

**First Baptist Church, Jefferson City, Missouri**  
**Title: "The Rest of the Story"**  
**Text: I Kings 3:16-28**  
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A few weeks ago I saw the movie *Australia*. *Australia* was a widely publicized, greatly anticipated romantic epic starring actors Hugh Jackman and Nicole Kidman. There was a lot of hype about this fiction film that takes place in Australia (obviously) and centers around the story of an English aristocrat named Lady Sarah who inherits land in Northern Australia. Lady Sarah teams up with a man named Drover to drive cattle across hundreds of miles of the most unforgiving land in order to save her cattle station. All of this on the brink of WWII. And of course, nothing says romance like driving cattle across desert lands so they fall in love. The reviews of the film were quite disappointing but I loved it. The scenery was breath-taking. The little boy was charming. And mix history and romance and I'm there.

When I enjoy a movie or a book, I really get into it. The characters come alive for me. So much so that every once in awhile I wonder how Drover and Sarah are doing. Are they still in love? Are they making it work? Is everything okay there at the cattle station?

### **Benediction**

**"May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all." 2 Cor. 13:14**