

FAMILY FILM DEVOTIONAL GUIDE
TO THE FILM

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1 Pleasing God or Pleasing Self

Will wanted to please everyone else around him, except for the One who really counts: His Creator. Are you living to please others or are you living to please your Saviour? “Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.” I Corinthians 3:16–17.

Will came to a point where he no longer was concerned about what others thought of him, so he began to go his own way. He had to reach rock bottom before he could see that there was something more important in life than the way he was living. Ginnie confronted Will by asking him, “Are you a Christian in your heart? Or are they just words you say?” Is this true for you? Do you have a head knowledge of God, but no change in your heart?

Once it became more questionable whether or not Will was a Christian, Ginnie said that she could not continue the relationship. Do you have a relationship with someone, who after confronted about salvation, refuses to change? Read I Corinthians 15:33.

BREAK IT UP

We recommend looking over the guide and watching the film as a family the first night. Then take one section of this guide for each consecutive night for your family devotions. This will be more enriching than discussing the entire guide on one evening. Remember to plan another family movie night sometime during the year to refresh your memory of what you’ve learned!

2 Hypocrisy

Will Wright was someone who appeared to have it all together on the outside but was crumbling on the inside. The Bible calls that type of person a Pharisee and warns against a pharisaical life. Are you living one way in front of people and another way when you're alone? "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness." Matthew 23:27.

3 Who or What Are You Serving?

In Will's life, alcohol became a god. Who or what is controlling your life—you or God? Are you serving the sin in your life or are you serving your Saviour? Read Matthew 6:24. God takes sin seriously. The Bible records those who will not enter the kingdom of God. "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God." I Corinthians 6:9–10.

4 Salvation

Will was not happy even though he had everything anyone could want in life—baseball, money, popularity, friends. When Will's anger hurt Bo, it awakened him to see that he was going the wrong way. Will Wright needed Christ. Chick helped Will to see that God would forgive him, if he'd honestly ask forgiveness. Have you asked God to forgive you for the sin in your life? "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." I John 1:9.

Will became a different person once he asked God to forgive him. Have you become a new person since you have been saved? "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." II Corinthians 5:17. For more information on salvation, please see the extra on the DVD that explains salvation in detail (A Purpose Greater than Baseball).

5 New Life in Christ

After Will gave his life to Christ, he had a new focus—a new reason to live. He was no longer living for his own pleasures, but he was living to please his Saviour. Are you living for your own pleasures or are you living to glorify your Saviour? "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." I Corinthians 10:31.

Will chose to serve Christ with his life by helping with the mill boys. Ginnie used her life to invest in others, by pointing them to Christ. Chick, once he was saved, immediately began to share with his friends how they could ask forgiveness for their sins. Are you helping others know Christ by serving in ministry? "He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it." Matthew 10:39; Read Matthew 6:19–20.

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