

Faith through Films

The Greatest Showman

Watch the whole film if you can. If you can't here is the link to a film clip



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CjxugyZCfuw>

Exploring the theme

This film explores many powerful themes, one of which is the experience of being seen as different or an outsider. Throughout the story, we see how some are excluded or even bullied simply because they don't fit society's idea of 'normal.' Perhaps at times, we have felt this way too—like we don't quite belong. Yet the Bible reminds us of a beautiful truth: we are wonderfully made in the image of God.

In the Psalm quoted, David declares that God designed us intentionally, with every detail crafted according to His perfect plan. Jesus Himself set the ultimate example of love and acceptance—He welcomed those who were different, spent time with them, and showed them unconditional love. But He also invited them to follow Him, to find their identity not in their differences, but in Him.

What does this mean for our lives? When we truly grasp how deeply loved and accepted we are by God, we can begin to embrace who He created us to be. In doing so, we learn to accept ourselves, love others as they are, and encourage them to grow into the person God has called them to be.

Bible reference

You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb. Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvellous - how well I know it.'

Psalm 139:13-14





Questions

- Do you ever feel pressure to change who you are to fit in?
- How does knowing that God created you with love change the way you see yourself?
- How can you encourage others to embrace their uniqueness?
- Think about people that you know at school/college/home/community that feel like an outsider. How could you share the love of God with them?

Final Reflection

In the film the characters learn to embrace who they are, despite society's expectations. In life, it's easy to feel like we don't fit in or that we need to change to be accepted. But the Bible reminds us that we are created by God with love and purpose. Instead of hiding what makes us different, we can celebrate it! God made each of us unique for a reason. When we accept ourselves the way He does, we can also love and appreciate others for who they truly are.

Prayer

Lord, thank You for making me exactly as I am. Help me to see myself through Your eyes and embrace the person You created me to be. Give me the confidence to walk in my identity and to encourage others to do the same. Amen.

