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-St. Augustine

As I was reading through the summer 2020 “cinema” issue of Evangelization Culture, the journal of the Word on Fire Institute, the article on the movie “Unplanned” immediately caught my attention. I had seen this movie at some point within the last few years, so I read what actor Kaiser Johnson had to say in reflection about it.

Johnson, a practicing Catholic, read through the script of “Unplanned” in March of 2018 before accepting the role in the film, and wondered how he could accept the role and be able to find work in Hollywood afterwards with such a controversial film on his resume. Ultimately, he decided, his purpose was to glorify God, and he accepted the role in the film.

Johnson eloquently writes, “Sometimes though, we are called to engage in work, to make a decision and undertake an action that is difficult or frightening or might hurt us in the eyes of the world. But it is not for the world that we work.”

Since his role in “Unplanned,” he has been able to find work in a number of TV series including the popular Netflix show, Stranger Things. His best advice to people struggling to make difficult decisions is to “pray for the grace to never be afraid.”

Johnson leaves us with the quote “Thou hast made us for Thyself and our hearts are restless till they rest in thee,” from St. Augustine, and it is still so relevant today, in the digital age, that we were made to glorify God, regardless of what our profession is.