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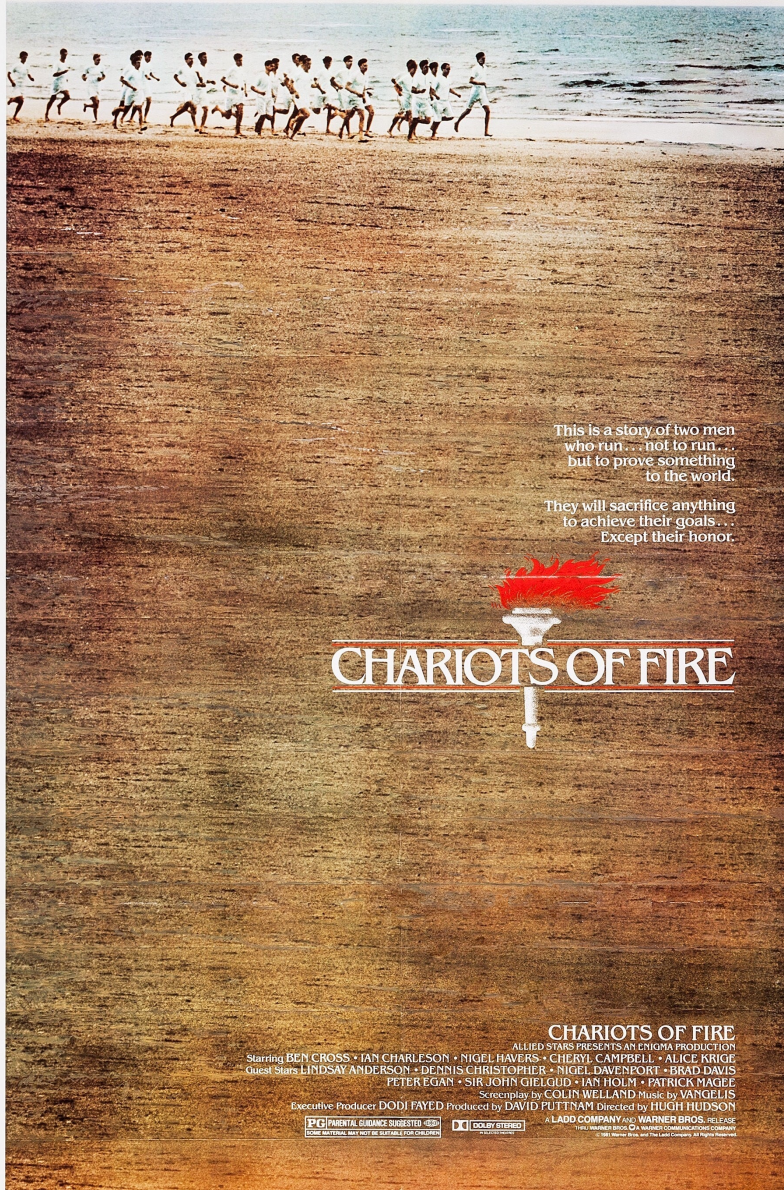
Soaking Souls: Taking Baptism Seriously

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VOWS

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What vow has shaped YOUR life?



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Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

Jeremiah 29:4-7







You may have all the kingdoms of the world if
you fall down and worship me.

*Away with you, Satan! Worship the Lord your
God, and serve only him.*

Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual
forces of wickedness that rebel against God?
I renounce them.

Command these stones to become loaves of bread.
*One does not live by bread alone, but by every word
that comes from the mouth of God.*

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which
corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
I renounce them.

Throw yourself down from the pinnacle & let
the angels catch you.

Do not put the Lord your God to the test.

Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw
you from the love of God?

I renounce them.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

I do.

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

I do.

Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

I do.

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

We will.

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

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Shut Up and Dance

