

Redemptive Love: *Simon Birch*

As you watch the movie *Simon Birch* (1998, 114 minutes, rated PG and A-II), consider the following questions, writing brief notes if you wish. After the movie, record your answers on a separate sheet of paper.

1. Simon Birch believes that God created him for a particular reason and that he has a specific mission while on earth. What do you believe that purpose or mission is?
2. What character do you most identify with in this movie? Why?
3. What examples of redemptive love do you see in this movie? What examples do you see of someone refusing to give up on another person?
4. Give a concrete example of the impact or effect of redemptive love in the life of one of the characters.
5. Describe a moment or circumstance when someone refused to give up on you. What did that feel like? Do you think you deserved it? Was it easy or difficult to accept?
6. Describe a moment or circumstance when you refused to give up on someone. What did that feel like? Do you think the other person deserved it? Was it easy or difficult to do?
7. What can this movie teach us about how God responds to us even when we turn away from God's will?
8. For what mission or purpose do you think God may have created you? Write your or draw your response.

