Touched by an Angel  

**Series summary:** Fantasy series set in the contemporary U.S. Tess (Della Reese) and Monica (Roma Downey) are two angels sent to earth to help people with their problems.

**God and country**  

*Credits:* director, Bethany Rooney; writers, R.J. Colleary, Glenn Berenbeim.  
*Cast:* Alexis Cruz, Edward James Olmos, Vincent Laresca.  
*Summary:* The young angel Rafael (Cruz) becomes a soldier to help reconcile two generations of Latino military men. Colonel Victor Walls (Olmos) commands a small Army base in Minnesota. He is a Vietnam veteran decorated with the Medal of Honor. One of his sons has been killed while serving in Bosnia trying to live up to his father's expectations. Wall's younger son (Laresca) is a Private at the base in Minnesota and comes close to killing himself in despair over his father's rigid unwillingness to accept him for what he is.

**Jacob's ladder**  

*Credits:* director, Michael Schultz; writer, Martha Williamson.  
*Cast:* Paul Winfield, Cindy Williams, Joe Morton.  
*Summary:* Monica (Downey) is sent to Jacksonville, Fla. where she is sent to a mental ward for claiming to be an angel. There she encounters Claire (Williams) who has lost her memory but also claims to be an angel. Jake Stone (Morton) is a black Vietnam veteran and a hardened cynical attorney who must defend Monica in a mental competency hearing. Monica discovers a connection between Claire and Jake. During the fall of Vietnam, Jake was attempting to rescue a little girl, May Ling, whom everyone called "May Day." She fell from Jake's grasp in the helicopter. Claire was the angel who caught her. Monica helps restore Claire's memory and Jake's faith.

**Made in the U.S.A.**  

*Credits:* director, Bethany Rooney; writers, Christine Pettit, Rosanne Welch.  
*Cast:* Roma Downey, Della Reese, John Dye, Eric Roberts, Jennifer Paz.  
*Summary:* Vietnam veteran Nick Stratton (Roberts), owner of Stratton Apparel, hires Vietnamese women to work in his sweatshop because they are willing to work for little pay. Monica's assignment is to help Nick, a "good man with a bad attitude." Nick hires Monica as his accountant the same day that Am-Nhac Nguyen starts at the factory, pressing pants on a faulty steam press. Am-Nhac and the other women are willing to work for Nick because he will pay for citizenship classes if they meet their rigorous daily quotas. Monica asks Nick why he is so hard on his workers, and Nick tells her his story. As a soldier, Nick helped a captured Vietnamese boy escape. Nick knew the boy was not Viet Cong because he had a peace symbol, an American fad, tattooed on his shoulder. Nick was court-martialed for aiding
the enemy and returned to the U.S. a war criminal. His uncle left the factory to him when he died. Monica convinces Nick to let Am-Nhac keep her job. Am-Nhac, with Tess’s help, works through the night the night to meet her quota. When Cadao picks her up, Nick sees the the tattoo on his shoulder, a peace symbol. Nick realizes Cadao is the boy he helped escape, and the person, Nick believes, who is responsible for ruining his life. Meanwhile, Tess teaches her students about how the early Americans protested against British rule, and Am-Nhac decides to protest the dangerous working conditions at the factory. The plan backfires, however, when Nick fires everyone. When Andrew, posing as an I.R.S. agent explains that Nick owes the government several thousand dollars in back taxes, Nick plants a bomb in the factory. Before he can leave, however, one of the rickety shelves collapses, trapping Nick. Seconds before the bomb is to detonate, the timer stops ticking and Monica appears to Nick. She tells him that God loves him and is proud of him for saving the young man’s life. Nick asks God to forgive him for the hatred he has lived for so long. The clock begins ticking again and when Nick screams for help, Am-Nhac arrives with Cadao, who diffuses the bomb. Nick asks Am-Nhac for forgiveness and reveals that he is the soldier who helped Cadao in Vietnam. Am-Nhac and Cadao are happy to finally be able the thank him for his act of kindness. Later, Nick attends the swearing-in ceremony for Am-Nhac and her father, finally United States citizens.

No known reviews of individual episodes.

c2005 J.K.M. Enterprises