



## *Monday Matters*

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We seldom go to the movies. It seems there isn't that many good movies being produced anymore. We did see one that had some potential. I had read a short summary of the movie and thought it might be interesting. The name - The Giver.

It is based on a 1993 children's novel by Lois Lowry. This novel follows a boy named Jonas through the twelfth year of his life. The society, the community, has eliminated pain and strife by converting to "Sameness," a plan that has also eliminated emotional depth from their lives. Jonas has been selected to inherit the position of Receiver of Memory, the person who stores all the past memories of the time before Sameness. Jonas learns the truth about this dehumanized society and struggles with its weight.

Imagine a world without colors or personal freedoms. Imagine a world where there is no love, faith or hope. The person who portrayed The Giver specifically stated in the movie that this society lived with no love, no faith and no hope. As Jonas, The Receiver, learned of this he could not understand why the society relinquished these things. Jonas was determined to bring true life back to the community that would be filled with love, faith and hope. The Giver helped The Receiver by giving him the knowledge and ability to accomplish this.

I went into this movie theater with determination to bring something out of it. I saw that The Receiver became like a son to The Giver and The Giver was willing to sacrifice that son to bring

life (Love, Faith and Hope) to the rest of society. That so reminded me of a verse in the Bible - "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believes in Him would have everlasting life." Jonas was willing to cross the boundary line, willing to sacrifice his life if needed in order to bring love, faith and hope to all people in the society, not just for himself.

A week ago at a leadership conference we started the day with a time of worship. Right in the beginning was a song called This Is Amazing Grace by Phil Wickham. Some of those words are as follows:

*This is amazing grace,  
This is unfailing love,  
That You would take my place,  
That You would bear my cross.  
You would lay down Your life  
that I would be set free  
O Jesus, I sing for all  
You have done for me.*



***Take a moment to listen to this song.***  
*This Is Amazing Grace*

While I might be the only person that has this take on the movie The Giver, I do know that because of the grace of God, the Ultimate Giver, I have found Love, Faith and Hope in Jesus Christ. I thank Him for sacrificing His life for me and you. If you want to learn more about the Ultimate Giver, send me a note at [MondayMatters.us@gmail.com](mailto:MondayMatters.us@gmail.com)

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