

# GOD AT THE MOVIES

## Hacksaw Ridge

God at the Movies, Part 4

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**HACKSAW RIDGE** is a picture of someone living out “Kingdom values” in a winsome, generous (“Center Set”) way and willing to pay a price to do so!

*Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would be fighting so that I would not be handed over to the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not of this realm.”*

John 18:36

[A quick word on “pacifism” and the Bible]

QUESTION: What enabled someone in the most severe crucible to do this?

1. NOT SWALLOWED UP BY EARLY BROKENNESS BUT USED IT!

- Develop God-honoring / Scripture-based convictions in the midst of or perhaps because of the broken past.

2. DECIDE IN ADVANCE: LIFE IS ABOUT GIVING — more blessed to give than receive

*“In everything I showed you that by working hard in this manner you must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”*

Acts 20:35

- We demonstrate that our convictions are beautiful, powerful and real by servicing vs. arguing.
- “Conscientious Cooperator”
- Principle of Subversive Fulfillment” (Credit Tim Keller)

3. COSTLY SACRIFICE — If love wins, it will be by sacrifice more than sentiment.

*To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak; I have become all things to all men, so that I may by all means save some.*

1 Corinthians 9:22

4. A PICTURE OF JESUS — Save one more.

*“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”*

Mark 10:45

MISUNDERSTOOD AND VINDICATED

If we’re doing this thing right, we’ll create a little

“dissonance” — it’s supposed to be counter-cultural.

<sup>18</sup> *“If the world hates you, you know that it has hated Me before it hated you. <sup>19</sup> If you were of the world, the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, because of this the world hates you...”*

<sup>21</sup> *“But all these things they will do to you for My name’s sake, because they do not know the One who sent Me.”*

John 15:18–19, 21