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See The Truth

Groundhog Day (1993)

The Big Idea:

Ever wonder how God feels when people take His daily mercies for granted?

Scene Setup:

Phil Connors is a self-centered weather reporter who has fallen under an enchantment. He has been reliving Groundhog Day in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania every day, apparently for years. Each day is exactly the same in the way it unfolds for others, but each day Phil is given yet another opportunity to change himself. Finally, he has come to know and love the people he once disdained. He knows their every move (he has seen them go through these motions before), and so he sets out to care for the needs of each person to the extent he is able. What he learns is that his divine-like intervention can be a thankless job.

Scene:

Phil is recording what must be his thousandth Groundhog Day report -- but instead of mindless repetition, it becomes apparent that he has been honing this speech every time his day repeats, and that he truly has come to love the people of the town. After his stirring speech, Rita, his producer, asks if he would like to get a cup of coffee. Phil says, "I'd love to. Can I have a rain check? I have some errands I've gotta run." Rita doesn't understand (to her it's just their first day there), but Phil runs off.

As Phil walks across the sidewalk, he looks at his watch and sees that he may be a few seconds late. He begins to run as he looks up to see a young boy fall from a tree. It is clear he has been doing this every day for some time. He catches the boy, but as he is putting him down he asks, "What do you say? What do you say? What do you say?" The boy squirms and runs away. Phil calls after him, "You little brat. You have NEVER thanked me. I'll see you tomorrow, maybe." But the viewer knows he will be back again and again, as long as he is needed.

Application:

People often take God's general providence for granted. All of the complex details that must come together every day, just to sustain our lives, are too many to number. Yet how often do we stop to thank God for all he has done for us?

Sermon General's Warning:

Nothing in this scene.

Topics: Grace Thankfulness Gratitude

Scripture: Luke 17:11-19 1 Chronicles 16:34-0 2 Timothy 3:2-0 Romans 1:21-0
Romans 13:7-0

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