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## To Save A Life

by Paul Asay [Plugged In of focus on the family]

Suicide. Sex. Teen pregnancy. Divorce. Drugs. Cutting. Hypocrisy.

Those aren't the typical things we put at the top of our "Positive Elements" section. And *To Save a Life* isn't your typical Christian film. It deals with a host of weighty issues—perhaps too many.

But here's the key: It *deals* with them when some films—including some Christian ones—would rather make light of the topics or turn tail and run.

We're asked to grapple with this daunting laundry list of problems through the eyes of Jake—a likable bloke who's finally beginning to wonder whether there's more to life than just basketball, beer pong and popularity. Through the gentle guidance of a Christian youth pastor, Jake tries to come to grips with Roger's suicide. Maybe it wasn't his fault that Roger killed himself, he concludes. But he might've still prevented it, had he taken the time.

It's the beginning of a life transformed. Jake stops drinking and starts going to church. He takes Jonny—a shy, hurting student—under his wing. When



girlfriend Amy asks Jake to choose between her and his new, church-filled life, he breaks up with her—only to rally to her side when she admits she's pregnant with their baby.

*To Save a Life* provides Jake with a handful of heroes to help him on his journey. There's Amanda, the goodhearted girl who helps usher him into the frightening world of Tuesday-night youth group. There's Chris, the hip youth pastor who acknowledges that he, too, let Roger down. Even Jonny shows courage by stepping out of his world and into Jake's youth group—eventually risking what to him feels like everything to ask Amanda out.

While the film ends happily enough, it dares to do so with some unanswered questions: Does Jake reconcile with his cheating father? Will Jake and Amy get married? Will Jonny and Amanda go on another date after he seriously blows their first one? We don't know. But the movie tells us that whatever befalls these folks, they won't have to go it alone.

NOTE TO PARENTS: This movie may contain content and images you do not want your child to see.

### >>UPCOMING MSFM EVENTS<<

**January 24: Teen Time**//3:00 pm till 7:30 pm//  
**SEE ARTICLE ABOVE: must be 13 to attend this event**  
Movie Night: *To Save A Life*. Cost \$5.75 for movie & \$1 for dinner afterwards. Leave MBCC at 3:00 or meet at Century Rio at 3:30 pm. Everyone buy their own ticket. Return to the Teen House for dinner and discussion. Movie Rating: PG-13

**February 7: SUPER BOWL PARTY**//4:00 PM till the End.  
Everyone bring football food! Desserts, Snacks, & Appetizers.

**February 12-15: Skiing for the Presidents**//Meet at MBCC at 4:15 pm. We have 44 people attending.



### ONE IN SPIRIT AND IN PURPOSE

"...make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose." Philippians 2:2

## NEW CLASS



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Emily Cocchiola 1/10 15 yrs.  
 Marckey Garner 1/18 17 yrs.  
 Bridgette Maloney 1/20 15 yrs.  
 Colleen Crowder 1/22 17 yrs.  
 Carter House 1/31 16 yrs.

**One** Wednesday's in starting Jan 13

Jesus prayed that we would be one like he and his father are one

## >>USELESS FACTS

To be born on Sunday was considered a sign of great sin during the Puritan times.



## HELP WANTED

We need volunteer youth workers!

- Small Groups: Adult & Student Leaders
- Greeters: Make students and parents feel welcome, gather registration forms Adult & Student Leaders wanted.
- Hosts: Parents and adults who can provide both food and a place for small groups to meet regularly or occasionally.
- Drivers: Parents & adults who can drive their own vehicle, vans or the Bus. Will provide training.
- Teen House: Parents & adults for up-keep and improvements.
- Fundraising: promotion & operation.

## >>UPCOMING MSFM EVENTS

Set your phone alarm to go off daily at 3:16 pm as a reminder & pray to love like Jesus in your world.

*Sunday Morning: 9:30 am - 10:30 am*

What are you waiting for? You have a life to build for eternity. Everyday is critical to God. You are a part of a generation that grasps more, that has a conviction to access more and experience the deeper things of God. We don't just "tell the way", we "show the way" at CROSS CURRENT. Come and worry less about what is changing around you and focus on what will always be true about us.

6th—7th Grade//Rm D221—Billy S.//New Testament Survey  
 8th—9th Grade//Rm D204-Robin O.& Tom N. //Life of Jesus  
 10th-12th Grade//Rm D218-Burnhams & Statzulas//The Books of Romans & James

Praying for Haiti//Wednesday at 7:30 pm in the Teen House

This Wednesday we will meet in the Teen House for 10 minutes after class. Our eyes and ears have been open to news and we have imagined the pain and loss. We have listened and watched in our well organized and provided for homes made comfortable with little thinking. Please come Join us at 7:30 pm.

SKIING WITH THE PRESIDENTS \*\*FEBRUARY 12-15,2010 \*\*

We will be going to the Wolf Creek Ski Area just outside of Pagosa Springs, CO. The balance is due today. Please pay Jamie Smith, Linda Rogers or Lance GET BROCHURE: [www.montgomerychurch.org/events/youthevents.html](http://www.montgomerychurch.org/events/youthevents.html) 44 people are attending!



## SACRED MARRIAGE

DEEPIING YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

"If we are serious about pursuing spiritual growth through marriage, we must convince ourselves to refrain from asking the spiritually dangerous question: "Did I marry the 'right' person?" Once we have exchanged our vows, little can be gained spiritually from ruminating on this question"

3 Keys For Doing Difficult Things

1. "Just Start" You'll get momentum
2. "Keep the Goal in Sight" Proverbs 29:18
3. "Reward Yourself"

## Parenting Class

Changing lives

Age of Opportunity:

A Biblical Guide to Parenting

Time: 9:30 am

Where: D104

Develop your skills as an agent of reconciliation in this Bible Study & Application Class.

BEING A PERFECT MINISTRY DOESN'T MATTER. BEING A PRAYING MINISTRY DOES.

"...that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ..." Philippians 1:9-10