



BEYOND BELIEF

FEATURING THE MUSIC OF PETRA

CHURCH MINISTRY GUIDE

*Helping Churches Turn a Movie Moment
into a Ministry Opportunity*

IN THEATERS AUGUST 28TH · BEONDBELIEF.MOVIE

ABOUT THE FILM

Synopsis

Set against the backdrop of the 1980s and powered by the iconic music of PETRA, *Beyond Belief* follows Andy, a rebellious teenage rocker on the verge of stardom whose life is suddenly interrupted by an unexpected voice urging him to “RUN.”

What begins as a mysterious call becomes a journey of faith, identity, and purpose. As Andy wrestles with grief, uncertainty, and the challenges of growing up, he discovers that life is much like a race—one that requires perseverance, obedience, endurance, and trust in God’s leading, even when the path ahead is unclear.

Through unexpected relationships, difficult choices, and moments of divine direction, Andy learns that God is not only calling him to run but inviting him to faithfully finish the race set before him.

Beyond Belief is more than a coming-of-age story or a film about music and running. It is a powerful reminder that God still speaks, pursues broken people, and calls each of us to run the race of faith with endurance and hope.

FILM DETAILS

Theatrical Release Date: In Theaters August 28th

Official Website: beyondbelief.movie

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Facebook: facebook.com/thebeyondbeliefmovie

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Watch trailers, filmmaker conversations, and discover additional ministry resources through the film’s official channels.

WHY THIS MOVIE MATTERS

Church leaders are constantly looking for meaningful ways to connect faith to real life.

Beyond Belief opens the door to important conversations many churches are already trying to have:

- Hearing and discerning God’s voice
- Running the race of faith with endurance
- Identity and purpose
- Grief, healing, and restoration
- Spiritual perseverance during difficult seasons
- Faith across generations
- Redemption and second chances
- The influence of music and culture

At a time when many believers feel discouraged, distracted, or spiritually weary, *Beyond Belief* reminds audiences that following Jesus is not a sprint, but a lifelong race.

The film encourages viewers to listen for God's voice, trust His leading, persevere through hardship, and continue running faithfully—even when they cannot yet see the finish line.

For churches, this creates a powerful opportunity to encourage spiritual endurance, strengthen discipleship, and inspire believers of every generation to remain faithful in the race God has set before them.

KEY THEMES & MINISTRY APPLICATION

1. Hearing God's Voice

Theme:

Andy wrestles with unexpected moments of spiritual direction and begins learning how to recognize God's leading.

Church Application:

Many believers struggle to understand how God speaks today. This film creates space to discuss prayer, discernment, obedience, and spiritual maturity.

Scripture Connection:

"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me." — **John 10:27**

Discussion Questions:

- How do you believe God most often speaks to His people today?
- Have you ever sensed God leading you in a particular direction? What happened?
- What makes it difficult to discern God's voice from our own desires or fears?
- How can prayer, Scripture, and community help us better recognize God's leading?
- Is there an area of your life where God may be asking for obedience right now?

2. Running the Race of Faith

Theme:

Throughout the film, the marathon becomes a powerful metaphor for the Christian life. Andy learns that following God's call often requires perseverance, obedience, endurance, and trust, especially when the destination is uncertain.

Church Application:

Every believer faces seasons when the race becomes difficult. *Beyond Belief* provides a compelling framework for discussing spiritual endurance, perseverance through trials, trusting God's timing, and remaining faithful over the long journey of discipleship.

Church leaders can use the film to encourage believers who may be weary, discouraged, or questioning God's direction in their lives.

Scripture Connections:

"Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us." — **Hebrews 12:1-2**

“Run in such a way as to get the prize.” — 1 Corinthians 9:24

“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.” — 2 Timothy 4:7

Discussion Questions:

- What race has God called you to run in this season?
- What obstacles or distractions threaten to pull you off course?
- How do we continue running faithfully when we cannot see the finish line?
- Who has modeled perseverance and faithful endurance in your life?

3. Identity & Purpose

Theme:

Andy wrestles with who he is and who he is becoming.

Church Application:

Students, young adults, and adults alike wrestle with identity, calling, and worth. The movie naturally connects to discipleship conversations around God’s purpose for our lives.

Scripture Connection:

“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works.” — Ephesians 2:10

Discussion Questions:

- Where do people most commonly look for identity and significance today?
- What voices or influences compete with God’s truth about who we are?
- How does understanding that we are created by God change the way we view ourselves?
- In what ways have you experienced God shaping your purpose over time?
- How can the church help people discover and live out God’s calling on their lives?

4. Redemption & Second Chances

Theme:

God pursues broken people and continually offers grace, restoration, and hope.

Church Application:

The story reinforces the hope that no one is beyond redemption. Churches can use the film to spark conversations around forgiveness, restoration, and God’s transforming power.

Scripture Connection:

“If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.” — 2 Corinthians 5:17

Discussion Questions:

- Why do people sometimes believe they are beyond God’s grace?
- Can you share a time when you experienced God’s forgiveness or restoration?
- What does redemption look like in everyday life?
- Is there an area of your life that still needs healing, surrender, or restoration?

- How can believers extend grace and hope to others who feel far from God?

5. Faith Across Generations

Theme:

The film highlights how faith is shaped, modeled, and passed from one generation to another through relationships, influence, mentorship, and legacy.

Church Application:

Churches have a tremendous opportunity to foster relationships between generations. *Beyond Belief* can inspire conversations about spiritual mentorship, family discipleship, legacy, and investing in the next generation.

Scripture Connections:

“One generation commends your works to another.” — Psalm 145:4

“I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice.” — 2 Timothy 1:5

Discussion Questions:

- Who has had the greatest spiritual influence on your life? What impact did they make?
- How is faith intentionally passed from one generation to the next?
- What can younger and older generations learn from one another?
- In what ways can our church create stronger intergenerational relationships?
- What spiritual legacy do you hope to leave for future generations?

WAYS YOUR CHURCH CAN ENGAGE

Kids & Families

Why it Works:

Families are looking for opportunities to discuss faith, purpose, perseverance, and hearing God’s voice together.

Ideas:

- Encourage families to attend together.
- Provide family discussion questions after the film.
- Equip parents with resources to discuss identity and calling with their children.
- Challenge families to identify ways they can faithfully “run their race” together.

Student Ministry

Why it Works:

Students are actively wrestling with identity, purpose, influence, calling, and what it means to follow Jesus faithfully.

Ideas:

- Host a student ministry movie night.
- Launch a short teaching series on “Running the Race of Faith.”
- Facilitate conversations about hearing God’s voice and discovering purpose.

- Encourage students to invite friends who may be spiritually curious.
- Challenge students to identify mentors who are helping them grow spiritually.

Adults & Parents

Why it Works:

Adults resonate deeply with themes of perseverance, grief, purpose, parenting, and spiritual endurance.

Ideas:

- Organize a church group outing.
- Host conversations about legacy and finishing well.
- Discuss how parents and grandparents can intentionally pass faith to the next generation.
- Encourage testimonies about God's faithfulness through life's challenges.

Small Groups

Why it Works:

Movies naturally create meaningful conversations and deepen relationships.

Ideas:

- Attend the film together.
- Use discussion questions to explore themes from the movie.
- Share personal stories of perseverance and God's faithfulness.
- Discuss what it means to faithfully finish the race God has given each believer.
- Explore biblical examples of endurance and obedience.

Discipleship & Spiritual Formation

Why it Works:

The race metaphor creates a natural pathway to conversations about long-term discipleship, perseverance, spiritual habits, mentoring, and finishing well.

Ideas:

- Create a sermon or teaching series around spiritual endurance.
- Launch mentoring relationships between generations.
- Host testimony nights centered on God's faithfulness.
- Encourage prayer gatherings focused on discerning God's direction.
- Explore practical spiritual disciplines that help believers remain faithful over time.

Outreach & Evangelism

Why it Works:

Music, nostalgia, authentic storytelling, and themes of hope lower barriers for spiritually curious people.

Ideas:

- Invite friends, neighbors, and coworkers.
- Organize a church-wide theater outing.
- Encourage members to personally invite those who have drifted from faith.
- Host post-film discussions for seekers and spiritually curious attendees.

- Use the film as a bridge into deeper spiritual conversations.

WHAT IMPACT COULD THIS MOVIE HAVE?

A meaningful film experience can become more than entertainment—it can become a spiritual moment.

After seeing *Beyond Belief*, people may be inspired to:

- Listen more intentionally for God's voice.
- Reconsider God's direction for their lives.
- Begin or renew their walk with Christ.
- Persevere through difficult circumstances.
- Process grief or emotional wounds.
- Pursue God's calling with greater confidence.
- Seek out spiritual mentors and community.
- Re-engage in discipleship or small groups.
- Invest in the next generation.
- Invite others into conversations about faith.

For some, this may simply be encouragement.

For others, it may become a turning point.

NEXT STEPS FOR YOUR CHURCH

- Make plans to attend together.
- Encourage ministry leaders to engage their groups.
- Use the movie as a conversation starter.
- Invite spiritually curious friends and neighbors.
- Create intentional follow-up conversations after viewing.
- Encourage members to identify the race God is calling them to run.
- Connect attendees to discipleship pathways, mentoring relationships, and small groups.

**A movie can inspire people to begin the race.
The Church can help them keep running.**