

The Faithfulness of the Main Character Michael Hosea in *Redeeming Love* Film by D.J. Caruso *Character Analysis*

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ABSTRACT

In doing this research, the researcher take place in Manado city and it be done nearly in three months to complete this research. The researcher obtains the data for this research be taken on the film and the internet. The researcher uses a qualitative method in this research. In qualitative research, the researcher is the primary instrument for gathering and analyzing the data. This research uses the instrument in conducting the research. the research does not need a questionnaire.

The research directly observed the data from the film and internet. *Redeeming Love* is a story that depicts the struggle of a woman who is unable to escape her past and find redemption until she meets Michael Hosea, a man who shows her unconditional love and faithfulness. Every scene in the movie is there for a purpose. There is nothing gratuitous in any scene.

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INTRODUCTION

Movies are known as a form of art and culture that is very popular and enjoyed by almost everyone as a means of learning and entertainment and enjoyed by almost everyone as a means of learning and entertainment. According to Effendy (1989), a movie is a medium that is visual and audio-visual to convey messages to a group of people gathered in a room. An audio-visual media to convey messages to a group of people gathered in a place. The character itself according to Kamisa (1997: 281) is "psychological traits, morals or character that distinguishes one person from another, habit, character. Character means having character, having personality.

Based on Pradopo (1994: 26), "the literary work is as the picture of the world and human life, the main criteria that is putted on the literary work is 'truth', or everything that wants to be pictured by the author". Through that process, the reader of their literary work will be able to catch the characteristic of the author related with the world around him/her. People who work in literature usually represent their work in such kind of literary works. Like the term of literature itself, where literature is a term used to describe written or spoken material. Broadly speaking, "literature" is used to describe anything from creative writing to more technical or scientific works, but the term is most commonly used to refer to works of the creative imagination, including works of poetry, drama, fiction, and nonfiction. Literature represents a language or a people: culture and tradition. But literature is more important than just a historical or cultural artifact (Pradopo, 1994: 26-27).

In this research, the researcher tries to analyse the loyalty of Michael hosea in seeing the film in *Redeeming Love*. *Redeeming Love* is a drama film based on the novel by Francine Rivers, directed by D.J. Caruso, and starring Abigail Cowen, Tom Lewis, and Nina Dobrev. The film was released in theatres on January 21, 2022.

Redeeming Love is a new romantic movie released by Universal Pictures on January 21, 2022. The movie is directed by D.J. Caruso, which tells the love story between Michael Hosea played by Tom Lewis and Angel played by Abigail Cowen. "Redeeming Love" is a powerful and emotionally gripping film adaptation of the bestselling novel by Francine Rivers. Set in the 1850s, the film follows the incredible journey of Angel, a young woman who has endured a life filled with heartache, pain, and betrayal. Born into a world of poverty and neglect, Angel is forced into a life of prostitution at a young age. She believes that she is unworthy of love and that her fate is sealed. However, everything changes when she crosses paths with Michael Hosea, a kind-hearted and deeply religious man. Despite Angel's resistance and reluctance, Michael feels a divine calling to love and marry her. He sees past her tough exterior and recognizes the wounded soul within. Michael's unwavering devotion and unconditional love begin to break down the walls around Angel's heart, offering her a glimpse of hope and a chance for redemption. As Angel begins to experience a love like she has never known before, she is torn between her past and the possibility of a new life. She grapples with her self-worth and battles her inner demons, while Michael stands by her side, steadfast in his commitment to love and protect her.

"Redeeming Love" is based on a best-selling novel by Francine Rivers, set during the California Gold Rush and inspired by the Biblical story of Hosea, a prophet, who married Gomer, an unfaithful woman. The duration of this film is 2 hour 14 minutes. Thomas Elliot Lewis (born 10 December 1998) is an English actor. Thomas (Tom) was born and grew up in Leeds before moving to London and graduated from RADA (Royal Academy of Dramatic Art) in 2017 and Abigail Cowen as an Angel. Michael is known for his role in the television series *Gentleman Jack*, as well as his role in the film *Redeeming Love*. The depiction of Michael Hosea's character as a loyal person that explained above, then attracted the researcher to analyse what forms of loyalty from Michael Hosea are. The purpose in this research are to find out how the main character role shown in redeeming love film by D.J Caruso, and to analyse how the faithfulness shown by the main character in redeeming love film

METHOD

The researcher uses qualitative research to analysis the data. Research method is a scientific way to obtain data with specific purposes and uses. Darmadi (2003: 153) state that, the research method is a scientific way to obtain data for specific purposes. The scientific method means that the research activities are based on scientific characteristics, namely rational, empirical, and systematic. The research method consists of two parts qualitative methods and quantitative methods, the researcher choose qualitative methods to explore the data and for finish this research. Qualitative method is a systematic subjective approach used to describe life experiences and give them meaning. The researcher use qualitative method for this research is talking about news elements in headline heading news.

The researcher will use that theory for prove this method from David Williams (1995) in Moleong (2006:5), qualitative method is characterized by its focus on interpretation, description, and understanding of social phenomena. Williams believes that social phenomena are complex and cannot be reduced to a single cause and effect relationship, so his method aims to explore and interpret the meaning and context of social phenomena. As well as according to John W. Creswell (2016), qualitative research

is a means for exploring and understanding the meaning individuals or groups ascribe to a social human problem.

FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION

Michael Hosea is portrayed as a protagonist and has a complex character. Michael Hosea has a handsome face, charming features and beautiful eyes. Michael's family status is upper-class, Michael was brought up in a wealthy plantation family, however, it was clear to him that he did not share the same views as his father when he was young, as Michael owns large fields, plantations, and farms.

Here are the casts of Redeeming Love movie :

Abigail Cowen as Angel
Tom Lewis as Michael
Eric Dane as Duke
Famke Janssen as Duchess
Logan Marshall-Green as Paul
Nina Dobrev as Mae
Livi Birch as Sarah Stafford
Jamie-Lee O'Donnell as Lucky
Willie Watson as John Altman
Josh Taylor as Alex Stafford
Ke-Xi Wu as Mai Ling
Brandon Aurret as Magowan
Clyde Berning as Rab
Tanya van Graan as Sally
Milton Schorr as Colin
Martial Batchamen Tchana as Guardian
Arsema Thomas as Rebecca
Lauren McGregor as Elizabeth Altman
Daniah De Villiers as Miriam Altman
Tayah Ronen Abels as Ruthie Altman
Mera Munro as Newborn Baby Altman
Morgan Poynter as Infant Baby Altman
Talia Aurret as Rosie
Jasmine Maylam as Nashi
Nancy Sekhokoane as Cleo
Paul Snodgrass as Murphy
Amy Louise Wilson as Susannah Axelrod
Brett Williams as Jonathan Axelrod
Nicholas Pauling as Virgil Harper
Conrad Kemp as Joseph Hochschild
Andrew Dennison as Captain Sorenson
Terri Lane as Minnie Rosse
Francesca Varrie Michel as Alice Boothe
Daniel Kühne as Angry John
Rubin Wissing as Young John
Skye Russell as Torie
Anja Taljaard as Renee
Glen Nel as Undertaker
Sean Coltman as Dr. Smith

Robert Coutts as Grimy Man
Stephen Jennings as Charles Connley
Kayla Van Tonder as Young Missionary Woman

In the following, researcher will describe the traits of Michael Hosea that we have found in the movie.

A Religious Man
A Hard worker Man
A Caring and Considerate Man
A Patience Man
A Kindness Man
And another personality of Michael Hosea :
Hounded Pleasant Person
House Spouse
Love at First Sight
Significant Name
Messianic Paradigm
Wouldn't Hit a Young Lady

Michael Hosea, interpreted by Tom Lewis, received much praise for his character features which were no different from the novels. Here's why Michael became faithful, Michael was brought up in a wealthy plantation family, however, it was clear to him that he did not share the same views as his father when he was young.

One day, when Michael told his father that he would sell their slaves when he died, he was beaten and sent to live with the slaves. It might have been awful without some old slave named Ezra. It was Ezra's responsibility to teach and assist Michael in finding his faith. Instead of blaming his father, Michael, was very grateful that this event had taken place, because without him he might not have known the Lord. Then Michael got deeper and believed in God. "He was strong and beautiful without being threatening". That is how Angel describes Michael Hosea in the novel Redeeming love. Aside from his good looks Michael is also a religious, hardworking, and an honest man. As I wrote previously, Michael grew up in a rich plantation family, but after living with the slave and earning his faith. Michael decided to leave. His sister, Tessie, and her husband, Paul, have joined him. In spite of Michael's physical strength, his heart is sweet and gentle.

Michael has a great love for Angel. He knew this love for her from the moment he saw Angel. Even though at the beginning Angel is cold and cynical toward Michael, he remains patient and understanding. He is able to see in Angel and see the potential in herself, which even she cannot see. Michael remains compassionate even when he is lied to and hurt by others. Michael's Kindness is shown when he takes in the Altman family, when they were stranded on the road. Michael is very good with kids in the Altman family. He grows very close to Miriam and her siblings. Michael sings with them and teaches them stories from the bible. Michael is one of those characters that every girl wishes they could marry.

DISCUSSION

A Religious Man

Michael Hosea was a churchgoer, and in church he prayed to God. Michael thanked God for blessing the land, plants and animals in his care. Michael asked God for a wife, someone to share his life and possessions, someone with whom he could have

a family. God drew his attention to Angel as she walked the street. Michael knew “She’s the girl.”

A Hard worker Man

The next data shows Michael Hosea's hardworking character. Michael Hosea is a 26-year-old hard-working man who owns a picturesque farm near a small wooden cottage in 1850s California. Michael has a large farm, and he also has a variety of plants and animals. Michael tends the sheep, and he was picking the withered leaves on his plants, and at that moment, Angel came in, asking what his wife was doing. Michael answered “Well, we’ll have to get your strength back.

A Caring and Attention Man

If we look at Michael Hosea's actions, he is also described as caring and attentive. According to Soemanto (1990: 32), attention can be interpreted into two things, namely; Attention is the concentration of energy or soul power directed at an object. Attention is the utilization of consciousness to accompany an activity. Meanwhile, caring according to Bender (2003) is making ourselves related to other people and whatever happens to that person. The depiction of caring and attentive character in Michael Hosea can be seen when he met Angel, Angel was in a battered state because of Magowan's treatment. Her face was devastated, and Michael wanted to take her home with him to take care of the helpless Angel.

A Patience Man

Furthermore, researchers also found a scene that shows a patient character when Angel ran away from home leaving Hosea. On Angel's way, Michael chased her. When he arrived, Angel immediately screamed at Michael and slapped him. With Michael's patience, he kept quiet and gave Angel water and a small blanket that she had to wear on a cold night. Michael waited patiently in his house while reading the Bible and praying for Angel. Finally, Angel returned to Michael's house, when Angel sat down Michael took the food and fed her. Then he washed Angel's injured leg.

Here are some descriptions of Michael Hosea;

Hounded Pleasant Person

Michael's endeavours to get Angel to wed him, as well as his later endeavours to inspire her to remain with him. When Angel was severely beaten by Duchess's men. The premonition that Michael felt while he was sleeping, the next day Michael went straight to the Duchess' house, when the duchess saw him, she prevented him. But he went straight up to her room and met Angel. When Michael saw Angel's condition, he was dumbfounded and seemed very worried about Angel's condition. At that moment, Michael asked Angel to marry him, and she said "Sure".

House Spouse

He has been a single man residing alone very much into his twenties, and Angel mastered close to no homegrown abilities during her life as a whore. Michael is also known to be very independent; he can do any job when he is at home or on his farm. Starting from cooking, raising chickens, herding sheep, riding horses, etc. Unlike Angel who did no homework at all, when she was at home the Duchess was a prostitute. The

next data Michael as a House Spouse shows at the time, Michael taught the angels to raise chickens, cook chicken, sort or clean plants, plant, fish, and carve wood.

Love at First Sight

Whenever Michael first sees Angel, he realizes she's the lady he will wed, yet it's far into their relationship before affection (in the heartfelt sense) enters the image. Has shades of Affection Before First Sight, since he just impressions Angel momentarily, she has not seen him, and he has no clue about what her identity.

Significant Name

Hosea is the name of a Scriptural prophet who is instructed by God to wed a whore, and afterward take her back even after she is untrustworthy to him. This is lampshade in the book. In this movie, Michael's name is also used by the Altman family. They named Michael after their newborn son.

Messianic Paradigm

He is an honourable man who gets through very an enduring to save Angel's lost soul. With Michael's treatment of Angel, Angel realized the true meaning of love. When Michael picked up Angel at the slavery house in San Francisco, from there Angel saw Michael's sincerity. When they arrived at his house in the field, Angel saw Michael crying, Angel felt very guilty for what he had done to Michael. The next day, Angel bathed in the river and rubbed her body with stones while crying. Michael came to her and said "I forgive you".

Wouldn't Hit a Young Lady

Michael is the model of gallantry, When Angel left Michael for the first time, on Angel's way to Pair-A-Dice, Michael chased her on his horse. Upon meeting Angel, Angel slapped and screamed in front of him. However, Michael remained calm and instead gave his wife Angel water and a small blanket. Without even scolding her. Then Michael left her. yet while bringing Angel back from the house of ill-repute to which she pursued away their wedding, he cautions her not to talk returning in light of the fact that he's so furious he probably won't have the option to keep himself away from harming her. A Faithful Man Loyalty according to KBBi (2007: 1056) is constancy; obedience (in slavery friendship); obedience. Loyalty is a word that is often disputed by many people, be it couples or in friendships.

Loyalty is an important part of building a relationship, but that doesn't mean it has to be binding and should only be intimate with one person. Loyalty is sincerity, not breaking promises or betraying, struggle and grace, as well as maintaining love and keeping promises together. Loyal means not betraying. There is trust in loyalty, because when a person is loyal to his/her neighbour, that person believes that he/she will not betray him/her to another person, then that person believes that he or she will not be betrayed. Loyalty has to do with how to maintain a relationship or friendship for as long as possible. Humans are social creatures created by God Almighty, which in running life must require other humans. Likewise with loyalty, starting from a relationship of mutual need so that it has a strong relationship.

The depiction of Michael Hosea's loyalty can be seen when Angel tells him that Miriam is the girl for Michael, not her, but Michael says to Angel "But I want you, no

one else". Then Angel says that she can't have children, and once again he said "I love you, nothing gonna changes that". He kissed her and said "Nothing is impossible." The researcher found a character who faithfully waited for God's answer. Michael kept praying to God, asking Him what he was going to do, and asking Him to give him the strength to hold on. The researcher found a character who faithfully waited for God's answer.

Michael kept praying to God, asking Him what he was going to do, and asking Him to give him the strength to hold on. Because Angel had left Michael to give Michael and Miriam a chance. But Michael loved Angel so much, Michael kept waiting. And 3 years later, Paul saw Angel in San Francisco, and he went to see her at the House of Magdalene. And invited Angel to come home with him to meet Michael. The next data is Angel going home with Paul. And Angel also met Michael, he was in the field herding sheep and taking care of the land. Feeling Angel's presence, Michael watched from a distance. Then the two of them stare at each other while walking closer.

CONCLUSION

Based on the research about the characterizations of Michael Hosea in Redeeming Love movie based on true story, the researcher suggests to the reader just take the positive messages because there are many positive messages we can there is a message that we can take for our lives such as : The Faithfulness, hard worker, kindness, caring and attention, patience personality of Michael Hosea. The researcher hopes to contribute in academic work to the academic community for further reference. Researcher suggest to the readers to keep on positive character because there are many positive messages hat is implied in this character. The researcher suggests to the students of UNPI in faculty of letter on the coming researcher to do similar research that related to the movie.

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