

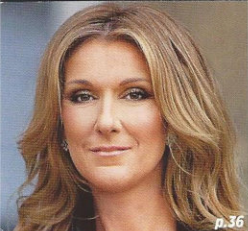
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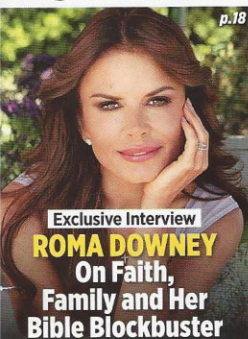
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**ELLEN**

# I'M TIRED OF THE LIES

Laughing off rumors of troubles with Portia, the triumphant Oscar host reveals what keeps their relationship strong and why they'll never divorce. 'I don't know what I'd do without her,' shares Ellen p.28



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Not wearing her wedding ring, Paula stunned at a March 2 Oscar party. "She loves that Robin is courting her forgiveness so publicly," says a pal.



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# ROBIN

Desperately tries to win back the Paula Patton after his flirtatious

**R**obin Thicke clearly had his breakup with wife Paula Patton on his mind at his recent concert. "If you find somebody special, you've got to fight and never give up," the "Blurred Lines" singer announced to the crowd at the Borgata Hotel and Casino in Atlantic City, N.J., on March 2. "If it ain't right, it ain't right, but you never stop trying, you never stop believing and you never stop loving." When a fan hollered, "I love Paula!" Robin didn't miss a beat. "I

a complete mess," one pal tells *Closer*. "That's why he is groveling in public for her forgiveness." Indeed, at his show the singer told audiences, "I'm trying to get my girl back," before launching into "Lost Without U," his 2007 hit single inspired by Paula, 38. "There's nothing women love more than an effort," he has said. "If you don't fight, you don't care. And if you're not fighting for the relationship, you need to move on."

And Robin, 36, is determined to not go down

**"My gift and my curse is I really want to be loved."**

ROBIN

love her, too," he yelled back, launching into an emotional version of Al Green's "Let's Stay Together."

While their nearly nine-year marriage reportedly crumbled due to his repeated indiscretions, "Robin is

without a fight. "He's been sending Paula lots of white flowers, her favorites, especially white lilies," says a friend — even delivering himself to Paula's doorstep. Days before the couple split, he canceled two con-

## HOLDING ON TO HOPE

### GETTING VOCAL

"I'm just trying to get her back," Robin admitted to reporters at a D.C. airport on Feb. 27.



# SINGER THICKE

affections — and trust — of his wife ways prove to be too much for her

certs and flew to Vancouver, Canada, where Paula was filming the movie *Warcraft*, to try to change her mind. “Robin wants his wife back, plain and simple,” a friend of the couple tells *Closer*. Another source close to Robin says, “He feels like he publicly humiliated her, so he knows his best shot is to show the world he’s serious.”

## BAD BEHAVIOR

After all, his troubles started when he showed the world how flirtatious he could be. His dirty dancing at last year’s MTV Video Music Awards with Miley Cyrus “really made [Paula] question Robin’s loyalty,” a pal tells *Closer*. Her doubts grew after photos of Robin groping a fan surfaced. “Paula had been aware of Robin’s antics for years, but he started flirting with people they knew. That’s when she threw her hands up,” claims an insider.

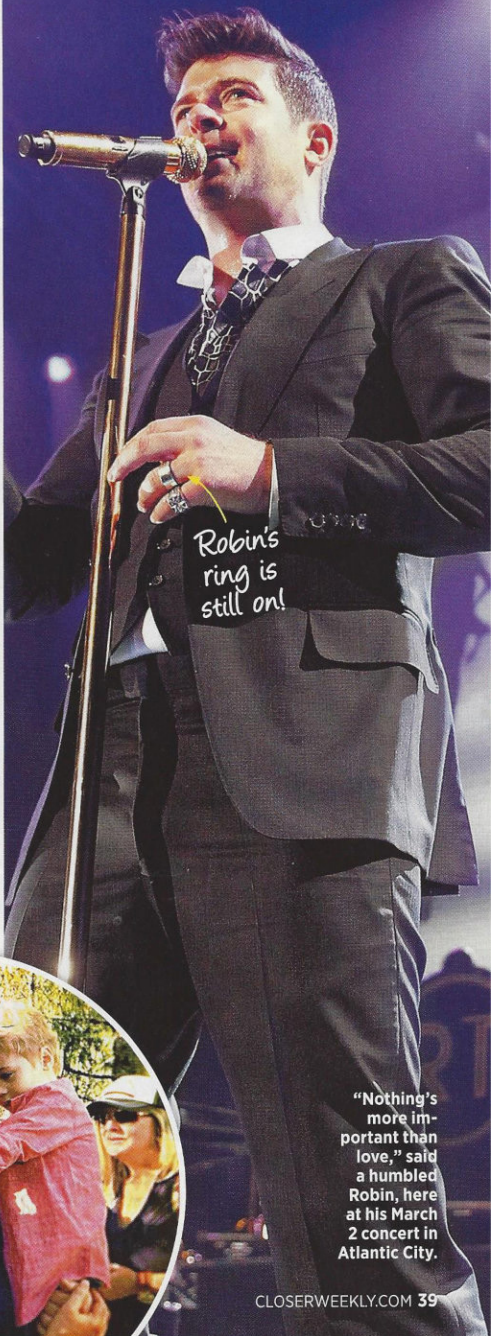
Still, a friend close to the

couple says that Paula finds his public apologies cute. Despite their problems, the pair have been together since high school, and marriage counselor Carolyn Bushong tells *Closer* that his plan of attack could work. “It’s a good tactic,” she says. “He’s showing persistence and that he doesn’t want to lose her.”

He also doesn’t want their son, Julian, 3, to lose his sense of stability. Robin “loves his little boy, and he wants to keep his marriage intact,” his friend insists, stressing that he and Paula are both making Julian their top priority.

Time will tell if Robin’s bid for reconciliation will work, but Paula is weighing her options carefully. “They have over two decades together, so she’s not about to walk away from this marriage without a lot of thought,” a friend of Robin’s says. “She just doesn’t know if she can trust him again.”

— Deborah Skolink



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## FLOWER POWER

He sent four floral deliveries to Paula. “I just try to stay positive,” he says.



## DADDY DUTY

“My son is my good luck charm,” Robin raves about Julian. “He shows up with his beautiful smile and perfect energy and makes me go, ‘Ah, forget my little problems.’”

“Nothing’s more important than love,” said a humbled Robin, here at his March 2 concert in Atlantic City.