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Fish Out of Water. color. 60+ min. Ky Dickens, Yellow Wing Prods., dist. by First Run Features, 2010. DVD

The genesis of this film was the coming out of director/producer Dickens to her sorority sisters. Instead of the acceptance of loving friends, she found scorn and Bible quotations used to condemn her. Her documentary examines those oft-used biblical quotes that made her feel like a "fish out of water." Theologians, pastors, and gays and lesbians discuss the seven quotes that supposedly outlaw homosexuality. Even the notorious Fred Phelps, recently embroiled with picketing dead soldiers' funerals, chimes in with his vitriol. Most comments focus on the suspect selectivity of evangelical believers who somehow ignore the other 6000 Bible verses. Sadly, you always know where *Fish Out of Water* is headed and never wonder about its conclusions, making it almost as preachy and predictable as you would have liked it not to be. Nonetheless, it debunks the quotes that have long been the source of legitimizing hatred and discrimination of the GLBT community; recommended.

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