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## **FILMMAKER FINDS HIS CALLING IN MODERN DAY PARABLES** **Artistic Excellence Serves Spiritual Vision**

To be a filmmaker requires an unusual combination of talents: both creative vision and the organizational skills that aren't typically associated with artists—not to mention the ability to raise investment capital and market and sell the end product. Thomas Purifoy, Jr., movie producer, director, and co-founder of Compass Cinema, not only has those varied talents, but a variety of life experiences to go with them.

Before starting Compass Cinema, Purifoy had been a naval officer, the director of a classical school in France, an entrepreneur, and marketing director of a fitness club. “There have been so many times in my life when I’ve looked around and thought, ‘Now what exactly am I doing here? Why am I doing this?’” says Purifoy. “But it’s a gift to be able to do this work—to have found my calling—and to see how everything has been leading to this point.”

Purifoy’s most recent work is *Modern Parables*, a series short films that retell six of Jesus’ parables in contemporary settings. Purifoy calls them “Bible study curriculum for people who like movies.” A lifelong student of film, Purifoy’s passion for the medium is surpassed only by his passion to communicate the message of the gospel. “The parables change people’s lives because they draw people into stories other than their own,” says Purifoy. “The parables are exceptionally tight dramas. Going into the *Modern Parables* project, I knew that having a ‘good message’ wasn’t enough. These films had to be good cinema, too.”

The six films in the *Modern Parables* series are done in six distinct styles, each influenced by a different director. The fingerprints of Orson Welles, Frank Capra, Robert Mulligan, Woody Allen, Federico Fellini, and Ingmar Bergman are clearly discernible. “Our investors wanted these to be high quality movies, but they didn’t always get Thomas’ need to pay homage to this director and that director,” laughs Neil Master, the Executive Producer of Modern Parables. “But they trusted his creative vision, and the end result is a series of fantastic and very unique films.”

About Modern Parables: Modern Parables is a new film-driven Bible study on the parables of Jesus. It is designed for Sunday schools, small groups, schools, and homeschools. It can be purchased online in a DVD box set or as DVD and HD quality downloads at [www.modernparable.com](http://www.modernparable.com)

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