

PETE

I'm only taking what I need to make it through the day. I just need to take the edge off so I can play.

JACKSON

Like I said, you were doing great. For a while. But you take more pills every day, and you're too stoned to finish a set, let alone load out gear and drive yourself home.

PETE

I'm taking *prescription* medicine so I can work...so I can still work. For Lindsey. For you, for the guys.

JACKSON

Is washing them down with vodka on the package directions?

PETE

First night back at it felt like a good time to celebrate.

JACKSON

Pete, this isn't working.

PETE

It's working!! I'm getting better, all the doctors tell me I'm tough! We're back, working and I'm going to beat this, this...fucking cancer.

JACKSON

We all think...we all *thought* if anyone could do it, it would be you. But cancer isn't the only thing you need to beat.

PETE

What?

JACKSON

Look, Pete – you know I love you like a brother, more than a brother. You helped me, so I know. I know addiction sucks, I know that.

PETE

You think I'm addicted? So, I had a couple drinks tonight, sometimes the pills aren't enough.

JACKSON

Pete, you're addicted, just like I was. Only your man isn't meeting you behind a dumpster...yet. He wears a white coat, works in a fancy office and calls it "treatment"

PETE

You know how hard it's been the last eight months?!

JACKSON

I hated watching you go through what you did, and I was so happy to see you back on your feet, but...you need help.

PETE

I've got help. I've got doctors, I've got nurses, I've got Lindsey, I've got you...

JACKSON

You need to stop working, stop drinking –

PETE

Stop working? You mean stop playing? We've been practicing for weeks and we've got six gigs booked this month!

JACKSON

No, we don't.

PETE

What do you mean we don't?

JACKSON

The guys and I, we decided...

PETE

You decided to what? This is my band –

JACKSON

It was your band.

PETE

You didn't cancel. Don't tell me you cancelled us!!

JACKSON

Ok, I won't tell you we canceled --