



Pop goes CATHOLICISM Resource Sheet

Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time

(3 of 3: Loving Unto Death)

Media Information

Rating:

PG-13

Year:

2010

Director:

Mike Newell

Stars:

Jake Gyllenhaal
Gemma Arterton

Description

Timing: 1:36:27-1:38:47

Movie Description:

The King of Persia adopts a street boy as his third son who grows up to save his life from the treachery of his brother by using a dagger that lets one go back in time.

Clip Description:

Dastan & Tamina kiss for the first time, then battle Nazim to stop him from unleashing the sands of time. Tamina sacrifices herself to allow Dastan to save the day.

Faith Connection

Fantastic stories, in which things like magical assassins, time traveling daggers, and mystical sands that can unravel reality play important roles, lend themselves to heroes willing to sacrifice themselves to protect the world; this movie is no exception. Both Dastan, the titular Prince of Persia, and Tamina, the beautiful queen with whom he falls in love, demonstrate this readiness to sacrifice themselves (and thanks to time travel both actually succeed even though they survive for the next movie!). Jesus likewise gave his own life for all. And he told us to follow his example. Given the stability and 'normalcy' of most of our lives, how do we apply this teaching? By striving to sacrifice whatever part of ourselves keeps us from being available to others, from loving as Jesus did. And by that practicing in little things, we develop the habits, virtues, and attitudes needed to sacrifice in big ways (even the biggest) if called upon.

Discussion Questions

1. Do you agree with Jesus that the greatest love is to lay down one's life for one's friends?
2. How do you feel about the idea that loving others may mean giving up things of ours?
3. What parts of your life should you lay down for your friends to be more available to them?
4. What would help you to lay down those parts?

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