



FIREPROOF

Review by Pastor Peter Rahme

My appreciation for **FIREPROOF** began in 2008 , when I attended an advanced private screening in Florida USA. Then in 2009 after arranging the Australian national premiere at the NSW parliament house theatre, its appeal for me skyrocketed as I saw firsthand its power to change lives after I screened the film over 30 times at different locations.

FIREPROOF has to be one of the best, balanced and believable Christian feature films made, and I agree with Kirk Cameron, the star of the film, that *"It's a fun movie. It's action-packed, I hope that*

more people make movies like this that have strong stories with redeeming messages."

In the film, Caleb Holt (played by Kirk Cameron - Left Behind film series, Way Of The Master) - a firefighter is winning at his work and with the public but is losing with his wife Catherine (brilliantly played by Erin Bethea -a newcomer) and in his private life .

And as Michael Catt, of Sherwood Pictures puts it: *"Most movies are about relationships that lead to marriage, Fireproof" picks up seven years into a marriage headed for divorce. And the question is: Can a cold marriage revive? Why stay together?"*

Believing that nothing is impossible with God, the film makers set out on a 90 minute journey to show you through the daily choices of Caleb, his loving Dad and his faithful friend at work , how to go about *"...fireproofing your most important earthly relationship,"* as Executive Producer Jim McBride says *"our hope and prayer is that people will be touched by the story of Caleb and Catherine and commit to fireproofing their marriages -- no matter what state those marriages are currently in."*

Another thing I really enjoyed about **FIREPROOF** is **how** the Gospel is clearly presented, bringing a real transforming power in the life of Caleb which eventually saves his marriage.

Produced by Alex and Stephen Kendrick on a budget of \$500,000, **FIREPROOF** went on to become the highest grossing independent film of 2008, grossing over \$33,000,000. The film also received a number of awards from evangelical Christian organizations, including the Best Feature Film award at the 2009 San Antonio Independent Christian Film Festival

Finally **FIREPROOF** is a safe film for the family. In 2009 it received the Dove Foundation's Crystal Seal Awards for Best Drama. The Dove Foundation is known for its activities of rating, reviewing and endorsing films, and for campaigning against the portrayal of sexual activity and violence in Hollywood films.

"The movie's for anyone, whether you have faith in God or not. This is a movie about love, trust, hope, healing. Plus, it's just a great movie. You're going to laugh and cry. It's a very masculine movie, with the firefighters, but it's also a chick flick. And the main character is not some religious guy."

Kirk Cameron -Lead Actor

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