

Kelsey Grammer to Star in Film About Spiritual Revolution That Changed America

Actor Kelsey Grammer will star in the true story of a national spiritual awakening that took place in Southern California during the 1960s and 1970s.

The film is titled *Jesus Revolution* and it revolves around Pastor Greg Laurie who set out to redefine truth. He ended up meeting a hippie street preacher named Lonnie Frisbee, who will be portrayed by *The Chosen's* Jonathan Roumie.

Laurie and Frisbee connect with Grammer's character, Pastor Chuck Smith, who opens up his church to other hippies and seekers. A great spiritual revival occurs at the church, leading to what became known as the Jesus Revolution.

Smith, the real-life pastor of Calvary Chapel in Costa Mesa, served as a mentor to Laurie.

"I don't think we necessarily knew we were a part of history, but we knew we were part of something very special," said Laurie in a video about the film. "Thousands of young people were coming to Christ and being baptized. We called it the Jesus movement."

Greg Laurie later founded Harvest Christian Fellowship, in Riverside, California, now one of the largest churches in America. The church has sponsored its local SoCal Harvest event for three decades, making it one of the longest-running evangelistic events in the nation, and attended by millions of people.

Grammer said he was honored to be part of the project. "Jesus has been a profound influence in my life. I am proud to be a part of this film," Grammer told Christian Headlines.

Grammer, a Christian, is well known for the character of Frasier Crane whom he played for 20 years in the television series "Frasier" and "Cheers."

"Jesus Revolution" is a Kingdom Story film in collaboration with Lionsgate. Filmmaker Jon Erwin of *I Can Only Imagine* and *American Underdog* is directing the new film.

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