

The Greatest Showman

Inspiration ...

Watch the whole film if you can. If you can't, here is the link to the film clip:

 <https://www.imdb.com/video/vi1588967449?playlistId=tt1485796>



According to IMDb as of Sept 2022 the certificate for this film is: **PG**

Biblical Reference:

Psalm 139:13-14

'You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb.

Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex!

Your workmanship is marvellous - how well I know it.'

(New Living Translation)



Prayer

Thank You God that You created everyone including me! Sorry for the things that I have moaned about myself or not accepted. Help me to know how precious I am to You and help me grow in Your love. Amen.

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Accepting who we are

Link exploration:

There are many different themes to explore in this film. One to focus on is that there are many people who are seen as different and treated as 'outsiders' because they look or act differently to what was considered 'normal'. In the film there is bullying from those who don't want these 'outsiders' to be accepted.

Maybe sometimes we feel that we are 'different' and we don't fit in – but the Bible tells us that we are an amazing creation, made in the image of God. David writes in the Psalm quoted that God designed us and made us just the way He wants us to be – complexities and all!

How did Jesus treat those who were different? He accepted them, loved them, spent time with them. He also called them to follow Him and not to base their identity on these differences. What does that mean for our lives I wonder?

If we understand how loved and accepted we are by God, we can then move on to become more of the "this is me" that God has created us to be. This means we can first accept ourselves as we are and then love others for who they are and help and encourage them to become who God has created them to be.

Personal challenge

- Think about people that you know at school/college/home/community that feel like an outsider? How could you share the love of God with them?
- Pray that God will give you a heart for people who are different to you. Pray for them and show them kindness.
- What do you feel about being who you are?
- What does it mean for you, to base your identity on God rather than what your peers might expect?

