

Father Time

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Logline: Haunted by war, guilt, and terminal cancer, a broken veteran is confronted by the embodiment of Father Time, forcing him to reconcile with his estranged daughter before his sands run out.

Synopsis

Sergeant **Vance Winstock**, a Desert Storm veteran and former tank gunner, has spent decades carrying wounds that never healed. Haunted by memories of war, the death of his wife, and the estrangement of his daughter, **Destiny**, Vance has isolated himself from the people who once mattered most.

Now he faces an enemy he cannot fight.

Vance has terminal cancer.

As treatments take their toll, Vance begins experiencing strange encounters with an enigmatic figure who appears in different forms but always represents the same presence—**Father Time**, keeper of the sands that measure every human life. Whether supernatural, imagined, or something between the two, Father Time forces Vance to confront a truth he has avoided for years: he cannot change the past, but he may still have time to repair what remains.

Vance finds support among his loyal war buddies and **Sophie**, his former tank gunner and longtime friend. Sophie refuses to let him surrender quietly. Knowing that Vance's deepest regret is the daughter he lost emotionally long before cancer threatened to take his life, she pushes him to find Destiny and make peace with her while he still can.

But Destiny carries wounds of her own.

Now an Army medic, she has built a life around saving others while remaining unable to forgive her father. She blames Vance for his absence, for the destruction of their family, and ultimately for the circumstances surrounding her mother's death. Years of resentment have hardened into a barrier neither father nor daughter knows how to cross.

As Vance's condition worsens, Father Time's appearances become increasingly powerful. The dwindling sands become a constant reminder that reconciliation cannot be postponed forever. Every day Vance spends protecting himself from the past is another day he loses with Destiny.

With Sophie's persistence and Vance's remaining strength, father and daughter are finally brought together at his hospital bedside.

Their reunion is neither easy nor sentimental. Years of anger, guilt, abandonment, and grief stand between them. Vance cannot undo the choices he made, and Destiny cannot simply erase the pain they caused. But as they finally speak openly about their shared past, anger gives way to understanding and the possibility of forgiveness.

Then Vance begins his final battle.

Despite his *Do Not Resuscitate order*, Destiny's instincts as both a daughter and an Army medic take over. Faced with losing her father just as she has finally found him again, she desperately fights to keep him alive.

But some battles cannot be won.

Vance dies having finally made peace with his daughter and, ultimately, with himself.

His death, however, is not the end of his story.

Vance survives through the people whose lives he touched: through the loyalty of the soldiers who never abandoned him, through Sophie's love, through Destiny's forgiveness, and through the child Destiny carries—a new generation that will inherit the stories and lessons of the man she nearly lost without ever truly knowing.

And somewhere beyond them all, *Father Time* remains.

Watching.

Waiting.

The sands continue to fall, reminding us that time cannot be stopped, reclaimed, or defeated.

But what we do with the time we are given can outlive us.