

Did Actor Hugh Jackman Just Have a Saul of Tarsus Moment?

Before one of today's most lauded actors sets a foot onto stage, he offers his performance up to God.

"Allow me to surrender," Hugh Jackman will say, and then he embraces what he feels God has called him to do.

In a candid new interview with *Parade*, Jackman opened up about his faith, telling the magazine quite blatantly: "I am a Christian.

"I used to go to different evangelists' [revival] tents all the time," the actor says. "When I was about 13, I had a weird premonition that I was going to be onstage, like the preachers I saw."

The new revelation could be a change of pace for the actor, who is set to portray the apostle Paul, and has previously been open about not "clicking" with Christianity.

"I just find the evangelical church too, well, restrictive," Jackman said in an earlier interview with the magazine. "But the School of Practical Philosophy is nonconfrontational. We believe there are many forms of Scripture. What is true is true and will never change, whether it's in the Bible or in Shakespeare. It's about oneness. Its basic philosophy is that if the Buddha and Krishna and Jesus were all at a dinner table together, they wouldn't be arguing. There is an essential truth. And we are limitless."

Now, though, he says he feels God's pleasure when he acts. Perhaps Jackman is having his own Saul of Tarsus moment.