

"LIFE THROUGH THE LENS"



These thoughts came after watching a TV movie I had never heard of.

"Mr Harvey Lights a Candle" received great positive reviews when released in 2005.

It can be streamed on Amazon Prime.

Trailer link:

<https://vimeo.com/16578071>

WHERE BLOOD AND DIRT MEET

It is where the aspects of my life I consider as "dirt" – "dirt" telling me no one cares for me; certainly not God; He never could".

It is where the "dirt" of my life meets the sacrificial "blood" of Jesus on the cross that the miracle of forgiveness happens. A new life begins.

The forgiveness by God. The forgiveness of self. A new life full of unique and untapped potential.

A guy who started his career looking after his dad's sheep, later became a king and did some pretty "dirty" things, like murder and adultery, came back to trusting in God's forgiving love wrote; "As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us." **(Psalm 103:12)**

Another who had a close encounter with some lions said, "The Lord our God is merciful and forgiving, even though we have rebelled against him." **(Daniel 9:9)**

Jesus, hanging and bleeding on the cross, says to God his Father, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." **(Luke 23:34)**. To a thief also hanging on a cross, a thief who finally trusted Jesus, Jesus said, "I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise." "Paradise" is anywhere you are, and you know Jesus is right there also – even if he cannot be seen right now.

"Paradise" can be described as "A state of supreme happiness; bliss." "Paradise", enjoying a new and unique friendship with Jesus, with his father, God!

When you believe and trust that Jesus' blood running down the cross, in some unexplainable way, covers over all the "dirt" of your life, past and present, that is where the blood and the dirt meet and from that grows a new life of joy; forever. I pray you will experience such a life.