

38 Hours

SYNOPSIS

After an earthquake leveled his son's school building, a father digs through the rubble for 38 straight hours, clinging to the hope that his boy is still alive.

SUGGESTED USES FOR THIS VIDEO

- † Whether you want to address God's tireless search for us, or our responsibility to help others find God, this film will provoke serious discussion. Use it as either an evangelistic or inspirational tool... or maybe a little of both.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What was the opening quote from St. Augustine? (God loves each of us as if there were only one of us.)
2. How does that relate to the film?
3. What kind of relationship do the father and son have in this film?
4. Do you have that kind of relationship with God the Father?
5. If so, how does it affect your life, especially in difficult times?
6. If not, what do you think would be helpful about having that kind of relationship?
7. Do you think it's possible to have an intimate relationship with God, like the father and son in the film? Why or why not?
8. Like the father in the film, God will do whatever He has to do in order to reach you. In the film, the father spent 38 hours digging through rubble that was separating him from his son. What's the rubble that God is digging through to find you? (pain from past hurts or loss, busy schedule, sin habits, laziness, doubt, pride, unhealthy thought patterns)
9. How can you help get some of that rubble out of the way?
10. Do you know of anyone who's buried? (This doesn't have to be someone you know personally. It could be a public figure like an athlete or performer. It could be someone you've already been asked to pray for, like the family member of a friend, or it could be someone very close to you.)
11. Call to mind anyone you know who needs God. If you're aware of any rubble that might be keeping them buried, take a minute to pray for their freedom. Pray that they would do their part—if appropriate—to remove rubble and that God would find him/her and offer complete freedom.
12. Spend some time remembering times that God has pulled you from the rubble. Spend some time thanking and praising Him for His love and faithfulness.

RELATED SCRIPTURE PASSAGES:

God's Unfailing Love:

Psalms 36:5-7;
Isaiah 49:15-16;
Zephaniah 3:17;
Jeremiah 31:3;
Lamentations 3:22-25;
Luke 12:6-7;
1 John 4:9-10;
Romans 8:35-39

God's Protection:

2 Samuel 22:3-4;
Psalms 4:8; 5:11; 10:14-18; 84:11-12;
Proverbs 2:7-9; 29:25; 30:5;
2 Thessalonians 3:3

God's Deliverance:

Colossians 1:13-14;
2 Peter 2:5-9;
Psalms 56:13; 91:2-3;
2 Timothy 4:18

RELATED CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH REFERENCES:

God's Grace of Protection

in Confirmation:
1296

God the Father:

2779-2780, 238-240, 2793