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EXTENDED
MATERIAL
DETAILING LOUIS
ZAMPERINI'S
CONVERSION AT A
1949 BILLY
GRAHAM CRUSADE

UNBROKEN: LEGACY OF FAITH EDITION

Unbroken is an epic drama that follows the incredible story of Olympian and war hero Louis Zamperini who, along with two other crewmen, survived in a raft for 47 days after a near-fatal plane crash in World War II – only to be caught by the Japanese navy and become a prisoner-of-war. Based on the book by Laura Hillenbrand (which we also have in our library), this is an unbelievable and inspiring true story

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about the resilient power of the human spirit. *(rated PG-13 for war violence and brief language)*

However - though the movie dramatically portrays the early life of Mr. Zamperini from his troubled youth to an Olympic medal, survival at sea, and surviving the brutal prison camp, it fails to show what happened next: how the traumatized veteran became broken by hatred for his captors, alcoholism and a failing marriage. Left out of the movie as well, but not the book,

is Zamperini's conversion at a 1949 Billy Graham crusade, and the healing and forgiveness that followed. Zamperini, who died last year at 97, emphasized that turning point in his life in interviews with Billy Graham and with Greg Laurie.

Thankfully, the movie edition in our library includes a 90 minute DVD of bonus content – interviews, a documentary and more – that tells the rest of his story of faith and forgiveness.