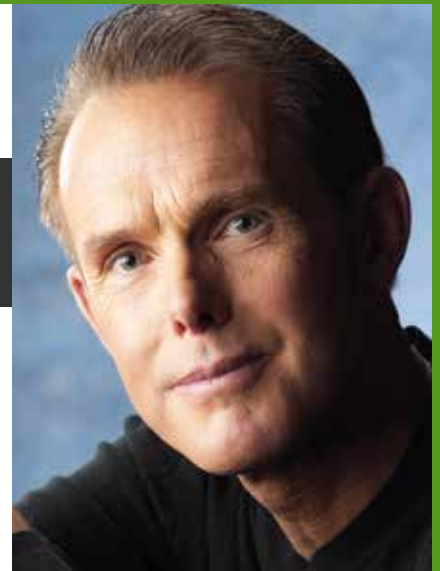


# Meet Bob Waliszewski

Every week his "Plugged In" reviews on movies, DVDs, TV and more help guide family viewing. Married to Leesa, Bob has two adult children and enjoys all that Colorado has to offer by way of outdoor activity. After 25 years at Focus on the Family, we thought you might like to get acquainted with Bob Waliszewski (pronounced: "wall-a-shess-key")!



**As a former youth pastor, what got you interested in helping families know more about today's movies?** Transitioning from youth pastor to director of the Plugged In Department was not a huge leap for me. Although the direct contact is not there, I still consider myself in "youth ministry."

**We'll ask the question we presume you're asked most often—so, give us your top five all-time favorite movies.**

The movies that I'm most jazzed about have nothing to do with entertainment. Because I believe that the potential for Kingdom impact is huge, the films that get me most excited are ones that have ministry impact. For instance, CRU estimates that 225,000,000 people have made first time decisions for Christ based on their Jesus film. But I also know there has been great impact with "The Passion of the Christ," "Son of God," "Fireproof" and "Not Today."

**What concerns you most about "Hollywood" and the movie business today?** The last question had me applauding movies for impacting the culture in a positive way. But anything that can impact for good can also impact for evil. A number of studies have found that films can influence our decisions regarding moral purity. That concerns me because very few films uphold God's ideal of sex in marriage only. Also, it's like fingers down a chalkboard when I hear Jesus' name being used as a swear word. Sadly, the only "Jesus" many of our young people know anything about is the one that they hear used blasphemously. That's sad, very sad!

**How about the opposite ... anything that actually encourages you?** It seems to me that in the past 5-7 years the movie "pendulum" has split down the middle. On one hand, Hollywood has put out some of the worst films ever. But on the other hand, some of the most family friendly films have

also been released (and I'm not talking about Christian films here). Films like "Frozen," "Dolphin Tale," "Miss Potter," "Akeelah and the Bee," "Bears" and "March of the Penguins."

**Can you articulate a couple of things that you feel make for a "great" movie—something worth seeing.** The film must inspire, encourage and uplift; and not contain objectionable content that would prove to be a stumbling block.

**Is there a movie "in your head" that you would love to see someone create?** The survival/rescue story of Dan Woolley who survived the Haitian earthquake.

**Since man can't live by movies alone--what's on your library shelf for reading next?** *Boys in the Boat*

**You've been at Focus on the Family for almost 25 years—as a "silver" level employee, what excites you most about what Focus is doing today?** We continue in our legacy-calling, to strengthen marriages and help parents parent more successfully and are using today's new technologies as well to accomplish this.

**Do you have a favorite Scripture or life verse?**  
Romans 8:28

**If you could invite three Hollywood personalities to dinner—who would that be?** Angelina Jolie (to talk about her upcoming "Unbroken" film), John Lassiter, and Scott Derrickson.



## Did you know?

Every week, Bob Waliszewski not only produces "Plugged In" commentary but also is available for on-air interaction with station hosts.

Interested in talking with Bob regularly?  
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