

Redeeming Love

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This week sees the release of *Redeeming Love* - a life-changing story of relentless love and perseverance.

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An adaptation of Francine Rivers' book, *Redeeming Love* is a powerful retelling of a biblical love story set against a romantic 1850s California gold rush backdrop.

It centres on the unlikely relationship of Sarah, who becomes known as Angel (Abigail Cowen), who was sold into prostitution as a child. Now, the 18-year-old Sarah is a beautiful and in-demand woman in a rough and tumble prospecting town in California. Michael Hosea (Tom Lewis), on the other hand, is a farmer and man of faith. Through their relationship, Angel discovers there is no brokenness that love can't heal.

The romantic period drama, set in the American old west, was directed by D.J. Caruso who also co-wrote the screenplay with author Francine Rivers and was filmed in and around Cape Town.

"I want audiences to come out of *Redeeming Love* - those people who have carried shame. Shame of bad decisions they've made or been the victim of, to know that all of that can be forgiven, that they are worthy of forgiveness, that they are more than conquerors, that God accepts them as they are, to not ever let that block them and that they can be free of all of that," says producer Cindy Bond.

Bond added that she wants the film to be a "shame cleaner" and just "cleanse the sin out of our lives to know that we are good enough for God's love and full redemption". She is confident that the movie will grab everyone's attention and the audience will fall in love with the characters of Angel and Michael.

Bond concluded: "This movie will attract teenagers, mothers and grandmothers because the book has been out for almost 30 years. So, you're talking about a generational movie. This movie and this story, clearly shows what God's perfect will is for our lives, untainted, unobstructed by what the outside world dictates."

“Michael’s love changes Angel because it’s unconditional. He wants nothing from her. He just purely loves her with no strings attached, just like Jesus loved and died for us. And he still, of course, loves us unconditionally and eternally. And that’s Michael’s love for Angel - unconditional and unending.”

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