

# Reviews

## HOLLYWOOD vs. FAITH

**"Uproariously funny, Biblically astute, and thought provoking... not to be missed."**

*The Rev. Tessa Afsher  
1st Church of Christ, Wethersfield, CT*

**"Outstanding!...Excellent!"**

*Carol Taylor, Dir. Youth Ministries  
Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina*

**"Dynamite!...a very engaging presentation that captures the attention of youth and adults alike... Outstanding!"**

*Rose Marie Peoples, DRE  
St. Catherine, Morgan Hill, CA*

**"Great!...marvelous humor, 'right-on' contemporary illustrations... One parishioner who had brought her 15 year-old son said, 'He just nailed it for us'... In many ways more effective than ordained clergy because you bridge the two worlds...You make the Good news attractive non-moralistic and liberating... powerful!"**

*The Rev. DR. Charles Colwell, Rector  
St. Barnabas Episcopal, Irvington, NY*

## SERMON ON THE MOUNT

**"Tremendous..."**

*The Rev. Geoff S. Morin  
Christ Church, Grosse Pointe, MI*

**"Electrifying...clever, imaginative and insightful... extraordinarily effective...stunning, a tour de force!"**

*The Rev. Joan E. Fleming, Rector  
Christ Church, New Brunswick, N.J.*

**"Outstanding..."**

*The Rev. Andrew Ackeman, Interim Pastor  
Greens Farms Congregational, Westport, CT*

**"Very inspiring...a great gift of interpretation..."**

*The Rev. Cyndi Alte, Pastor  
Meridian St. United Methodist Church, Indianapolis, IN*

**"Excellent..."**

*The Rev. Charlie Lewis, Pastor  
Calvary Presbyterian Church, Enumclaw, WA*

**"Spellbinding..."**

*The Rev. Michael Harmuth, Rector  
Church of the Ascension, Dallas, TX*

## JAMES

**"Engaging, exciting...powerful!"**

*Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Lopez  
Christ United Methodist Church, Rochester, MN*

**"Compelling...practical...vividly speaks to our life today."**

*Rev. Dan Storvick  
American Lutheran, Prescott, AZ*

**"Powerful!...Thought-provoking..."**

**"Riveting...the urgency of the Letter shines through...compelling..."**

*Vida Bardsley, Mus. Dir.  
Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Lopez  
Christ Episcopal, New Brunswick, NJ*

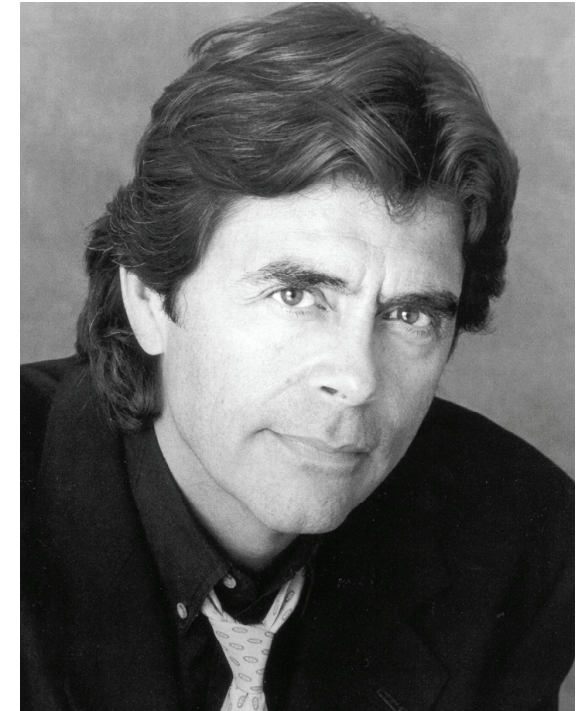
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*The Struggle to Live as a Christian  
in the age of Media Values*



*Personal Stories, With Humor  
by TV Actor*

**FRANK RUNYEON**

**"Terrific... powerful..."**

*-The Rev. Matt Caulkins, Rector  
St. Timothy Episcopal, Fairfield, CT*

## ***What does Runyeon say?***

Runyeon admits he has always felt torn between the world of the media and the world of faith. He thinks much of America is. We go from our TV to church, and then back to our TV (or iPod or computer). We want to live in both worlds. But is that really possible? Over the past 30 years, as the way of life embodied by the mass media has moved further and further from the Christian way of life, Runyeon confides he has struggled to make the right choices.

He speaks with humor about that struggle, and shares the fruits of lessons he has learned — from his studies at Princeton to working opposite Meg Ryan on the soaps, from hosting comedy talk shows on L.A. radio to studying at Yale Divinity, from 10 years touring America (and over 1,000 Churches) to 20 years as a parent.

Runyeon shares the thoughts he's found helpful over the years, funny experiences on set, and the surprising discoveries that come from "looking behind the curtain" at the wizard of Hollywood. He urges us all to think (and laugh) about the media, not just take a bath in them. He discusses the impact of commercial sponsorship, and the real reasons for all the sex and violence. Finally, Runyeon identifies what he calls the "Three Big Lies" of Hollywood, sharing personal experiences that show how much Americans have come to believe in them and let them shape our way of life. He suggests a surprisingly simple answer to how we can live faithfully as members of the Church—while still enjoying the best of the media.

***Everyone is hotly debating the influence of the media today...***

***But few people are speaking a language that captures the attention of youth sheds new light --and ignites laughter...***

*Speaking from a unique perspective, as a TV actor and comedian who is also an educated man of faith, Frank Runyeon offers an entertaining and eye-opening perspective on Hollywood.*

*He may change the way your youth view the mass media forever.*

## ***Who is Frank Runyeon?***

Frank Runyeon is probably still best known from his many years on television. He has starred in over 1,000 television shows, most notably opposite Meg Ryan on *As The World Turns*, and on the Emmy Award-winning *Santa Barbara*. He starred in the feature film *SUDDEN DEATH* and has guest starred recurrently on *L.A. LAW*, *Falcon Crest*, *General Hospital*, *All My Children*, and *Melrose Place*. He has also hosted his own comedy talk show on LA's top-rated radio station, KFI, and on WCNN, Atlanta.

Mr. Runyeon is a graduate of Princeton University (where he wrote his thesis on the Mass Media). He continued his media studies at Yale before receiving his Masters degree, with honors, from General Theological Seminary.

Frank has translated five Gospel texts for dramatic performance (as one-man plays), which he tours to over 40 states a year:

***AFRAID! The Gospel of Mark***  
***SERMON ON THE MOUNT***  
***Signs: The Gospel of John***  
***WHAT ARE YOU DOING?:***  
***The Letter of James***

and a comedy, with music:

***THE 3 1/2 STORIES OF CHRISTMAS***

Mr. Runyeon is also a frequent speaker at schools, churches, and youth conventions. He is currently writing a book: *Escape from Hollywood: An Actor's Journey to Faith*. He and his wife of 22 years, Annie, have 3 teenagers. They live in Los Angeles.