

# Movieguide Nominates Best Family-Friendly Movies of 2019

Movieguide® and Hallmark Channel are pleased to announce its nominees for the 28th Annual Movieguide® Awards and Report to the Entertainment Industry.

The Awards Gala will be held on Friday, Jan. 24, 2020, at the historic Avalon Theater in the heart of Los Angeles and broadcast on Hallmark Channel at a later date.

“Each of these movies represents how family, faith and values continue to excel at the box office,” says Gala Producer and Movieguide® President Robby Baehr. “We are so excited about the messages these movies share and how they inspire us to live in a way that blesses others.”

The event will honor the best 2019 movies for families, best 2019 movies for mature audiences, the Epiphany Prizes® for both the most inspiring movie and the most inspiring television program, the Faith & Freedom Awards® for both Movies and Television, and the Grace Prizes® for both the most inspiring performance in movies and for most inspiring performance in television. In addition, Dr. Baehr will present a \$25,000 prize to the best 2019 family movie.

“These movies are not only family-friendly, entertaining and well crafted,” Movieguide® Founder and Publisher Dr. Ted Baehr said. “They also have strong stories which reveal the good, the true and the beautiful. That’s what the Movieguide® Awards are all about.”

Dr. Baehr will present highlights of Movieguide®’s “2020 Report to the Entertainment Industry,” which analyzes all movies from the major and independent studios in regard to

their box performance and the movie's content across thousands of data points. This annual report is a barometer of what kinds of stories and messages deliver the best box office returns.

Here is the list of nominees for the 28th annual Movieguide® Awards, in alphabetical order:

### **Best Movies for Families**

*Apollo 11*

*Breakthrough (2019)*

*Dumbo (2019)*

*How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World*

*The Least of These: The Graham Staines Story*

*The Lego Movie 2: The Second Part*

*The Lion King (2019)*

*Overcome*

*The Pilgrim's Progress*

*Toy Story 4*

### **Best Movie for Mature Audiences**

*1917*

*Ad Astra*

*Avengers Endgame*

*A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood*

*Ford V Ferrari*

*Harriet*

*A Hidden Life*

*Little Women (2019)*

*Spider-Man: Far From Home*

*Unplanned*

**Epiphany Prize ® for Inspiring Movies**

*A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood*

*Breakthrough (2019)*

*Harriet*

*A Hidden Life*

*Overcomer*

**Epiphany Prize® for Inspiring Television Program**

*The Chosen: Episode 8, I Am He*

*A Christmas Love Story*

*Christmas Town*

*Christmas Wishes & Mistletoe Kisses*

*The Crown: Moondust*

*Dolly Parton's Heartstrings: These Old Bones*

*Jesus: His Life; Joseph: The Nativity*

*Last Man Standing: The Passion of Paul*

*When Calls the Heart: Home for Christmas*

**Faith & Freedom Award® for Movies**

*1917*

*Harriet*

*A Hidden Life*

*The Least of These: The Graham Staines Story*

*Unplanned*

**Faith & Freedom Award® for Television**

*Country Music: Episode 8: Don't Get Above Your Raisin'*

*The Crown: Moondust*

*Dolly Parton's Heartstrings: These Old Bones*

*Heartland: Dare to Dream*

*Togo*

*When Calls the Heart: Home for Christmas*

**Genesis Award**, promoting the blessings the animal kingdom provides to humankind

*Heartland: Dare to Dream*

*Lady and the Tramp (2019)*

*A Puppy Christmas*

*Togo*

**Grace Prize ® Movies**

*A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood*

–Tom Hanks

*Breakthrough (2019)*

–Chrissy Metz

*Harriet*

–Cynthia Erivo

*Overcomer*

–Aryn Wright-Thompson

–Alex Kendrick

–Cameron Arnett

*Unplanned*

–Ashley Bratcher

**Grace Prize® Television**

*Christmas Wishes & Mistletoe Kisses*

–Jill Wagner

*Dolly Parton's Heartstrings: These Old Bones*

–Kathleen Turner

*Christmas Town*

–Candace Cameron Bure

*The Crown: Moondust*

–Tobias Menzies

*The Chosen: Episode 8, I Am He*

–Jonathan Roumie

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# Spirit-Filled Quarterback Says Entering the NFL Draft Is a 'Leap of Faith'

University of Alabama quarterback Tua Tagovailoa, who burst onto the college football scene three years ago touting his faith in Jesus Christ and saying he spoke in tongues, declared for the 2020 NFL Draft Monday, saying his decision was a "leap of faith."

As a junior eligible, Tagovailoa had to decide whether to stay at Alabama or declare for the draft. He opted for the latter.

Tagovailoa, who suffered a major season-ending hip injury in November against Mississippi State and underwent surgery to repair it the next day, said he and his family had prayed diligently about the decision to turn pro over the past couple of months and that he also sought advice concerning the decision from his pastor, Chris Hodges of Church of the Highlands, and from international evangelist Perry Stone.

"It pretty much boils down to one thing, and I think that's faith," Tagovailoa said Monday during a press conference in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. "It boils down to that. Coming from a family that has a lot of it, I'm definitely willing to take that challenge. ... We [sought] guidance from a good amount of pastors. My dad is really good friends with Pastor Chris at Church of the Highlands. I got to seek counsel from our pastors back home. And then also Pastor Perry Stone. They pretty much all said the same thing—follow your heart. And then they also all had stories to kind of align with what they were trying to share with me."

Despite his injury, many NFL experts have Tagovailoa going high in the first round of the NFL draft in April. But

Tagovailoa, although he says he is content with his decision, said none of his doctors have been able to give him definitive answers on his health for the foreseeable future. He said he won't know for at least a month, perhaps two, how he's progressing or if he'll be able to attend the NFL combines—workouts for teams prior to the draft.

“Because of the extent of the injury, this was certainly a leap of faith for me,” said Tagovailoa, who led the Crimson Tide to a national championship as a freshman in 2017 and finished second in the Heisman Trophy voting as a sophomore in 2018 before Alabama lost to Clemson in the national championship game.

“I'm optimistic that I will be able to play this upcoming season, but right now, I'm more worried about getting better as soon as possible. This was a really hard decision. While going through my rehab, I've been talking a lot with my parents about it, and we've been going back and forth. Some things made sense, others did not. Do I stay or do I go? Now that's done, and I don't have to worry about it.”

Following the national championship against Georgia in January 2018 in which he threw the game-winning 41-yard touchdown pass in overtime to Devonta Smith, Tagovailoa said on national television that he prayed in tongues and that “kept him calm.”

“I just want to thank my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,” Tagovailoa said after the game. {eoa}

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# **United Methodists Announce Plan to Split Church Over LGBTQ Marriage, Ordination**

Bishops and representatives of a number of United Methodist groups have announced a proposed agreement to split the United Methodist Church.

The proposal, called the Protocol of Reconciliation & Grace Through Separation, would create a new conservative “traditionalist” Methodist denomination that would receive \$25 million over the next four years.

The move to split one of the largest denominations in the United States comes after last year’s special session of the United Methodist General Conference strengthened its bans on the ordination and marriage of LGBTQ United Methodists.

The approval of the so-called Traditional Plan has been met with resistance from progressive and moderate members of the second-largest Protestant denomination in the United States.

This latest proposal to split the denomination would need approval at the regular meeting of the General Conference, United Methodists’ global decision-making body, to be held this May in Minneapolis.

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# Everything You Need to Know About the South Carolina Revivals

Bridgeway Church in Greenville, South Carolina recently released a free documentary feature on YouTube cataloguing the history of revivals in the Upstate South Carolina region. In “Ignite: A History of Revival and the Coming Reformation,” historian and author Mike Thornton reviews three past revivals: the Second Great Awakening at Nazareth Presbyterian Church, the Azusa East Revival at Holmes Bible College and the Charismatic Renewal at Evangel Cathedral. Thornton previously wrote *Fire in the Carolinas: The Revival Legacy of G.B. Cashwell and A.B. Crumpler*.

In the video description on YouTube, users Coach and Joe write, “Through this film we sense God is wanting to swing open the gates of revival and reformation all over South Carolina. We believe honoring these past movements is the KEY that will unlock these ancient gates.”

Watch the documentary movie embedded here.

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## Prophet's Calling

Pastor Rich Vera wants the American church to start expecting power in its prophetic movement. He believes the church has misunderstood this vital spiritual gift and office, and he is trying to walk it out through his own ministry. Through a series of supernatural encounters, Vera believes God has

placed a mandate on his life to bring prophetic revival through signs and wonders.

“My ministry began with a supernatural encounter with the Lord,” Vera says. “I never asked for it. God just came to me. I had this encounter that was very drastic with the Lord. So everything I do is based on that.”

Vera—who serves as the senior pastor of the Center Arena in Orlando, Florida—founded Voice of Healing Outreach, an “international prophetic evangelistic healing ministry” that conducts revival services and rallies around the world. Vera says one example from a trip to Argentina demonstrates the call on his life.

“I was in a city in Argentina where the people were not really open to what I was saying,” Vera says. “There was a lot of resistance from religious people. The Lord says [to me], ‘Close down the service.’”

So Vera did just that. But before leaving, he told the people assembled, “If I’m a man of God, tomorrow at 7:00 when I come here, there’s going to be [both] rain outside and rain inside.”

Rain inside may sound impossible, but rain outside was almost as difficult. A local pastor nervously informed Vera after his proclamation that there had been a drought in Argentina for the past two years. He tried to provide Vera a way out, asking, “Did you mean to say it will ‘rain in the Spirit’?”

“No,” Vera replied. “There is going to be water rain that’s going to come, and then you will know that I am a man sent from God.”

The next night, Vera was angrily waiting for his ride to church. He had promised to arrive at 7 p.m., but it was already 9 p.m. His driver was running late. Finally, Vera texted the driver: “Where are you?”

The driver responded quickly: "The city's flooded." Rain had fallen in the area, and traffic delayed the driver. Soon Vera received word from the pastor not to bother coming—the rain had apparently fallen so heavily that it broke the roof and began to leak inside the building. The church was flooded.

"When I showed up, there were 2,000 people outside on the street," Vera says. "Then the power of God hit, miracles took place and hundreds got born again."

Vera pauses before explaining the moral: "That's the authority of a prophet."

Vera believes miraculous power to carry out one's mandate will always accompany the office of the prophet—and that there is a big difference between someone who is a true prophet and someone who merely exercises a prophetic gift.

Vera spoke to *Charisma Digital* about the three supernatural encounters with God that shaped his ministry, the common misunderstanding many believers have about prophecy, and the call and mandate God has placed upon his life.

### **Three Visitations**

Vera says his own testimony and ministry were shaped by three supernatural visitations he experienced between 1990 and 2005. The first encounter came on July 9, 1990, when he was only 17 years old. Vera—a nominal Catholic—was vacationing in Orlando, Florida, when he was invited to Benny Hinn's then-church, the Orlando Christian Center. During that meeting, he says the presence of God came over him for two to three hours, and he wept the entire service. He fell asleep in bed that night reading the book of John.

While he was asleep, Vera says, "I had an experience where the Lord came to me in a vision and told me, 'Nothing is going to separate you from the love of God. When you are 21, I'm going to use you. You're going to travel the world. And you're going

to lay hands on the sick, and they're going to be healed. Just follow Me.'"

The next morning, he began praying in tongues without understanding what he was doing. From that moment on, Vera says, "The presence of the Lord was on my life. All I wanted to do from that moment on was to know Jesus and fellowship with God."

The second visitation took place in March 1997, while Vera was ministering in a northern city of Argentina. The pastor whose house he was staying at urged him to go take a siesta before that evening's meeting. Vera says while trying to get comfortable and fall asleep in bed, he went into a deep sleep and received another vision from God.

"I saw Jesus walking the streets of Jerusalem," Vera says. "He was walking and healing the sick, and there were lines of sick people on the left and on the right. He was touching the blind, touching the crippled, feeding the leper. I'm behind Him [cheering him on]. And then He stops halfway, turns back and points at me, and says, 'Now you do it.' When He points at me, I freak out. I say, 'God, I cannot do this. ... I am not Benny Hinn. I cannot.' So He comes closer to me, and His body [merges] into my body. ... He jumped into my body, and instantly His body was conformed to the shape of my body. I hope that makes sense. When He came in me, I felt this incredible energy on me, and I continued doing exactly what I saw Him do. I healed about three or four people in this vision by the power of God. Then the voice of the Lord spoke to me audibly, and the Lord said, 'Your healing ministry will begin today. Pray for the sick.'"

Then Vera suddenly woke up, terrified for that night's meeting. Throughout the service, Vera says he tried to flow in the anointing, but nothing was working. He heard God prompt him in his left ear, 'Pray for the sick,' but he refused—he was convinced it would not work, and then he would look

stupid. Finally, he gave in to the Lord's command but remained skeptical as he browsed the crowd for someone in need of healing.

"I was looking for the easy case—maybe some kid with a bellyache," Vera says. "There was a little boy in the front row. I got close to him, and I thought, *This kid must have a fever or something*. I didn't realize that one of his legs had a brace all the way from his hip down, and that leg was several inches shorter. The Lord blinded me from seeing that. I kneeled down and said, 'How many of you believe the Lord can help this kid?' As I'm saying that, that leg grows out of his body. The crowd begins to scream. I fell backwards, ran behind the piano player and freaked out. Instantly, miracles broke loose all over the place. And that's how my healing ministry began."

The third visitation happened on during the evening of Nov. 14, 2005, while Vera was grilling fish with some friends in Maui, Hawaii. Vera says he fainted on the ground for six hours, during which time, he says, the Lord caught him up to the heavens to reveal His glory and the truth of the Scriptures. Near the end of that encounter, Vera says God pointed out a small crowd of people lined up nearby and asked him, "What do you see?" Vera described aspects of their clothing or their appearance, but again, God repeated the question. Finally, Vera stayed quiet and just watched.

"I saw an angel go up to this group of people and begin to peel their skin off, like the way you peel a banana," Vera says. "But instead of seeing their organs, all I could see inside them was everything that happened in their lives since they were born—all the issues that were going on. My eyes were opened, and the Lord said, 'From now on, you will speak to people. You will reveal the secrets of their hearts, and you will see what's going on in their lives. And as you speak it, I will heal the sick. I will deliver them. You will raise the dead, and from now on, the prophetic is going to be activated

in your life.' That's the experience that launched me into an international prophetic miracle ministry."

## **Gifts Versus Office**

Vera says that even though God unlocked a prophetic ministry for him through these visitations, he didn't immediately understand what it meant to be prophetic.

"I didn't understand the prophetic, or that there are prophets now," Vera says. "As a Catholic, I thought Moses was the only prophet. As I began to read the Bible, I realized that the office of the prophet and the prophetic are New Testament, and I began to ... exercise those gifts. And 20-something years later, I'm known around the world because of our strong prophetic ministry."

He says one thing he had to learn early on was the difference between the office of the prophet and the gift of prophecy. Vera believes the gift of prophecy, as taught in 1 Corinthians 12, is available to every believer in Jesus, but that the gift of prophecy also has very strict parameters.

"The gift of prophecy has limitations," Vera says. "In the Bible, Paul says the gift of prophecy is for exhortation, edification and comfort. ... [If a] lady gets up and says, 'The Lord says ...' and then she begins to edify, exhort and encourage the people, that's the gift of prophecy. But [people with] the gift of prophecy don't have authority by God to declare people's futures or to establish things. That will require the office of the prophet to do that."

He says the office of the prophet is quite different and is defined by Ephesians 4:11. It's one of the branches of fivefold ministry, but not everyone is called to it or will be appointed by God to this office. According to Vera, prophets have a particular message or call and a particular audience—and this is consistent throughout both the Old and New Testament.

“God raises prophets with messages,” Vera says. “Prophets are different than pastors. Pastors could preach 50 different messages in a year because they’re pastors, but a prophet has a message. John the Baptist—what was his message? To prepare the way of the Lord. Elijah—what was his message? To destroy Ahab and Baal and to destroy Jezebel. Isaiah—what was his message? He prophesied the coming of the Messiah. So what is your message? ... And God didn’t call you for everybody. So to whom did God call you?”

He says too many believers conflate prophetic giftings with the office of the prophet, and as a result, there are many people operating outside of their anointing.

“The office of the prophet is an office not everybody has,” Vera says. “God chooses prophets. Every prophet carries a mandate, a message and the power to demonstrate that message. So nowadays, people think, *Because I stood up and I prophesied to Johnny and he got blessed, I’m a prophet*, and that’s the mistake. So then they begin to tell people [their future]: ‘OK, you’re going to marry this person, or you’re going to...’ When they go out of their jurisdiction—if you want to call it that—it causes confusion.”

He says those people are false prophets, but that doesn’t mean they are working for Satan. It just means that even if they are well-intentioned, they are immature and passing themselves off fraudulently as something they are not. The best protection against such deception and immaturity is to grow strong in the Word, Vera says.

“Maturity is developed by learning the Word of God,” Vera says. “Man, if you learn the Bible, you will mature. False prophets are exposed by a true prophet showing you, ‘This is what it is.’ If you have a basketball player, like Michael Jordan, and then you [are] somebody who doesn’t know how to bounce the ball, and you look at him? You’re going to realize, *I don’t know anything.*”

Vera says he is hopeful that God will expose these false prophets and continue to raise up authentic prophetic voices in 2020 and the years to come. He says the best test to discern the genuine from the frauds is to ask for a demonstration of power. Real prophets, Vera says, come equipped with divine power—like Elijah at Mt. Carmel—to prove their mandate comes from God.

“In 2020, God is going to begin to mark a difference between those who are self-proclaimed and those who are God-appointed,” Vera says. “We don’t have to be afraid to say, ‘What is your message? What is your mandate? Where is your power?’ People have come to my church to tell me, ‘I don’t believe you. I believe you’re a fake.’ I say, ‘Prove it.’ I don’t have a problem with that. I don’t have bodyguards. I say [to those people], ‘Come up to the front, and I’ll prove it to you.’ Within 30 seconds, the prophetic is changing their lives to the point that they’re on the floor crying, turning their hearts to God. Because the prophetic has power to validate that which God has called you do. That is going to separate the boys from the men.”

### **Show Me the Power**

Vera would describe himself as a person occupying the office of the prophet—and he says he would not make such a bold claim without proof. He says he has “thousands of testimonies” of power manifesting in service of his prophetic calling. So what is his calling?

“I’ve been saying since I was 17 [and I had] that experience with the Lord,” Vera says. “The Lord said, ‘I’m calling you to bring prophetic fire and to bring revival of miracles, signs and wonders with a prophetic, now word.’ I’m a prophetic revivalist. God has called me to open territories, to demonstrate the raw power of God to my generation. That God can still heal now. That God can speak now and change your life. ... That is what God has called me to do. To demonstrate

the prophetic in the now with miracles, signs and wonders that will impact my generation and the nations.”

He admits it’s a big calling, and the experiences he has had—including the rainstorm in Argentina—have been “wild.” But he sincerely believes and hopes what God is doing in his life is not all that unusual. Others are having or will have these same experiences.

“God is raising up people who are going to come with demonstrations of unusual power to deliver His people,” Vera says. “Power is not about the status of the prophet or the preacher, or about how big a ministry is. Power is about helping the people God loves.”

Yet Vera laments that many American Christians do not have strong examples of prophets equipped to not merely share prophetic words but to “carry fire from heaven to change situations.” He wryly notes that it’s always when people go to other countries that they report incredible miracles, but on demand in the U.S., they are often unable to perform.

“You know, the majority of prophetic people think they’re called,” Vera says. “They like the idea of the calling. But where’s the evidence of the calling? ... That’s what we lack nowadays. If you look on TV, all these people who claim to be prophets or miracle workers, it always happens, ‘When I was in Africa, three blind people were healed. When I was in Peru, cripples walked.’ But show me now. Do it now. Because people need to [see].”

He believes the primary reason we do not see incredible miracles here in the U.S. is due to unbelief. At one point, he notes—sounding unimpressed—that many healings we see in America deal with minor complaints like back pain.

“We’ve got to understand the power of God also works according to your faith,” Vera says. “The Bible says, ‘Them that believe shall lay hands on the sick.’ So any believer can lay hands on

somebody, and the pain will be gone. But Corinthians also talks about miracle workers and healers. That's a whole different level. ... That's the problem I see. We are following those who talk nice and those who wish to have power. But I will say, look for somebody who really has it, who has it every time. Because God works everywhere the same. And God doesn't just heal in Africa. If he heals in Africa, He heals here in Orlando. And if you cannot do in Orlando what you do in Africa, then you're not called. You're just operating by faith."

Vera hopes a new era of genuine prophets will help to bring revival and restore faith—both in the American church and around the world.

"That's what I see God bringing back to America, especially with us here at The Center," Vera says. "We are demonstrators. We have been raised to demonstrate His power so the many can once again have pure faith in the God of the Bible. And that's what we do."

*READ MORE: about Rich Vera, visit his website at .*

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# What You Need to Know About 2019 Before the New Year Hits

“It had to happen.” While preaching at the Morris Cerullo Legacy International Center in San Diego, California, Pastor Terry Brooks says that whatever misfortunes or ailments came in 2019, it all had to happen to accomplish God’s purpose in your life.

“I want you to understand that whatever happened in 2019, it had to happen,” Brooks says. “I know some of us have experienced some things in 2019 that we did not expect, we did not plan on, nor did we pray for, but it had to happen. Some challenges, some setbacks, some situations, and we’ve tried to make sense of it all, but the more we try to clear our understanding, the more cloudy things become. And here is the truth of the matter: It was all part of God’s plan. It was all on purpose.”

What does that plan entail? Watch the video to find out.

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## **‘Hundreds Upon Hundreds’ Attended Morris Cerullo’s Christmas Event**

Greg Hodson, vice president of television at Morris Cerullo World Evangelism, says the ministry’s big Christmas event—“Christmas City USA”—went extremely well this year.

“What an amazing, miraculous event,” Hodson says. “... Hundreds upon hundreds of people filled the plaza to witness this beautiful tree-lighting ceremony, with the Christmas tree and the show fountain. We had choirs. We had food. We had coffee, hot chocolate, popcorn. We had toy drives. We had so much going on here.”

Watch the full video recap of the event [here](#).

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## **Bill Johnson Releases Statement on Bethel Couple's Public Prayers for Dead Daughter's Resurrection**

Bill Johnson posted a video statement on Thursday regarding recent prayer requests for the resurrection of a Bethel worship leader's daughter. Kalley Heiligenthal, a worship leader and songwriter for Bethel, requested urgent prayer on social media after doctors pronounced her two-year old daughter, Olive, dead on Saturday.

“We are asking for bold, unified prayers from the global church to stand with us in belief that He will raise this little girl back to life,” Heiligenthal wrote on Instagram. “Her time here is not done, and it is our time to believe boldly, and with confidence wield what King Jesus paid for. It's time for her to come to life.”

Heiligenthal's requests have been met with support by many leaders, including Rich Wilkerson Jr., Darlene Zschech and

Kris Vallotton. But others have criticized the unusual prayer request.

Johnson addressed both supporters and critics alike in his video update today. This is what he said:

*Hi, I'm Bill Johnson from Bethel Church here in Redding, California. First of all, I wanted to say thank you to the countless numbers of people around the world who have been praying with us for the miracle we need this week. Saturday, just a few days ago, we had a great tragedy. One of the key individuals in our world, their two year old little girl died quite unexpectedly, just out of nowhere. So we've been praying for the miracle of God. Mom and Dad, Andrew and Kalley, have asked us to pray for resurrection. We've joined with them.*

*We have a biblical precedent. Jesus raised the dead. Jesus raised the dead. Not only that, He introduced Himself as the resurrection and the life. In fact, in John 11:40, He says, 'If you believe, you will see the glory of God.' So seeing what Jesus has accomplished, what He did in His lifetime, and then when you add to that that He commanded His followers, His disciples, in Matthew 10:8 to heal the sick, to raise the dead, to cast off devils, to cleanse lepers. None of those are things we can actually do. He commanded us because somehow in our yes, he gives us the ability to carry out his mission. Being commissioned means we've said yes to his mission. This is our heart. So we've tried to run with a real conviction and devotion to the very thing that Jesus taught us to do. So He modeled it, and He commanded us to do the same.*

*Some have asked, 'Isn't this interrupting the sovereignty of God?' And my response is, first of all, we don't ever want to violate the sovereignty of God. God is sovereign. He chooses what He wants, and we cooperate with Him. There's no question. But then my question is why did Jesus raise the*

dead? Did He violate the sovereignty of God? Did we have the Father will one thing and Jesus will another? Of course not. We know that's not true. The reason Jesus raised the dead is because not everyone dies in God's timing. And Jesus could tell. He would interrupt that funeral. He would interrupt that process—that some just call the sovereignty of God—and he would raise the little girl. He'd raise the adult person from the dead.

The point is, Jesus set a precedent for us to follow. We rarely know what we're doing, especially when we come into new areas like this. There's no manual that tells us, 'Fast this many days. Pray this many hours.' We don't have any idea. What we do have is a biblical precedent: Jesus' lifestyle and Jesus' commands.

Some would ask, 'How long do you pray and when do you quit praying?' And I don't have a good answer. We're kind of in the middle of that journey right now. But there is a biblical precedent to continue praying. Luke 18:1 is a whole story about the importance of persistence in prayer. The end of Hebrews 10 and the beginning of Hebrews 11 talks about enduring faith—the faith that endures past what everybody would expect. It's that need to hold something. So we're in that point.

We admittedly are just trying our best. We want to honor mom and dad. We want to honor their heart for the resurrection of their child. So we've said yes. We've partnered with them. The child has been in the morgue ever since the child died. She's not here. We don't surround the baby and perform some ritual. We're together, honestly, to worship Jesus. He's the miracle worker. We're not. He's the grace giver. We're not. He's the one from whom all perfect gifts flow. And we simply are here to honor the name of Jesus.

We know enough about this process through the years. We know enough that when there's a breakthrough, when there's an

*answer, when there's a miracle of any kind, he gets the glory. He gets the credit. He's the one who performed it. It may have been our hands, it may have been our words, but honestly, He's the miracle worker. We're just tools in His hands. But when it doesn't work, we don't blame God. We give Him the glory. We give Him the praise. We celebrate His goodness, His kindness. Because nothing about our experience, difficult or not, changes who He is.*

*We are spending our life trying to discover this wonderful, wonderful Father who is perfect in every way, and our passion, our heart, is to discover that and to make it known. We've got a plant of people that are hurting so deeply because they just don't know what this heavenly father is like. So we've given our life to this. We're going to get some things good [and] right, we're going to get some things we won't do so well. But we're in a journey like you, like many of you, and we're in this pursuit to see Jesus exalted and a whole generation of people that can accurately and responsively demonstrate the love, the purity and the power of God. This is our passion.*

*Thank you again. So many of you have helped us. You've prayed with us. You've joined with us. Some of you did so a couple years ago, when we had little Jaxon Taylor in the crisis and the miracle that God performed. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Others of you have sent challenging questions to us, and I thank you as well, because we never want to take anything for granted. We just have this heart to walk in purity, to walk in love, to walk responsibly, and we've said yes to that call, and you helped us. So I want to thank you and I want to bless all of you in Jesus' name. Thank you for being part of our global family.*

Johnson's full video message is embedded here.

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# Prophetic Word: 2020 Will Be the 'Year of Honey'

Will 2020 be a year of breakthrough and honey? In a new video posted by Morris Cerullo Ministries, Apostle Fernando Garay says 2019 correlates to the year 5779 on the Hebrew calendar, and that in both cases, we are transitioning into a new decade—which he says has prophetic significance.

“In the Bible, numbers have significance,” Garay says. “The number nine deals with the end of something. ... Something new is about to begin. That’s why my spirit is jumping.”

In the video, Garay says 2020 will be a “year of honey,” indicating sweetness will permeate the body of Christ.

“Another thing I see is that God is showing me it is a year of honey,” Garay says. “When you think of honey, what do you think of? Something sweet. Something good. Something that makes you smile. If you put a little bit of honey on toast and you take a little bite, it kind of makes you smile, because it’s a little sweet. It’s got a good flavor. So this year’s going to be a sweet year. Honey—it’s a year of blessing. God told His people, ‘I come down. I have heard your prayers. Now I come down to deliver you and take you into a land flowing with milk and honey.’ So this year, 2020, get ready because you’re going to sense a lot of sweetness in your soul, sweetness in your spirit, backed up by authority, backed up by God’s kingdom.”

Garay also says 2020 will bring a new era for believers, including prophetic visions, double doors of blessing opening wide and breakthrough in the natural realm.

“As soon as you enter in January, those that know the Word of the Lord, you will enter a new era, a new lifestyle,” Garay says. “Something new will happen to many of you. Something new. It’s a new era. God begins something completely new in your life. ... Another thing I want to show you is that doors are about to open up wide. Wide doors. Not one door—doors. Double doors are opening for your life. ... Another thing that I’m seeing is a breakthrough. There’s a breakthrough, and we learn that God gives us breakthroughs in the natural. We’ve learned this: that every breakthrough in the natural is because something in the spirit is happening. So we as a body of Christ, as a people of God, will be seeing and living a lot of breakthrough. This is it. This is it. You’re in it. This is breakthrough time.”

Watch the full video [here](#).

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## **Incredible True Story of Christian Who Stood Up to Hitler Now in Theaters**

Movieguide® says that Terrence Malick’s *A Hidden Life* is a truly great, inspirational story of Christian courage. In a video review, Dr. Ted Baehr explains, “It’s set in Austria just at the beginning of World War II. They live in a pastoral beautiful place. They thought that their valley in Austria would never be reached. It’s based on a true story and the man, Franz, is a very committed Christian. His wife is very Christian. And he gets recruited for a year into the army because Hitler is recruiting everybody. He’s destroying

Europe. [Franz] realizes that as a Christian he cannot support Hitler. He refuses to take a loyalty oath to Hitler.”

Baehr says the film is a masterpiece of cinematography and acting.

“It’s a very powerful story of a man who’s living for his faith,” he says. “It’s got a tremendous amount of Christian content, a great amount of talking about the Holy Spirit guiding you, and it’s one of the most encouraging stories. It’s one of those many hidden stories of World War II of people who stood for the gospel in the midst of oppression.”

Watch the full video review [here](#).