

Kelsey Grammer Won't Apologize for Loving Jesus

Actor Kelsey Grammer is probably best known to audiences as Frasier Crane, the character he portrayed on the television series "Frasier" and "Cheers" for 20 years. But in a recent interview, he has spoken openly about his deep Christian faith and "the difference Jesus made in his life."

Known for many years as one of the few conservatives working in Hollywood, Grammer, 68, told USA Today that he won't apologize for his faith.

"I've had hiccups. I've had some tragic times. I have wrestled with those and worked my way through them: sometimes rejecting faith, sometimes rejecting God even, in a period of being pretty angry about it, like, 'Where were you?' That kind of thing," he explained. "But I have come to terms with it and have found great peace in my faith and in Jesus. It's not cavalier—Jesus made a difference in my life. That's not anything I'll apologize for."

Grammer was raised in the cult known as "Christian Science" but he was moved by the "Jesus movement" of the 1960s and '70s, he told USA Today.

"They were energized and optimistic, and I thought that was a great thing to see," he said.

The historic Jesus Movement began on the West Coast and spread. The Christian revival saw young people, often called hippies, turning to Christ.

The revival that unfolded in Southern California in the late 1960s and early 1970s is what Time Magazine called "The Jesus Revolution." But just four years earlier, the front page of the very same magazine was asking, "Is God Dead?"

 Even though Grammer has won numerous awards over the years for his TV work, he said his best work just maybe his portrayal of Pastor Chuck Smith in the new motion picture Jesus Revolution.

“It’s really uplifting. It’s a good movie,” the actor told USA Today.

As CBN News reported last month, Grammer became emotional while talking about his portrayal of Pastor Smith during an appearance promoting the movie on the syndicated program “Live with Kelly and Ryan.” {eoa}

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