

Friends and Family.

RE: The SHACK.

Please use biblical discernment and critical thinking.

In 2007, William Young self-published his novel THE SHACK. Since then the book has sold tens of millions of copies. Now, ten years later, the movie version of the book has been produced. I have talked to many people who loved it and many others who strongly disliked it. Among pastors and theologians who seem to know the Bible there is a similar split of opinion about THE SHACK. How can this be? Is one group wrong and the other right? Is it possible that each group is partly right and partly wrong?

Two things we can know for certain about a book and movie that generates so much disagreement among committed biblically knowledgeable believers. First is that this movie will produce many open doors to discuss biblical truths with family, friends, and others. So please do not waste those opportunities. But be kind and humble as 2 Timothy 2:23-26 command. Second is that we all are responsible to examine THE SHACK with the Berean principle of careful biblical discernment presented in Acts 17:11, THE BEREANS WERE OF MORE NOBLE CHARACTER THAN THOSE IN THESSALONICA FOR THEY RECEIVED THE MESSAGE WITH GREAT EAGERNESS AND EXAMINED THE SCRIPTURES EVERY DAY TO SEE IF WHAT IT SAID WAS TRUE.

What are my personal views? I've read lots of reviews over the years and even whole books devoted to critiquing THE SHACK, its message and its method. I considered writing my own detailed review but then realized that a few other people have already written basically what I would say. Below is a link to a comprehensive review by a kind and gracious brother Randy Alcorn. His review most closely expresses my own opinion.

Randy has written over 50 books and in each he clearly has sought to honor Christ as 1 Corinthians 4:6. LEARN NOT TO THINK BEYOND WHAT IS WRITTEN IN SCRIPTURE. Randy wrote his review of THE SHACK after taking time to personally spend hours talking with the author William Young. Randy's critique is loving and includes many links to other valuable reviews.

<http://www.epm.org/resources/2012/Sep/26/reflections-shack/>

Prayerfully and gratefully,

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