



High Noon (1952)
(85 minutes)

Story: Not your typical western! This is a moving story of a man “torn betwixt love and duty” (the opening song by Tex Ritter tells the story!) The town sheriff, Will Kane (Gary Cooper) has just married his sweetheart (Grace Kelly) and has determined to leave behind his dangerous career.

As they prepare to leave town he receives word that Frank Miller, a murderer whom Kane sent to prison, is coming to town at “high noon”. Kane is determined to “face the man who hates me”, but receives no support from the townspeople who desperately fear Miller. His wife, a Quaker, threatens to leave Kane if he decides to fight.

The whole story takes place in only 85 minutes as the clock ticks along toward the showdown. Watch, too, for the difficult decision his Quaker wife must also make.

Category: Western

Rating: Not rated

Values: Integrity, courage, pacifism vs. fighting, duty

Who Might Like This: Almost all ages

Cautions: Several gunfight scenes

Cast: Gary Cooper, Grace Kelly, Lloyd Bridges

Movie Quote: (Helen Ramirez to the sheriff’s deputy) “You’re a good-looking boy. You’ve big, broad shoulders. But he’s a man. And it takes more than big, broad shoulders to make a man.”

Gospel Principle: “. . . till I die I will not remove mine integrity from me” (Job 27:5).