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The Hollywood “Doctor” Who Began as a Priest

He’s commonly known in Hollywood as “The Script Doctor”. Bart Gavigan has the gift of being able to look at film projects - both small and great and analyse what they need to be more successful. He is often found at dinner parties in Hollywood seated next to A list celebrities. Yet, this unassuming man, producer of such award winning Christian films as “Luther” (with Joseph Fiennes and Peter Ustinov) and “End of the Spear”, started out by training as a priest. No two poles could be farther apart. That is part of what makes Bart’s friends and acquaintances tap into that combination of inner peace and highly professional abilities. Born in utter poverty the young Bart always loved his father’s gift of telling a story. Year’s later the son broadened that knack and uses it find, as he calls it, “the humanity” of a film. Both in Hollywood and in Europe major screenwriters flock to attend his popular screen writing clinics. It has often been called “a spiritual experience”.

High profile producers telephone him to ask him to glance at their scripts. The difference can mean millions of dollars or pounds at the box office. Some years ago Bart felt God leading him to withdraw from the limelight and the calling that he loved so much in order to sift out the dregs and dross of self. After twelve years he was called back into the craft that had given him so much fulfilment. At these high profile parties Bart says that he always seeks out the lonely and isolated person at the party. In almost every case it ends up being an influential person who is seeking. To listen to Bart sharing his life story you understand that God has brought him from “the pit” to “the palace”. Influential media business people are constantly contacting him to do any project with him. He feels that he has been called to Hollywood and European film for such a time as this.

Bart Gavigan recently attended the Christian European Visual Media Association’s 2010 conference on the shores of Lake Maggiore, Italy. While there he was interviewed for the international TV programme “Stars in His Crown”. Following on from their successful “Principles of Leadership” - with guests such as Brother Yun, Brother Andrew, Joyce Meyer, Luis Palau and Andrew Wommack this new and unique series meets and questions well known Christian actors, actresses, producers, directors, screenwriters and composers from film, TV and the stage. Previous guests have included award winning American film producer Bobby Downes (“Like Dandelion Dust”), Producer / Director Gary Wheeler (“The List” and “The Trial”), actress Tabitha Webb (“Phantom of the Opera”) and Production Designer Sven Wichmann (“Babette’s Feast” and “Strings”). The productions are aired worldwide on almost every continent and are produced by HFC International (a U. K. based charity) and its media arm OLI Productions. HFC International has a mission to assist in raising up and encouraging churches and leaders in over 47 countries and on all 5 continents for work in churches, charities and other humanitarian assistance groups. Its website is at: www.principles.tv.