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The Book Of Eli
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Dear Dan,

(M) and I joined Netflix years ago and have enjoyed watching many shows together. Some time after that I heard on one of the podcasts I listen to about something called a “Roku Box”. After checking it out, I purchased one and begin streaming video from Netflix. Its one of those things that once I had it I wondered how I got by without it. And now Netflix has all the Star Trek TV shows. Video heaven I say.

My movie queue is over 100 titles long. I don’t know if I will ever get to them all. Every so often I peruse the new titles section to find things I might like to see. Usually I will look for a movie that had been advertised on TV as coming soon to a theater near me.

Shortly after it had been released to DVD, I put “The Book Of Eli” on my list, way down at the bottom. I wasn’t sure what it was about, but I like Denzel Washington (I recommend his latest movie, Unstoppable) so I figured I would give it a try.

After the “iPod trials” were over in June of 2011, I felt fairly demolished in spirit, body and soul. I knew there had been a victory, but I felt like shit. For some reason, I had earlier moved The Book Of Eli to the top of my Netflix list, and watched it as soon as it came in the mail.

What astounded me then, and still does, are the close similarities there were in the movie to what I just endured at (G6). Zombie cannibals (a demonized world), an evil ruler (the Manager), a faithful friend (Jesus People), refuge in The Rock (the Word of God), and the faithful preservation of the Scripture.

But what really got to me the most was this. At the beginning and the end of the movie can you guess what was prominently shown? An iPod audio unit with headphones. The Lord used this movie to heal my soul. I bought my own copy from Amazon immediately, and watched it several times.

And I think the rest of the healing process was/is writing these letters to you. I have learned a great deal in what the Lord has done, is doing, and will do in the ministry He is living through me.

There are a few more subjects that I want to touch on. But after that I’m not sure. I guess we’ll see at the time.

Blessings...

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