Credits: [pilot] director, David Semel; writer, Jonathan Prince.

Cast: [Pryor family] Ethan Dampf, Will Estes, Gail O'Grady, Sarah Ramos, Brittany Snow, Tom Verica.

Summary: Melodrama. Set chiefly in Philadelphia in the 1960s. Follows the Catholic Pryor family through the cultural turbulence of the era. In season 2, son JJ (Estes) drops out of Lehigh University, joins the Marines, and is sent to Vietnam.

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