



Man on Fire

I. A life for a life

John 15:13 "Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends."

Ephesians 5:25 "Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her"

Why did he give his life so easily? He spent the middle part of the movie tracking people down, but when he's told he will have to die, he immediately agrees, and doesn't try to sneak up and kill Daniel. Why?

My answer: He saw that there was no other way. Similarly, Jesus asked the Father if this cup could be taken away: that is, if there was another way besides the Cross, but there wasn't, so He gave a life for our lives.

II. Like a child

Mark 10:14b

"Permit the children to come to Me, . . . for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

Matthew 18:3-4

(a parallel passage can be found at Luke 18:17) "Truly I say to you, unless you are converted and become like children, you shall not enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever then humbles himself as this child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven"

Here are a few ways that we can learn from children. Children:

1. are Trusting
2. are Teachable
3. look to their parents when they hurt
4. are Submissive to authority
5. desire to grow up
6. are Brutally Honest
7. know the importance of playing
8. love to rest on their parents' shoulders

Dialog:

When first learning about the job: “Bodyguards gotta be close to people though.”

On the first ride to school, she tries to get him to open up, but he tells her not to talk to him “I’m not being paid to be your friend”—alienates her to the point that she rides in the backseat.

He starts talking to her about getting better at swimming, and she starts sitting up front again

She gives him bear and token of Patron saint of lost causes, indicating healing is not impossible for him. That same night, he puts liquor away, and chooses to read the bible

A short time later, he’s encouraging the kid’s mother to read the bible.

Walken character tell another man that Pita “showed Creasy it was alright to live again”—implication is that he wasn’t alive.

Lesson: His heart gets right with God because a child showed him how to love again. Jesus said to come to Him like a child, a command that many Christians, men especially, fall short on.

III. Other items for discussion:

Creasy has marks on right hand. Pita notices, but there is no explanation

Question: is revenge OK? Is it justice? Where’s the line?

Dialog:

“You think God will forgive us for what we done?”

“Me neither.”

“You think they’d hire a drunk; a has-been?”

“Did you ever see the hand of God in what you do?”

“No, not for a long time” (implication that he has seen God work in his life in the past)

Creasy quotes scripture, then says he’s the sheep who got lost, referring to Jesus and the 99

She asks about his reading the bible, he says it helps sometimes.

Lyrics:

“I feel so bad I got a worried mind;

I’m so lonesome all the time”

These lyrics are playing at the same time he’s drinking on the couch. Is he drinking to forget something? Past sins?

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Generational sin: Samuel Ramos said his father gambled away a fortune

Movies under consideration:

The Big Kahuna

Braveheart

City Slickers

Glory

Kingdom of Heaven

The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe

Secondhand Lions

Open Range

Groundhog Day

Big Fish

The Kid

Simon Burch

Schindler's List

Cars

Shawshank Redemption

The World's Fastest Indian

The Princess Bride

We Were Soldiers

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Saving Private Ryan

Cinderella Man