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Nothing on TV

“There’s nothing worth watching on TV,” said Sylvia as she collected another movie from the CRC Library.

Movies have proved to be a popular addition to the Library during the past two years. The selection includes adaptations of novels by Janette Oke and hard hitting dramas on marriage, arrogance and self-centred living.

Many Library users have responded positively to the American speaker Louie Giglio. Some discovered Louie through his powerful presentations on the wonders of the universe – *Indescribable* and *How Great is Our God*. The images on these DVDs reaffirm the glory of God revealed in creation. Other messages by Louie have also been well used. *The Other Side of Grace* presents God in a way that helps us maintain a proper balance between His glory and His grace. *Tattoo* challenges viewers to carry the mark of Christ on their lives; *Worship – That Thing We Do* is a refreshing investigation of worship; *History* reminds us that God is at the centre of history and that all things exist for His glory.

The Library also carries a number of testimonies that recount God’s power to carry people through the most distressing experiences and His ability to turn life’s disasters into triumphs that bring honour to His name. Speakers include Tony Anthony, Ken Curtis, Barbara Detlefson and Stephen Lungu.

Dramatisations of Bible characters are always a challenge because screenwriters are inclined to add details not found in the Scriptures. In most cases the additions enhance the story and are based on our knowledge of history and culture. The media giant Time Life released a series of Bible-based movies about ten years ago. *Joseph* is already in



the CRC Library and four more titles are listed on the back of this Newsletter.

“We are always looking for new resources,” says CRC Librarian Elaine Parkinson. “We welcome suggestions and recommendations from Library users.”

“Thank you for the loan of the DVDs and for the extension of time. You guys provide a great service and have a wonderfully progressive vision for the future. Keep up the good work!” RJ

“There were 17 who viewed this DVD (*Bad Girls of the Bible*) and all seemed very appreciative of both the humour and the message. A woman rang this morning to thank us for showing it and she said she liked the little clear messages coming throughout. Another in the Village asked if she could take it to show it to a friend. Most of them do not have a thorough knowledge of the Scripture so a lot is new to them. .. Thank you again for this service. I’m sure all who use it are blessed.” JN

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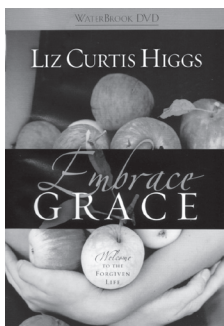
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New DVDs

V1012 | Liz Curtis Higgs | Embrace Grace | 52min

Liz Curtis Higgs understands grace. Her life was a mess when she began to follow Christ and discovered the power of His grace. A Christian can be certain of two facts, says Liz. The first, you are loved and the second, all your sins are forgiven. Our relationship with God is based on His goodness, not our goodness. God's abundant grace is not a licence to sin, but the freedom to live full-tilt for God without fear. When you understand grace, your first reaction is gratitude and humility because you know you don't deserve it.



V1013 to V1020 | Michael Ots

Michael is an English evangelist who recorded a series of messages under the title "What Kind of God?" at Lansdowne Baptist Church in Bournemouth.

V1013 | What Kind of God Has Only One Way? | 34min

V1014 | What Kind of God Sends Sincere People to Hell? | 31min

V1015 | What Kind of God Allows Violence in His Name? | 31min

V1016 | What Kind of God Doesn't Stop Suffering? | 40min

V1017 | What Kind of God Doesn't Make Himself Clear? | 43min

V1018 | What Kind of God Limits My Sexuality? | 34min

V1019 | What Kind of God Is Still Relevant? | 37min

V1020 | What Kind of God Would Send His Son to Die? | 40min

V1021 to V1024 | TimeLife movies on the lives of great Bible characters.

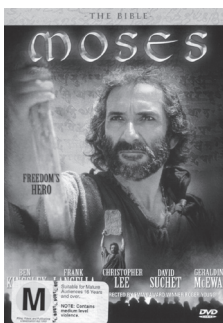
V1021 | Abraham | 180min

V1022 | Moses | 177min

V1023 | David | 170min

V1024 | Jeremiah | 94min

A critical viewer will recognise the artistic licence in each of these movies where the producer has added dramatic elements not found in the Bible. Despite such liberties, this TimeLife series gives a useful introduction to the life of each character.



COMMENT

by John Lindsay CRC's Operations Director



On Saturday, Marilyn and I went shopping for a range hood.

Our old one had finally died and we wanted a similar model.

Before we left home, we heard a report about falling retail sales, so we expected retailers to be hungry for business. No prospective customer allowed to leave without making a purchase. Staff quick to answer questions, ready to suggest suitable products and eager to close the sale.

Our experience suggests that range hood sellers are doing well. They can afford to neglect customers, remain ignorant of products and leave the public to do their own research.

Most of the staff we met were quick to hand us a manufacturer's brochure and seemed unconcerned about their poor product knowledge. Some chose to give false information rather than admit they could not answer our questions.

We were appalled at the lack of service.

Why this fuss about buying a range hood? Because I fear that Christians display a similar indifference to friends, work mates and neighbours. We should not complain about the lack of interest in the Bible or Christianity if we fail to engage when the opportunity arises.

We are being negligent when we hand out a "product brochure" in the hope we will avoid further queries about our faith. Even worse if we respond to questions with false information that leads someone astray.

Remember, we were ready to buy a range hood - an uncomplicated piece of equipment. The model we wanted had no sophisticated electronics, remote controls or fancy accessories.

Maybe retailers find it hard to get excited about selling range hoods. Perhaps they prefer to deal in big LCD TV screens and leather lounge suites.

I wonder whether we are similarly guilty when we dismiss a simple question or a tentative enquiry about God.

Only God knows the potential of that first, hesitant comment or query. It deserves our attention because it may launch the questioner on a life changing journey.

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