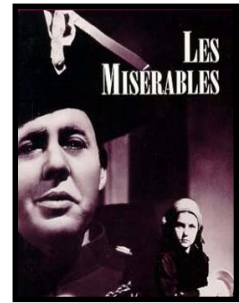
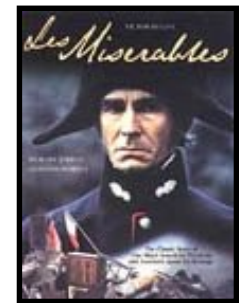


Les Miserables (1935 and 1978)
(1935 – 108 minutes) (1978 – 150 minutes)



Story: There are several versions to this outstanding novel by Victor Hugo. These are the two we recommend.

The story centers on Jean Valjean (Frederic March, Richard Jordan), a man sent to prison for stealing bread. After ten years hard labor he escapes from prison a hardened man. A kindly bishop has compassion and offers Valjean board and room. When Valjean is caught stealing the bishop's silver candlesticks, the bishop refuses to prosecute.



A deep change begins to take place in the heart of Valjean. He determines to give his life to God. He changes his name and becomes a respectable man, devoting his life to helping others. When one of his workers dies, he adopts her little girl as his own.

But the chief of police, Javert (Charles Laughton, Anthony Perkins), has not forgotten about the escaped convict. He is determined to find him and return him to prison.

Category: Drama

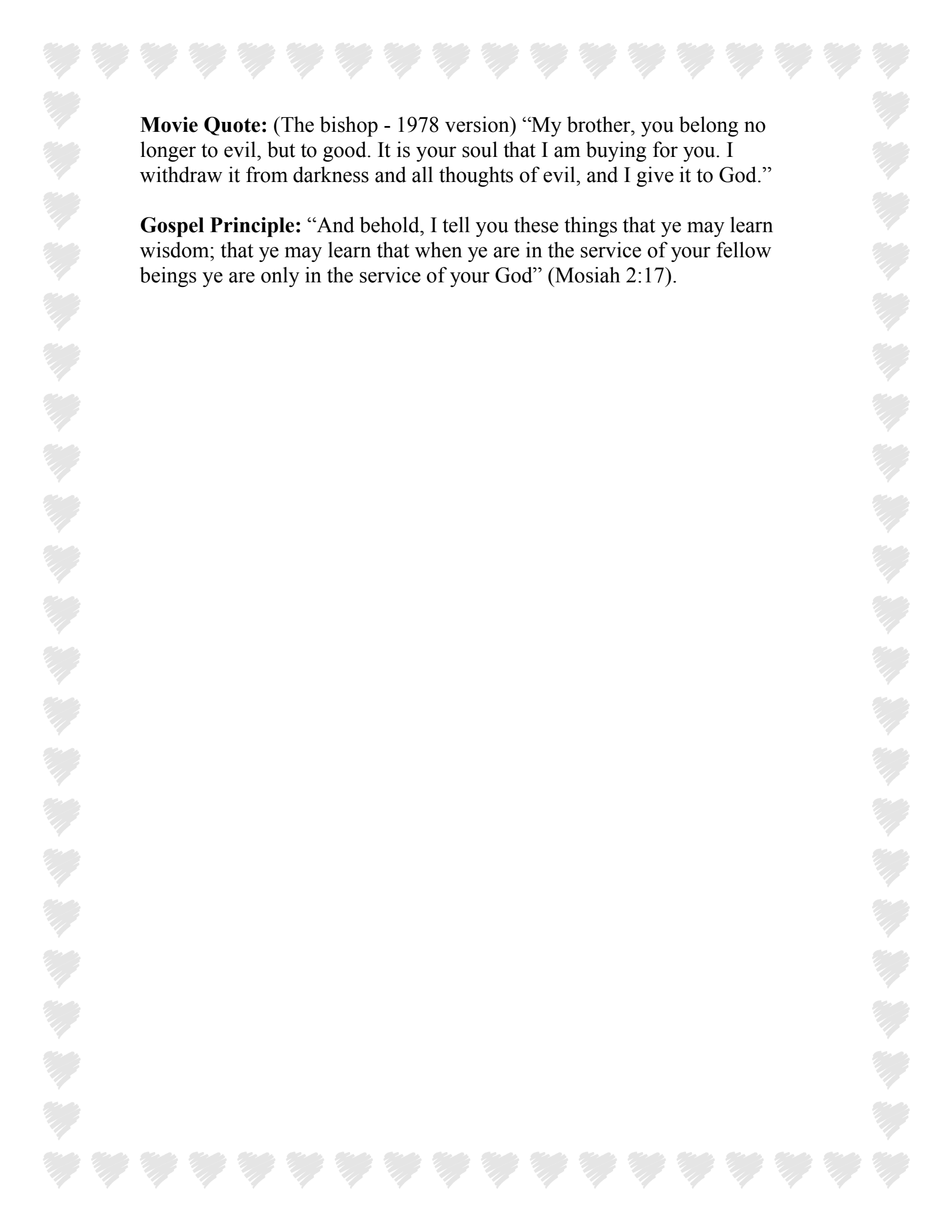
Rating: Neither is rated

Values: The power of Christ to bring deep changes in our lives; losing our lives in the service of others; faith in God

Who Might Like This: Older teens and up

Cautions: None

Cast: 1939 version – Fredric March, Charles Laughton.
1978 version – Richard Jordan, Anthony Perkins, John Gielgud.



Movie Quote: (The bishop - 1978 version) “My brother, you belong no longer to evil, but to good. It is your soul that I am buying for you. I withdraw it from darkness and all thoughts of evil, and I give it to God.”

Gospel Principle: “And behold, I tell you these things that ye may learn wisdom; that ye may learn that when ye are in the service of your fellow beings ye are only in the service of your God” (Mosiah 2:17).