



CLIP 1 (01:46): *Opening scene and “the look”*

SERIES BIG IDEA:

Jesus used culturally relevant stories to share timeless kingdom truths to lead people to God.

Cue 2: “But, THE COMMENT that Ellie’s brother in law made, appears to have SPARKED something in Ellie. Take a look.”

CLIP 2 (00:53): *Ellie At Computer*

True freedom is found when we turn to the Lord, lift the veil, and become more like Jesus, our Lord.

¹⁶ But whenever someone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. ¹⁷ For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image.

2 Corinthians 3:16 (NLT)

Cue 3: “In this next clip, Pete is about to have his veil removed and have his perspective shifted.”

CLIP 3 (02:27): *Pete at computer*

¹⁶ This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. ¹⁷ If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? ¹⁸ **Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.**

1 John 3:16-18 (NIV) emphasis added

Cue 4: “Siblings who have been in the foster care system for a while as you will see and whose mom is an addict and has been unable to care for them.”

CLIP 4 (02:51): *Kids enter home*

Love is meeting people where they are at and walking alongside them.

⁵ And consider the example that Jesus, the Anointed One, has set before us. Let his mindset become your motivation. ⁶ He existed in the form of God, yet he gave no thought to seizing equality with God as his supreme prize. ⁷ Instead he emptied himself of his outward glory by reducing himself to the form of a lowly servant. He became human!

Phillipians 2:5-7 (TPT)

Jesus came to meet us where we are.

God wants to adopt us. He wants us to be in His family permanently.

¹⁶ For God so loved the world, that He gave his only Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

John 3:16-17 (NIV)

Cue 5: “Now back to the movie, we pick up with Lizzie asking Pete and Ellie if she can meet up with her mom. Remember, love is meeting people where they are at and walking alongside them. So that is what Pete and Ellie do.”

Clip 5 (02:52): *Bio Mom Visit*



"Our calling is to love like God because we have first been loved by Him—and to trust Him with the outcomes."

Jason Johnson, Reframing Foster Care p. 94

Cue 6 & 7: "When we love like God, we love with open hands and open arms even though sometimes it's really painful.."

Clips 6 & 7 (04:06): Court Hearing/Pete & Ellie chase after Lizzy

No matter how many times we reject God's love and we run away He is always there ready to receive us.

³⁸ And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. ³⁹ No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38-39 (NLT)

Cue 8: "Nothing can separate us from God's love."

CLIP 8 (03:12): Lizzy comes back and discovers that Pete and Ellie want to adopt her.

TEACHING BIG IDEA:

God wants me because He loves me, so He paid the price to adopt me into His family.

Cue 9: "But again, I invite you, 'Come accept your membership into God's family!'"

CLIP 9 (01:46): Pete and Ellie adopt all three kids. The three kids say "yes" and they are pronounced a family.

¹⁴ "For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. ¹⁵ Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father.""

Romans 8:14-15 NLT

MY NOTES: