

Mel Gibsonâ??s new Christian film â??Hacksaw Ridgeâ?? receives 10-minute standing ovation; Movie hits U.S. theaters November 2016

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Mel Gibsonâ??s upcoming Christian movie *Hacksaw Ridge* got a 10-minute standing ovation at its premiere last September and it will be released in theaters next month.

The film is based on the true story of a World War II medic named Desmond Doss, played by Andrew Garfield. Doss refused to fire a single shot in battle because of his religious convictions. He was awarded the Medal of Honor for rescuing as many as 75 soldiers during the Battle of Okinawa in 1945.



Director and actor Mel Gibson, left, and actor Andrew Garfield attend the photocall for the movie *Hacksaw Ridge* at the 73rd Venice International Film Festival in Ve *nice,* Italy September 4, 2016. (Photo credit: Reuters/Alessandro Bianchi)

During the filmâ??s premiere at the Venice Film Festival, Gibson was joined by actors Garfield, Vince Vaughn, Hugo Weaving, Teresa Palmer and Luke Bracey to greet the dazzled audience.

In an interview with France24, Gibson characterized *Hacksaw Ridge* as an anti-war movie.

â??It is an anti-war movie. I think all war movies are anti-war movies, but we do have to be compassionate to our warriors,â?• Gibson said. â??I hate war, but I love the warrior. And those guys that went to war, I appreciate and honor their sacrifice, because many of them lost much, even when they come home they suffer,â?• he added.

Gibson expressed his admiration for Dossâ?? faith in God during an interview with the Hollywood Reporter.

â??To go in to a battle zone like that. I think the Japanese called it a steel rain, with the artillery and the lead that was flying around, to go into that armed with only your faith, your faith has to be strong indeed,â?• he said.

The filmâ??s producer, Bill Mechanic, had been working n on the film for 13 years. Gibson signed up to direct the movie in 2014. Mechanic considered it as Gibsonâ??s greatest film. He previously worked alongside the director on the award-winning film *Braveheart.*

Last August, Gibson appeared at Pastor Greg Laurieâ??s SoCal Harvest in Anaheim, California, to promote the film. He also hinted that his next project could possibly be a film about Christâ??s resurrection.

Hacksaw Ridge will be released in U.S. theaters on Nov. 4.

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