

Now Playing: Filmmaker Darren Wilson

*Darren Wilson thinks God is furious—furiously in love with you. His latest film, **Furious Love**, demonstrates what God will do to show us His great love. Wilson talked to Charisma about his new film, which releases on DVD May 4.*

*Your film **Furious Love** released in February. What kind of response has it gotten?*

Darren Wilson: It's been pretty overwhelming, actually. I knew we had a good film on our hands, but I wasn't sure how people in general would respond to it, especially seeing how polarizing my first film, *Finger of God*, was. But this one seems to be crossing all denominational boundaries and is rocking people to their very core.

We're getting reports of whole groups of people, youth especially, who are giving their lives to the Lord after watching the film because they are so overwhelmed by how much God loves them. At one screening more than 1,000 people showed up, including some witches who had come to curse the film. By the end of the movie, one of those witches gave his life to Jesus. He said what he had couldn't compare to what he saw in this film!

Why did you want to address deliverance?

Wilson: I

didn't! What's so funny about both films is that they were both

directives given to me by the Lord. They weren't things I thought up

because I thought people wanted to see them. When I was finishing

filming for *Finger of God* (and a sequel was the furthest thing from my mind at that point), Heidi Baker, from Iris Ministries had a

specific word for me she felt was from the Lord. First, she saw me

filming the occult. Then she said the Lord was saying that "I had to go

into the darkness to show the light." That prayer led me down this path.

What are people saying about the film?

Wilson: It's hard for

me to even say this, but many are calling it the best movie they have

ever seen. I don't think they're speaking from a technical standpoint,

but more because what they're seeing is so powerful, and it's real.

We've had pastors from all denominations weep openly throughout the

screenings, and then dedicate the next four weeks of their sermons to

God's furious love for His people.

The film looks at some pretty grim situations. How have audiences reacted to those scenes?

Wilson: Most audiences are expecting one thing but getting something entirely different. The “grim situations” are simply the backdrop of a much larger story of a God who will not be stopped in His quest to defend us and fight for us. Most audiences think the film is going to kind of exploit these situations, but instead they just become the setting for God to step in and do what He does best, which is to love us. I always said I was setting out to put God’s love to the test, and I just figured that if I was going to test His love, I was going to put up a good fight. I figured He could handle whatever I threw at Him, which of course, He did.

What have been the biggest surprises since the film opened?

Wilson: The fact that the film is being so universally embraced. *Finger of God* has gotten me into some trouble but it seems like everyone loves *Furious Love*. Also, what is happening at the church showings is both wonderful and surprising. Most churches we’ve heard from are reporting crowds much larger than they expected, and the response after the film has often overwhelmed them.

Why should people watch this movie?

Wilson: The

Lord spoke to me very clearly just before the movie was released, and

He said, "It's time for My bride to begin putting on her makeup." I

think it's time for the church to make herself beautiful for her

bridegroom. The church has been through some rough patches ... but God

hasn't given up on us, and He still loves us. In order for us to be

beautiful in His eyes, though, we need to begin to love both ourselves

and others the way He's called us to love. Unfortunately, I think a lot

of Christians have a hard time loving others when they've never felt

the Father's love for themselves. Hopefully, this film will give them

that encounter that will finally move the concept of God loving them

from their head down to their heart.