

SYNOPSIS



For Gods Sake - A South African Bishop enters Politics

Um Gottes Willen - Ein Bischof als Präsidentschaftskandidat

South Africa, the rainbow nation on the Cape, has been given a reality check. The newly elected president Jacob Zuma was facing serious corruption charges recently before the case was dropped under dubious circumstances. This and other grievances prompted well-known members of the ruling party to break away and form a new party, the «Congress of the People». COPE, as it's called, has recruited the high profile Methodist bishop, Dr. Mvume Dandala, in a deliberate attempt to promote values and moral authority in the quagmire that is South African politics.

It's a courageous and risky decision by the 53-year-old Cambridge graduate; many religious figures have failed in similar missions after being duped, marginalised and corrupted along the way. Rocked by a series of crises, the South African political climate has also become extremely harsh. On election day a COPE activist was shot and Mvume Dandala and his assistants received death threats. A film about the delicate balancing act of a bishop, who has put his life on the line for the welfare of his people.

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Directed by Strassegger, Regina

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