

# UP FAITH & FAMILY TO EXCLUSIVELY PREMIERE THE ALL-NEW AWARD-WINNING FAMILY DRAMA SERIES THESE STONES

# THESE STONES, STARRING MADELINE CARROLL (I CAN ONLY IMAGINE, SWING VOTE), WILL BEGIN STREAMING THURSDAY, SEPT. 5

**ATLANTA** (August 8, 2024) – UP Faith & Family, the leading streaming service for commercial-free faith and family movies and series, will be premiering the all-new award-winning family drama series *These Stones*. In *These Stones*, a grieving daughter (Madeline Carroll) finds herself drawn into the same supernatural program her late mother worked—matching undercover Bible characters with people facing challenges today. It's all this stunned daughter can do to keep up normal appearances while seeking redemption for her past mistakes. Beginning Sept. 5, the service will add new episodes weekly. Season one is six episodes.

"I'm grateful to bring *These Stones* to the UP Faith & Family audience," said *These Stones* Writer/Producer Cheryl McKay. "Viewers will relate to our heroine McKenna's journey as she walks through some of the most difficult times in her life—alongside our notable cast of characters. Each one faces unique challenges, met with an undercover Bible character who speaks into their lives through trials they overcame in the past. The heart of every episode is to help every viewer know that no matter what they face in life, they are never alone."

"We are thrilled to have this award-winning family series premiering on UP Faith & Family," said Hector Campos, senior vice president, content strategy and programming at UP Entertainment. "It's a fresh and modern way to seamlessly infuse Scripture into storytelling that is equally entertaining and inspiring for our viewers."

Freshman series *These Stones* has already garnered 12 wins and 19 nominations at film festivals, including multiple Best TV Series awards and Best Actress awards for Madeline Carroll and Karen Abercrombie and three Best Actor nominations for Rusty Joiner. Also awarded Best Director for Susan Rohrer and Best Original Score for Daniel Butman. *These Stones* was also a finalist for Best Series and Best Evangelistic Production at the ICVM Crown Awards and just garnered 13 nominations at CONTENT Christian Media Conference 2024, including two episodes for Best TV Show, two for Best Scripts, and multiple actor nominations.

Viewers can also dive deeper into themes of *These Stones* with a devotional Study Guide to season one—a personal and group roadmap to discuss episodes from the show. *THESE STONES: Your Personal Devotional & Group Handbook for Season 1* by Cheryl McKay and Susan Rohrer will be available on Amazon beginning Sept. 1.

The series stars **Madeline Carroll** (*I Can Only Imagine, Swing Vote*), **Karen Abercrombie** (*War Room, The Forge, God's Compass*), **Charlene Amoia** (*How I Met Your Mother, A Royal Christmas Holiday*),

**Rusty Joiner** (*Voiceless*), and notable guest stars such as **Cameron Arnett** (*Overcomer, The Forge*), **Erin Bethea** (*Fireproof, New Life, Never Give Up*), and **Micah Lynn Hanson** (*Disciples in the Moonlight, Like Arrows*).

Cheryl McKay (*The Ultimate Gift*) serves as Screenwriter, Showrunner and Executive Producer with Jeanette Towne, Sam Towne and Mike Burns also serving as Executive Producers. Susan Rohrer (*About Sarah*) is the Director, Co-Executive Producer and Writer. The series is produced by Drew Waters, Erin Bethea (*Fireproof*), Cheryl McKay and Christopher Price. Casting Directors are Beverly Holloway (*The Chosen*) and Jack Kelly. *These Stones* season one is a Stone Impact Media production in association with Argentum Entertainment.

UP Faith & Family serves over a million families and continues to grow, adding hundreds of thousands of new customers already this year. The UP Faith & Family app is available on iOS or Google Play and can be streamed through FireTV, AndroidTV, Roku, Apple TV, Xbox and Samsung. The service can also be purchased through these distributors. AppleTV+, Contour, DirecTV, Dish, Prime Video Channels, Sling, The Roku Channel, Xfinity, YouTube, YouTube TV and +play.

### **About UP Entertainment**

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no gratuitous objectionable content, with relatable characters and themes that result in captivating storytelling. *Argentum* is the Latin word for "silver." Silver, a precious metal, requires a specific process of removing impurities and flaws in order to find its most valuable form. Our company works diligently to ensure that the films we create remove the impurities and flaws, leaving only the most valuable substances on screen. Argentum exists to create powerful, humorous, truthful, and heartfelt stories that both hold the highest appeal to audiences and stand the test of time.

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