



# GOD IN FILM

## STUDY GUIDES



Producer



Director



Reviewer

# TOP GUN: MAVERICK

"It's Not The Plane, It's The Pilot."



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## Film Synopsis

After all of the events at the conclusion of the original, Pete "Maverick" Mitchell (Tom Cruise) has remained one of the US Navy's most decorated pilots over his 30-year career. Still, he has remained a Captain instead of rising through the military ranks like many of his colleagues. This is due to the pilot's disregard for authority and his desire to be on aeronautics' cutting edge. Until he pushes the limits one too many times and is set to be pulled from his role as a test pilot. It is at this moment that he gets the call to return to the United States Navy Fighter Weapons School (Top Gun) to instruct the next generation of flyers.

Admiral Tom "Iceman" Kazansky (Val Kilmer) asks his friend to help train a small team that have been earmarked for a special mission behind enemy lines. Even though Maverick does not see himself as a teacher, he reluctantly takes on this new role. Some of his reservations come since one of the students is Lieutenant Bradley "Rooster" Bradshaw (Miles Teller). This young and talented pilot happens to be Mav's late best friend "Goose" Bradshaw's son. He is a confident aviator who has issues with his father's friend and former flying partner. Along with this challenge, the senior pilot is confronted with another blast from his past, the beautiful bar owner, Penny Benjamin (Jennifer Connelly).



## Discussion points

Did you enjoy the movie? What did you like about the story?

What were the big topics that came from this screenplay? Forgiveness? Legacy?

The life of a Navy pilot carries a certain amount of risk, does this mean someone must have faith to step into the cockpit?



## Close the Curtain

A central element throughout this story was the tension between Rooster and Maverick. How does forgiveness play a factor in the story? How does it impact your life?

And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses." - Mark 11:25

What does it mean to be 'righteous?'

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. - James 5:16