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Saving God: One Soul at a Time



Dove Family-Approved
Recommended for
ages 12 and over



Reviewer: Edwin L. Carpenter
Source: Video
Company: Cloud Ten Pictures
Genre: Drama
Runtime: 96 min.
MPAA Rating: Unrated
Starring: Ving Rhames, Ricardo Chivira, Dean McDermott

Synopsis:

Convicted felon Ray Armstrong returns back to his neighborhood a changed man looking to take over his father's old church. The neighborhood is tough and full of drugs and gangs. Through Armstrong's tough demeanor and strong faith he tries to make a difference with Norris - a youth on the edge of falling into a lifetime of drugs and gangs. Also Armstrong must deal with his past history of violence and make sure he doesn't fall again.

Dove Worldview:

This is one well written, directed and acted production. Pastor Armstrong Cane returns to his minister-father's old church, having served fifteen years in prison as a result of killing a man in anger as they struggled with a knife. His dad is gone now but Pastor Cane is determined to move the church forward. He comes across a young likable man named Norris, who never-the-less is selling drugs. Pastor Cane begins to fight for his soul but Norris' drug pusher, a man called Blaze, doesn't want to let him go.

This drama takes several turns in the plot but despite some hardships for everyone who knows Norris, the surprise ending not only is a testament to the fact that no one is past saving, but it also demonstrates that, when he is tested, Pastor Cane comes through as having truly changed from the man he was.

I enjoyed watching this very much. It is a good story and well made. Dove happily awards our Seal to this film and we award it five Doves, our highest rating.

Content Description:

Sex: An unmarried woman is pregnant but wants to eventually marry the child's father; brief kisses.

Language: None

Violence: A few fights; a few people die in the story; a man is struck in the head hard; a man steals a car.

Drugs: The dealing of drugs which is looked down on in the story and an interesting ending for the drug pusher.

Nudity: Mild cleavage.

Other: A girl throws up; prayer in church and commitments to Christ; a large check comes in to the church when it is needed most.