets word of her plight, he heroically takes off to rescue the dramatic actress, the ordeal brings them closer together—something the widows back in town can't help but notice. Then, Abigail is shocked when Bill shows up to help her find Clara, asking to explain his wife's visit. Although Abigail doesn't want to hear him out, they go together to find Clara, who is in a dangerous predicament, and Abigail must reluctantly rely on Bill to get the girl to safety. And as the carefree Julie Thatcher (Charlotte Hegele) embarks on a budding romance during a secret rendezvous with Jack's daring brother Tom (Max Lloyd-Jones), Elizabeth seriously confides in Abigail her conflicted feelings about returning to Hope Valley—and to Jack—before ultimately coming to a decision that will leave so much unsaid.

Elizabeth is warmly welcomed home to Hope Valley, where her anticipated reunion with Jack comes with a big surprise—the beautiful new schoolhouse is finally complete. Abigail introduces Clara to town and begins training her to work at the café. Elizabeth volunteers to help out a local farmer when he must go on a trip and leave his two children back at the homestead. Hoping to prove she belongs on the frontier after her time away in Hamilton, Elizabeth stubbornly refuses Jack's offers to help, until she quickly finds herself overwhelmed and scared on the farm. Meanwhile, back in town, Lee (Kavan Smith) officially opens the sawmill, and begins private negotiations to bring the first railroad to Hope Valley. But when a scheming widow comes to Mayor Gowen (Martin Cummins) to reveal Lee's plans, Gowen grows determined to sabotage the railroad with his signature underhanded manipulation. As Lee prepares to lose everything in order to take Gowen down, Mountie Bill Avery (Jack Wagner) is confronted with the truth about his failed marriage to Nora (Kristina Wagner), and grows more desperate in his deception.

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And finally, when a weary Elizabeth realizes life on the homestead isn't so easy, she is grateful for Jack's help as they both find their own unique purpose on the frontier.

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