HOW TO SEE GOD'S STORY IN MOVIES

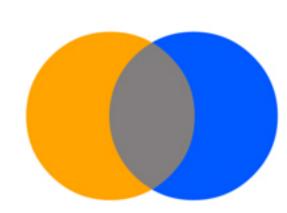
FALLEN WORLD AND/OR FAKE RULER



There is something seriously wrong with the world: think Sugar Rush from Wreck-it Ralph or Arendelle from Frozen. This world is often under the control of a fake or false ruler, such as King Candy or (almost) Hans. (Fallen World & the Devil.)

OUTSIDE/DUAL NATURED HERO

A hero will show up to save the day. This hero is often an outsider who has two natures or two identities; Ralph from Wreck-it Ralph and almost any superhero. (Jesus is both the Son of God and the Son of Man!)



SACRIFICIAL DEATH/HUMILITY



This hero will almost always sacrifice himself or herself, or give up something significant. Think Anna from Frozen sacrificing herself for Elsa. (But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.)

RESURRECTION OR RESTORATION

If the hero dies he/she is often resurrected. If not, the world is usually restored to its original glory or relationships are reunited and restored. Think Anna and Elsa from Frozen or Vanellope - a real Princess/daughter of the real king - from Wreck-it Ralph. (Jesus rose from the dead!)





CALLING AND COMMUNITY

This resurrection/restoration usually leads to community and a shared calling, or purpose. This often leads to the next movie (sequel) as the story is not yet over. Just like us! Salvation is not the end, we too still have a job to do! (The Great Commission.)

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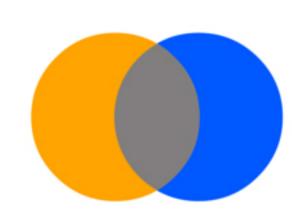
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- What is wrong with the world or how is it corrupted?
- Who is pretending to be in charge but is really not in charge?
- Who is the "bad guy" or antagonist?
- From what do the characters need to be saved?

OUTSIDE/DUAL NATURED HERO

- Who is the hero?
- How is he/she different from the others?
- Why can he/she save the others?



SACRIFICIAL DEATH/HUMILITY



- What did the hero give up to save the others?
- Of what did the hero empty himself/herself to save the others?

RESURRECTION OR RESTORATION

- If the hero died, was the hero resurrected, reborn, restored?
- What relationships were reunited and restored?
- How was the corrupt world renewed/remade to its former glory?



CALLING AND COMMUNITY

- What's next for the characters?
- What happens now because of the restoration, resurrection, or renewal?
- How does the story continue?