



The Last Jedi

So many good Christian themes in this movie: discipleship, the holy spirit, how to deal with hopelessness...

Real simple start here: Star Trek, Star Wars or 'I don't like Sci-fi'?

The story opens up with the older hero, Luke Skywalker, discouraged and giving up and hiding. He no longer wants to try and train Jedi and help the resistance. He is defeated and discouraged. This is easy to draw parallels to in the Christian life.

What would you say to a friend who was feeling hopeless or discouraged in their faith?

The Bible has so much to say on this topic. Have different people look up and read these verses.

Galatians 6:9
Isaiah 41:10
Philippians 1:6
Joshua 1:9
1 Corinthians 9:24-27

Can you think of any other verses that would fit in this list?

What are some common themes from these verses.

In the movie Luke Skywalker is confronted by his mentor, Yoda, who has to remind him that mistakes are one part of how we learn.

What mistakes have learned from? And have you passed on those lessons to others? If so who?

So part of what Yoda is trying to get Luke to understand is that his failures are not a good reason to quit.

Read Romans 8:1-4

How does this passage tie together these questions of inadequacy and yet God's desire to use us?

Do you believe that you have a plan and a purpose from God? I'm not sure precisely what yours is, but I know that all of our goals revolve around the making of disciples.

If you need help figuring you where you fit in, I'm including online and in print some spiritual gifts list as well as a personal assessment tool. Take and it and feel free to get back to Joel after you'd finished it.

Prayer

