

# Faith through Films

## Quartet

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=g9rOGuNol54>

### Exploring the theme

Set in Beecham House, a retirement home for former musicians, the film follows a group of elderly opera singers whose lives are shaped by memories of past glory, unresolved conflict, and the challenge of finding purpose in later life. At the heart of the story is Reg, Wilf, Cissy, and Jean, whose fractured relationships are tested when Jean arrives and old wounds resurface.

As the residents prepare for a fundraising concert, the film gently confronts the fear of decline—loss of voice, health, status, and independence. Wilf uses humour and charm to mask loneliness, Cissy clings to fading memories, Reg wrestles with resentment, and Jean struggles with pride and regret. Yet through music and community, they are reminded that their value isn't confined to who they once were, but who they still are.

Quartet reminds us that life doesn't lose its meaning with age. Even when abilities diminish and the future feels uncertain, dignity, love, and contribution remain possible. The film celebrates reconciliation, humility, and the courage to keep showing up for one another. It affirms that our later years can still be rich with purpose, joy, and grace.

### Bible reference

“And when you are old, I will still be there, carrying you. When your limbs grow tired, your eyes are weak, and your hair a silvery gray, I will carry you as I always have. I will carry you and save you.”

**Isaiah 46:4**





## Questions

- How does music in the film serve as more than entertainment? (e.g as a way to connect with others, remember the past, and find purpose.)
- What role does humour and joy play in helping the characters cope with fear, loss, or loneliness?
- How does the Beecham House community help the residents rediscover joy and meaning? Can you think of real-life parallels where community can bring healing, hope, or encouragement?
- How does the film show that our worth isn't defined by ability, status, or past achievements? How might this challenge the way we see ourselves and others in everyday life?

## Final Reflection

The residents of Beecham House discover that while voices may weaken and bodies may slow, love, courage, and connection remain strong. Through reconciliation, old wounds begin to heal, and shared purpose restores dignity and joy. What once felt lost isn't erased, but transformed. The film gently reminds us that every stage of life matters. As we grow older, God doesn't step away from us; He carries us, sustains us, and continues to work through us. Our value isn't diminished by age or limitation. Whether through music, friendship, or simple presence, our lives can still bring beauty and hope to others. Even in later years, there is more life to be lived, more love to be given, and more grace to be received.

## Prayer

*Lord, thank You that our worth doesn't fade with age or circumstance. Help us to trust that You are still at work in every season of life. Teach us humility when pride holds us back, courage where fear keeps us silent, and compassion toward those who carry hidden pain. May we each find joy in community and hope in the gifts that still remain. Amen.*

