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Save Me. color. 96 min. Robert Cary, Garbus Kroupa Entertainment, dist. by First Run Features, www.firstrunfeatures.com. 2009. DVD

Chad Allen is eerily authentic as Mark, a coked-out gay hustler who always seems to get hustled himself. Mark tries Genesis House, a religious program for addicts that believes conversion therapy not only saves souls but also turns gays straight. Gayle (Judith Light) runs the ex-gay program with her husband, Ted (Stephen Lang). Both earnestly believe the power of Jesus's love can change sexual orientation. Light, a frequent defender of GLBT rights, portrays the deeply religious Gayle with astonishing credibility, honesty, and sympathy. Robert Gant (*Queer as Folk*) fares less well as the Genesis resident who falls in love with Mark. Nobody gets bashed here. Who knew becoming a good Christian could make you a good same-sex partner? Extras include cast interviews, deleted scenes, and a resource guide. Unfortunately, the realistic language rules out school or church showings, though none of it, nor the situations, would shock today's teens. See the trailer at firstrunfeatures.com/savemedvd.html. Highly recommended for viewers in high school and up,

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