



# Faith through Films

## It's a Wonderful Life

*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=iLR3gZrU2Xo>

### Exploring the theme

It's a Wonderful Life explores the truth that a life can look "ordinary" on the outside, but still be deeply significant. George Bailey spends years serving others—helping his family, protecting his community, and choosing what is right, even when it costs him. But when pressure builds and things go wrong, George can only see what he's lost. He begins to believe his life hasn't mattered at all.

Clarence helps George see what he couldn't see for himself: the impact of a faithful life. George's kindness, sacrifices, and everyday decisions created ripples—saving lives, shaping futures, and holding Bedford Falls together. The film reminds us that our worth isn't measured by money, success, or recognition. Often, the biggest difference we make comes through small acts of love and quiet perseverance.

This story also highlights how easily hopelessness can distort our thinking. George feels alone, overwhelmed, and convinced that everyone would be better off without him. Yet the truth is the opposite—his presence has been a gift. It's a Wonderful Life gently points us back to hope: even when we can't see our purpose, God is still working, and our lives matter more than we realise.

### Bible reference

*It is God himself who has made us what we are and given us new lives from Christ Jesus; and long ago he planned that we should spend these lives in helping others.*

**Ephesians 2:10**





## Questions

- What moment in the film best shows George's true character?
- Why do you think George believes he's "failed"? What standards is he using to measure his life?
- Who has been a "George Bailey" in your life—someone whose steady love shaped you?
- If your life has ripple effects you can't see, what positive impact might you be having right now?

## Final Reflection

It's a Wonderful Life teaches us that a meaningful life isn't about wealth, success, or a perfect outcome. George Bailey's journey shows that choosing to love, serve, and stay faithful—especially when it's hard—can make a lasting difference, even when we can't see it. When George finally sees his impact, he realises his life has always had purpose. This story reminds us that when we feel discouraged or not good enough, God is still at work. Your life and your love matter more than you know.

## Prayer

*Lord, thank You that my life matters and that You have a purpose for me. Help me to trust You when I feel overwhelmed or not good enough. Open my eyes to the good You're doing through the small things, and give me strength to keep loving and serving others. Amen.*

