

VIGILANTE PREACHER
(Action/Drama)
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LOGLINE: To save his congregation from environmental disaster, a former mixed martial arts champ turned minister must battle a ruthless natural gas company owner while struggling with his uncontrollable rage.

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ONE PAGE: Josh Logan, a former martial arts champion turned preacher, struggles with his uncontrollable rage as he tries to save his congregation from environmental disaster. Standing in his way is Jimmy Ray Wilkins, ruthless and greedy natural gas company president whose extensive fracking operation controls the economic destiny of a small, largely poor town near the Texas/ Mexico border.

If Jimmy Ray can manage to lock up the natural gas business in Texas, he'll get a partnership with a national firm that will turn his millions into billions.

Because of his deep-seated rage, MMA champ Logan kills another martial artist in the ring. Unable to deal with his remorse, he prepares to leap to his death from a bridge. That's when the charismatic Reverend Johnson spots him, and convinces him to surrender his life to the Lord.

Logan studies fervently, and is eventually ordained. Rev. Johnson assigns him to minister to the church's congregation in a Texas border town.

Logan vows to focus on serving his faith. Meanwhile, the EPA sends Maya Rios, a female environmental scientist, to investigate the health risks of fracking.

Many in town resent her presence, because they could get rich leasing their mineral rights to Jimmy Ray Wilkins' company. Rios and Logan meet at church and are instantly attracted to each other. Through Rios, Logan learns about the potential harmful effects of fracking, but remains reluctant to help.

Logan finds himself drawn into in a series of confrontations with the arrogant and violent Wilkins that test his control over his rage. Looking to suppress a damning report, Wilkins brazenly snatches an activist right out of Logan's church. The activist disappears and Logan goes looking for him. Wilkins, a corrupt Sheriff and other community members stonewall Logan at every turn. Townfolk continue to get sick and die. Rios announces she'll recommend to the EPA that it close down Wilkins' fracking operation immediately.. With the promise of a national partnership if he succeeds, Wilkins counts on the entire town signing over their mineral leases. He tells his thugs to scare Rios off, but they brutally beat her and put her in a coma. A hair's breadth away from murderous rage, Logan visits Rev. Johnson for guidance.

Johnson tells him that to defeat a more powerful opponent, Logan must find a crack in their armor. Logan uncovers a document that will stop the company's fracking operation once and for all. But when Wilkins learns Logan has it, he kidnaps Rios from the hospital to extort an exchange for the document. Now it's up to Logan to rescue his girlfriend and kick some serious fracking ass. Unless Jimmy Ray and his thugs kill them both first.