



**Gospel Shadows in
The Old Man and the Gun**

2 Corinthians 5:1-20
Sunday, September 1, 2019

2. The Universal Search for _____

- John finds his purpose in _____.
- Jewel finds her purpose in _____.
- Forrest finds his purpose in _____ with _____.

The life, death and resurrection of Jesus _____ us and _____ us to the highest and most joyful purpose of _____ for _____.

3. The Undeniably Relational Nature of _____.

- Does this movie _____ sin? Why does John Hunt like Forrest? Why do _____?
- At first glance, this movie does appear to romanticize sin, but that's not the _____.
- Forrest tells himself he's not hurting any one because he never uses his _____, but there's a wake of _____ relationships behind him.

Within a Gospel worldview . . .

- Sin is relational in _____.
- Sin has cut us off from our most important relationship with _____.
- Jesus is the one and only _____ for sin.

NEXT WEEK

Fall Challenge 2019

Our world is filled with stories. Why? We tell stories because we are created in the image of a storytelling God. The stories told in the movies we enjoy echo and reflect God's BIG story. That's the premise of our annual series, "Reel Grace: Gospel Shadows in Today's Movies."

Today we explore our third and final movie of the summer, the unique and understated 2018 highly acclaimed film titled, "The Old Man and the Gun." While we've got to dig for Gospel shadows in this movie, the digging is worth it. "The Old Man and the Gun," whether it means to or not, highlights three important Gospel truths:

1. The Unavoidable Reality of _____

- John is _____ it.
- Jewel is _____ it.
- Forrest is _____ it.

Within a Gospel worldview . . .

- Aging is an unavoidable reality of a _____.
- Aging is an opportunity to _____ and prepare for the _____ that God has promised.
- Aging is an opportunity to invest in _____ that _____.

Each week, we provide these questions for our Growth Groups. Growth Groups are the glue which holds our church together. Most groups are on break for the summer, but will be resuming throughout the month of September. Until your Growth Group starts, we encourage you to use these questions for discussion with your household.

Digging into God's Word & the Message Together

1. What was your first reaction to the movie "*The Old Man and the Gun*" when you saw it? Did you like it? What did you like about it?
2. Did you like Forrest? Why or why not?
3. This movie is a reflection on aging. What does it say about aging? What does the Bible say about aging?

4. This movie explores our universal longing for meaning and purpose. What is the purpose of each of the three main characters and what statement is the movie making about each? Take some time to think about the main purpose and sub-purpose of your life? What are you living for? Where do you spend your thoughts, time, energy and money? Are you "making a living" or "living?"
5. Do you think this movie romanticizes the sin of stealing? How? Do you think it only romanticizes it? How is the relational damage of sin illustrated in the movie? Why do we sin when it wreaks such havoc in our relationships?

Praying Together

Pray around these three topics in your life: aging, purpose and the relationship nature of sin.