

FINDING CHRISTMAS

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LOGLINE: A billionaire widower, who's not celebrated Christmas since his wife died, gains immeasurable insights into giving and receiving what money can't buy.

TAGLINE: Love is priceless; pass it on.

SYNOPSIS:

Several years after Becca's death, his wife of thirty years, Sam Waters, a youthful-looking, fiftyish, billionaire, finds that he has lost his drive for business, his interest in life and any desire to celebrate Christmas. It was Becca's favorite time of year. Any reminder of her is too painful.

Becca always told Sam that they needed to do much more with their fortune than to live lavishly and spoil their children and grandchildren. She was a joyful and enthusiastic giver and her actions spoke loudly. It was how she lived her life all year long. However, because her favorite time of year was Christmas, it was especially during this season, that those efforts got magnified.

In fact, she started an initiative called, T.A.G-Love, which stands for Think About God's Love, where people anonymously give to the needs of others and always include a note that says, "God loves you! Pass it on." It was her dream that these random acts of kindness would not only impact her local community, but make its way all around the world.

Sam has two grown children; a son Robert, who is married with two children and lives a life of luxury mostly due to a generous trust fund rather than hard work, and a daughter, Callie who was disowned by Sam when she married a pastor who didn't meet up to Sam's expectations for his treasured princess. Even before their wedding, Sam stubbornly held to his conviction that Pastor Jack was not good enough for Callie. He refused to attend their wedding and the last time he saw them was at Becca's funeral.

Early one morning while visiting Becca's grave, Sam is startled when a man wearing warm winter clothing and a hat with the initials, SSV, approaches him. When Sam inquires what the initials stand for he is taken aback when the friendly stranger discloses that the letters are short for his name, Still Small Voice.

Barely beginning to come out of the depths of depression and grief that has plagued Sam for so long, SSV suggests to him that he consider championing Becca's life-long dream and take a walk through town to get a sense of the people and needs in his community. SSV serves as his tour guide and points out a variety of people and situations that could use some attention. Included in the tour is running into his son-in-law, Pastor Jack, whom he doesn't recognize and his six-year-old granddaughter, Megan, that Jacks pushes in a wheel chair. Sam was unaware that Megan existed.

Marianna, Sam's personal assistant, was Becca's best friend since they were ten years old. This year, rather than have Marianna deliver all of the Christmas donation checks set in motion by Becca, Sam decides to deliver them himself.

In doing so, he puts names with faces with circumstances and is surprisingly moved as he slowly begins to understand why Becca was so determined to leave an imprint of love and kindness wherever she went.

For the first time since Becca died, Sam also allows his home to be decorated for Christmas. Marianna coaxes Sam into helping her with the big tree in the family room. Spending this personal time together causes Sam to see her in a way that he never has. SSV encourages Sam to think about the possibilities of expanding their relationship. Marianna has never married because she says she's waiting for someone to ride up on a white horse and sweep her off of her feet. Sam has horse stables on his property. If things continue to develop, making that happen would not be a stretch.

From the terminally ill husband of a beloved bus driver having his hospital bill paid in full, to provisions for foster children, to starting a job training program, to a new SUV for an Army wife and her kids whose husband is serving in Afghanistan, to buying an electric wheel chair for his little granddaughter, the spirit of T.A.G Love quickly captures Sam's heart.

Sam also takes up the gauntlet and corrects some errors he's made as a father by enabling Robert, his wife and two children to live a life of elitism. In route to an expensive ski vacation in Aspen, Robert and his family always stop in for a brief visit for their annual Christmas dinner and gift exchange. They are stunned when informed of some new traditions. No gifts for anyone, but gifts given in their honor to others. Rather than turkey and all the trimmings, their Christmas dinner is soup and French bread, a meal that is more than 95% of the world will have to eat on any given day.

When everyone gathers for the much- anticipated Christmas program at church, the Army wife with three children experience an answer to prayer that comes in the back door of the church as the service is concluding. It's nothing short of an absolute Christmas miracle, not only for them but, for the entire community!

On his way back to finding Christmas, Sam rediscovers himself and the things that comprise life at its best and most meaningful. His generosity changes a lot of lives. But, the life most changed is his. It all started with one thought: Think about God's love and pass it on; a reality that for any opened heart, changes everything- a direct quote from SSV.

CHARACTER TYPES:

Sam: Tim McGraw; Harry Connick, Jr.; Dylan McDermott; Tyler Perry; Rob Lowe;
SSV: Morgan Freeman; Delroy Lindo; Danny Glover; William Devane; Kenny Rogers;
Marianna: Faith Hill; Elisabeth Shue; Gloria Reuben; Mary Stuart Masterson;
Diann: Julianne Hough; Kate Winslett; Gwyneth Paltrow; Jennifer Garner;
Jancee: Queen Latifia; Chandra Wilson; Loretta Devine; Octavia Spencer;
Pastor Jack: Adam Rodriguez; Jesse Metcalf; Ethan Hawke; Will Estes;
Callie: Mandy Moore; Blake Lively; Amanda Seyfried; Naomi Harris; Rosario Dawson;
Aunt Ginny: Rita Moreno; Ellen Burstyn; Cloris Leachman; Maggie Smith;

