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Latest: Petition to Remove Greta Gerwig From Narnia Passes 14,100 Signatures After Meryl Streep Cast as Aslan

A true story of faith under pressure. Read the first half below, then continue online.

KEY SPIRITUAL TAKEAWAY

"Stairway to Heaven"

(Transliterated from the original Hindi.)

They had gathered only to pray. When prayer itself becomes the target, faith is proved not by words but by staying.

The Story - Part One

A petition demanding Netflix remove Greta Gerwig from the remaining six Narnia films has passed 14,100 signatures. The trigger was the trailer for her adaptation of C.S. Lewis's The Magician's Nephew, which revealed Meryl Streep as the voice of Aslan and a version of Narnia set in postwar Britain with Led Zeppelin's "Stairway to Heaven" on the soundtrack. The film is due in cinemas in early February 2027.

Chaz Migliacci is not a studio executive or a theologian. He is a Narnia superfan who grew up inside Lewis's books, and he started the petition out of his own frustration, asking Netflix to take Gerwig off the remaining six films. More than 14,000 people have now signed it, and the number keeps climbing by the day.

The argument is not really about one trailer. It is about who gets to decide what Narnia sounds and feels like for a new generation, and whether a story that has carried the Christian imagination for seventy years can survive a Hollywood remake that changes its time, its music and the voice of its lion.

Gerwig's film adapts The Magician's Nephew, the book that tells how Narnia began. Lewis set the novel in Edwardian London, but Gerwig has moved the story to postwar Britain. She has also given the trailer a rock-and-roll edge, with Led Zeppelin's "Stairway to Heaven" playing over the images, a choice that startled fans who expected something closer to the book's quiet, lamplit magic.

The casting of Streep as Aslan drew the sharpest reaction of all. Aslan is the moral centre of Narnia, the great lion whose voice carries the authority of the story itself. For many Christians who grew up with the books, hearing that voice come from a woman felt like a break with the character they had carried in their heads since childhood.

Some of the criticism has been fierce. Ted Baehr, founder of the Christian film site Movieguide, warned that "the gospel is not a myth". A Catholic pastor in Los Angeles wrote that Netflix "is distorting a message so brazenly", and one commentator went so far as to argue that Gerwig was turning Aslan transgender.

Others say the anger has run ahead of the facts, pointing out that the lion on screen remains a male lion. Only the voice actor is female, and a voice is not the same thing as a change of character. In The Magician's Nephew, Aslan is God the creator singing a world into being, not yet the Christ-figure of the later books, and that distinction matters to how the casting should be judged.

The Turning Point - What Happens Next

The story reaches a life-changing moment that changes everything -- and what seemed like the end is only the middle. Two reports disagree on the numbers, and one question is left unanswered: will the CCTV footage ever come out? Read the full story to find out what happens next.

PERSONAL REFLECTION & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When gathering to pray carries a real cost, what keeps a community coming together anyway -- and what would keep you coming?

2. The pastor's sister shielded him with her own body and fainted under the blows. What does costly, self-giving love look like in your own family or church?

3. When justice is delayed and a complaint is withdrawn under threat, how do believers hold on to truth without giving in to fear -- or to hatred?

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