

Actor Neal McDonough's Bold Stand for Faith Sparks Hollywood Blacklisting

Actor Neal McDonough is on a mission to tell stories of faith and inspiration.

McDonough's latest film, "Guns & Moses," in theaters now, is about a rabbi who runs a small synagogue in California alongside his wife and five kids. The faith leader "becomes an unlikely gunslinger after his community is violently attacked," according to an official description.

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The actor, who portrays Mayor Donovan Kirk in the film, said the movie is "about honoring God and loving your neighbors." It's a mission of kindness and understanding that one could relate to McDonough's own struggles of losing out on Hollywood jobs after standing by his own Christian faith.



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"I had this great career and then it kind of got taken away from me for a little bit because of my faith and my love of my wife," McDonough said. "I didn't wanna do kissing scenes because I didn't wanna put [my wife], Ruve, through that kind of stuff 'cause it's just odd."

McDonough previously shared his journey with CBN News. He made a media splash a few years ago for his longstanding policy of declining to kiss castmates, something that caught media attention during his time on the TV show "Desperate Housewives."

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"I wouldn't kiss a woman on that show years ago," McDonough said. "And then I got blackballed."

He continued, "I lost my house, and I lost everything – cars, you name it. I went bankrupt."

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McDonough said he ended up with a "massive drinking problem," spending two years consuming alcohol to cope with not being able to land a job. Eventually, he overcame those struggles and has since been making powerful movies with redemptive storylines.

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