



NIGHT CROSSING (1981)
(107 minutes)

Story: From 1945 to 1951 it was fairly easy to cross from Communist East Germany to the democratic freedom of West Germany. But by 1952, the East German government declared a closed border zone and crossing became restricted and difficult.

The border between East and West Germany eventually consisted of 836 miles of barbed wire walls, automated machine guns, armed guards, and deadly land mines. Many people attempted to cross to freedom. Many of them paid with their lives.

This movie tells the true story of an attempt made by two families in 1979 to flee from Communist East Germany by using a handcrafted hot air balloon.

Don't be distracted by the movie's slow start. A great reminder for all of us of the precious privilege of freedom!

Category: Drama

Rating: PG

Values: Freedom, determination, families, love, sacrifice

Who Might Like This: Children eight and up

Cautions: Several mild profanities

Cast: John Hurt, Jane Alexander, Beau Bridges

Gospel Principle: “And that law of the land which is constitutional, supporting that principle of freedom in maintaining rights and privileges, belongs to all mankind, and is justifiable before me” (D&C 98:5).