

like dandelion dust

“Making the Connection to the Gospel”

LIKE DANDELION DUST is a modern day telling of the story from 1 Kings 3:16-28. It's a story of two mothers fighting over one child and, in the end, the true mother's love wins through an act of sacrificial love.

This kind of love is a foreshadowing of things to come; that God would give up His one and only Son in order to have relationship with us, people who don't deserve it (John 3:16). The story of Rip and Wendy showcase this type of sacrificial love.

You may have missed it, but Rip and Wendy attend church. In one scene, as Rip is clocking out at work, he says, "see you Sunday! Wendy is the woman in the seat next to you every Sunday. You would never know or realize that she is being abused by her husband.

Domestic abuse is the #1 killer of women in the U.S. today. This means there are women just like Wendy quietly going to church and hanging on to their faith despite the fact that no one knows about it. They still believe that God will cause all things to work together for His good. That God will redeem the day.

We get to see Wendy's day of redemption. She gives new life to the one she loves most, Joey, knowing he will be safer with the other family. She gives new life to Rip who really deserves prison. In the same way God chooses life for you and me though we don't deserve it.

Maybe today God is meeting you like He did each of the characters in the movie. Maybe God is speaking to your heart right now about your relationships. And I am here today to tell you that God is working on your behalf. Will you continue to trust Him? Are you ready for God to give you a new life? It can happen tonight if you'll just open your heart to Him and surrender your life to God by accepting the free gift of life that God gave up in order to have a relationship with you. God gave up His one and only Son. Tonight you can know the peace that comes from knowing you are right with God; that He loves you unconditionally; that you are forgiven for the wrongs you've done in your life; that your life has meaning and hope.

Stories are often written from a place of the authors' greatest fears because those make for great premises in story. And the overarching theme of LIKE DANDELION DUST is "Perfect love overcomes fear" (1 John 4:18). Is fear gripping your life? Is it keeping you from living in freedom? Jesus said, "I have come to set captives free" (Luke 4:18).

Will you accept God's invitation to join Him in relationship tonight? To walk with God in a new freedom like you've never experienced or known before? When Jesus met the woman at the well, He did not ask her to first clean herself up (John 4). He met her right there in her sin and in her situation. In the same way, God is meeting you tonight right where you are. He is calling you by name to come. Come to new life. Come into relationship with Him.

Our hope as you leave tonight is that you will share this film with friends and family and then open up the dialogue to a greater conversation. A conversation about how God is the answer, that He is the healer of your soul and will give you that perfect peace that you have been longing for. "He will never leave you nor forsake you" (Deut. 31:6) and He, just like Wendy, gave up His one and only Son in order to have a relationship with you!