

Hollywood Star Says Christians Can Bring the Holy Spirit to Film Sets: 'We Co-Labor With Him'

The daughter of a Baptist minister in southeastern Georgia, Masey McLain isn't a typical Hollywood star – and she isn't afraid to bring her Christian convictions to the sets of her movies, either.

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"God's kingdom is absolutely everywhere," McLain told CBN News at the red carpet premiere of her newest film, "Soul on Fire," debuting in theaters nationwide Friday. "We house the Holy Spirit – bring that in a set, bring that to a film, bring that to a story."



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The new movie, a Sony Pictures project, is a biopic chronicling the miraculous life story of St. Louis native John O'Leary, who, at just 9 years old, sustained severe burns over 100% of his body from an accidental explosion in his childhood home. As a result, he was given a 1% chance of survival.

In the movie, the 31-year-old McLain plays O'Leary's wife, Beth.

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“One of my favorite things in Scripture is when it talks about co-laboring with God, and that it’s not like we ask God to do everything and then we just let Him do it or we do it all ourselves,” she said, referencing 1 Corinthians 3:9. “We co-labor with Him, and I feel that when I’m on set. I feel like I’m not doing it by myself, I’m not doing it through my own power.”

McLain, who came to faith in Jesus at a revival event when she was 7 years old, said she was first inspired to work in movies because God “lives in me and He empowers me and we’re doing it together.”

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“That does something that no man can do on their own,” she said at the St. Louis premiere. “When you partner with the Holy Spirit, that is what has the power to transform lives – not people.”

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