



## “REEL FAITH”

### The Gospel according to Hollywood

*Film and Faith in Dialogue*

### *Forrest Gump - Overview*

Directed by Robert Zemeckis

#### Summary

Forrest Gump grows up in the Deep South and must deal with physical and mental handicaps. But thanks to the love of his mother, an extraordinary gift of running, remarkable providences, and (most of all) his life-long affection for Jenny, Forrest grows up to become a humble hero on the world's stage.



#### Themes

Love & forgiveness...Friendship...Loyalty...Providence & the Sovereignty of God...Miracles...Patriotism...Self-sacrifice

#### Connections with Scripture

##### Human Love:

- **Proverbs 17:17** - “A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.”
- **Ecclesiastes 4:9-11** - “Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work: If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up! Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone?”



##### God's Love:

- **Isaiah 49:14-15** - “Zion said, ‘The Lord has forsaken me, the Lord has forgotten me.’ Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you!”
- **The whole book of Hosea** - “I will betroth you to me forever; I will betroth you in righteousness and justice, in love and compassion. I will betroth you in faithfulness, and you will acknowledge the Lord” (Hosea 2:19-20).
- **Romans 5:6-8** - “You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”
- **Mark 10:43-45** - “...whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”



#### Memorable Lines

- “Momma always said life was like a box of chocolates. You never know what you're gonna get.”
- “We were like peas and carrots, Jenny and I.”
- “My Mama always said you've got to put the past behind you before you can move on.”
- Jenny: “Why are you so good to me?” Forrest: “You're my girl!” Jenny: “I'll always be your girl.”