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Fruit of the Spirit

Gal. 5:22-23; 1 Cor. 13:1-8



The
FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

GALATIANS 5:22-23

“Of all the commandments, which is the most important?” [Jesus answered] “**Love** the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength...”

(Mark 12:28b, 29a, 30, NIV)

“The second is this: “**Love** your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.”

(Mark 12:31, NIV)



**A supernaturally
changed life...**

1. Is not the same as a
gifted life

2. Is not the same as a
moral life

“If I give all I possess to the poor
and give over my body to the
flames that I may boast, but do not
have love, **I gain nothing.**”

(1 Corinthians 13:3, NIV)



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**3. Is about relational
transformation**

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(1 Corinthians 13:4, NIV)

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I am blissful

Why does religion sometimes
make people worse?

How we teach our children
to behave:

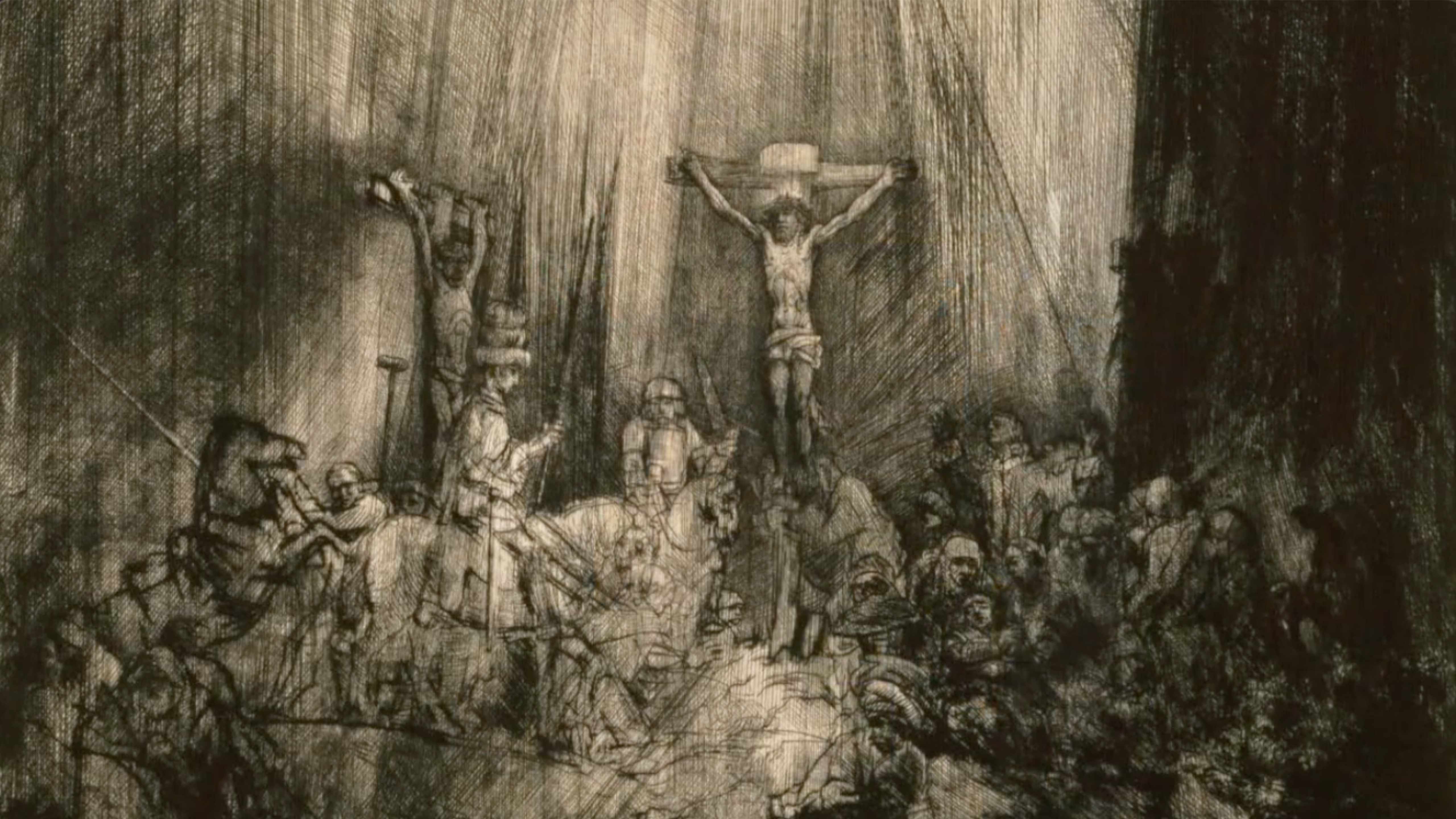
Fear & Pride

How religion tries to get people
to behave:

Fear & Pride

“For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.”

(Matthew 5:20, NIV)



4. Is about **meeting**
love as a person

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We learn to love
by being loved

“Love always hopes, always
perseveres. Love never fails.”

(1 Corinthians 13:7b,8, NIV)

Jesus is
love personified

“We must preoccupy ourselves less with trying to be like Jesus and more with simply being with Him. For when we’ve been with Him, we will become like him. The fruit of the Spirit is caught, not achieved.”

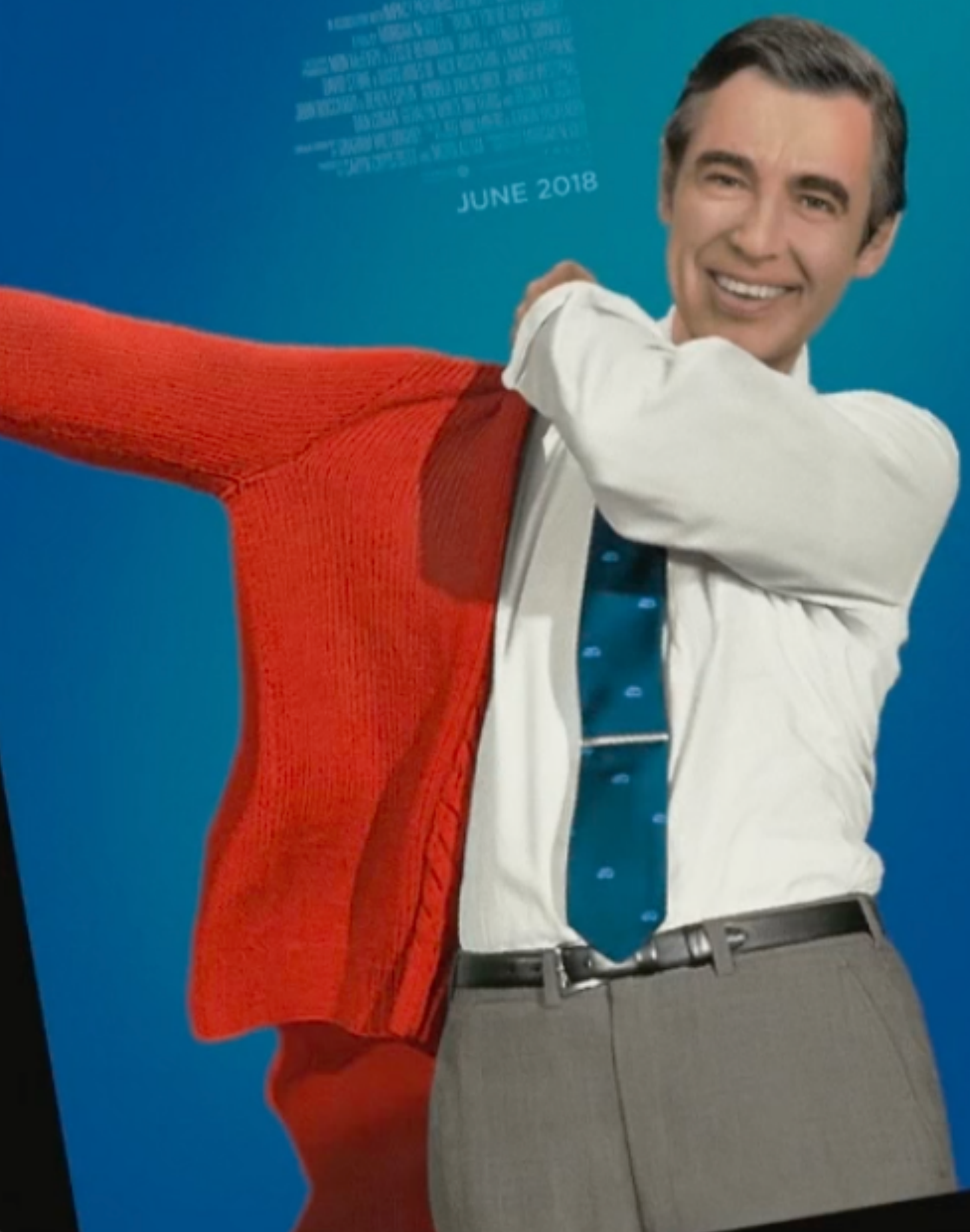
—*Scott Sauls*

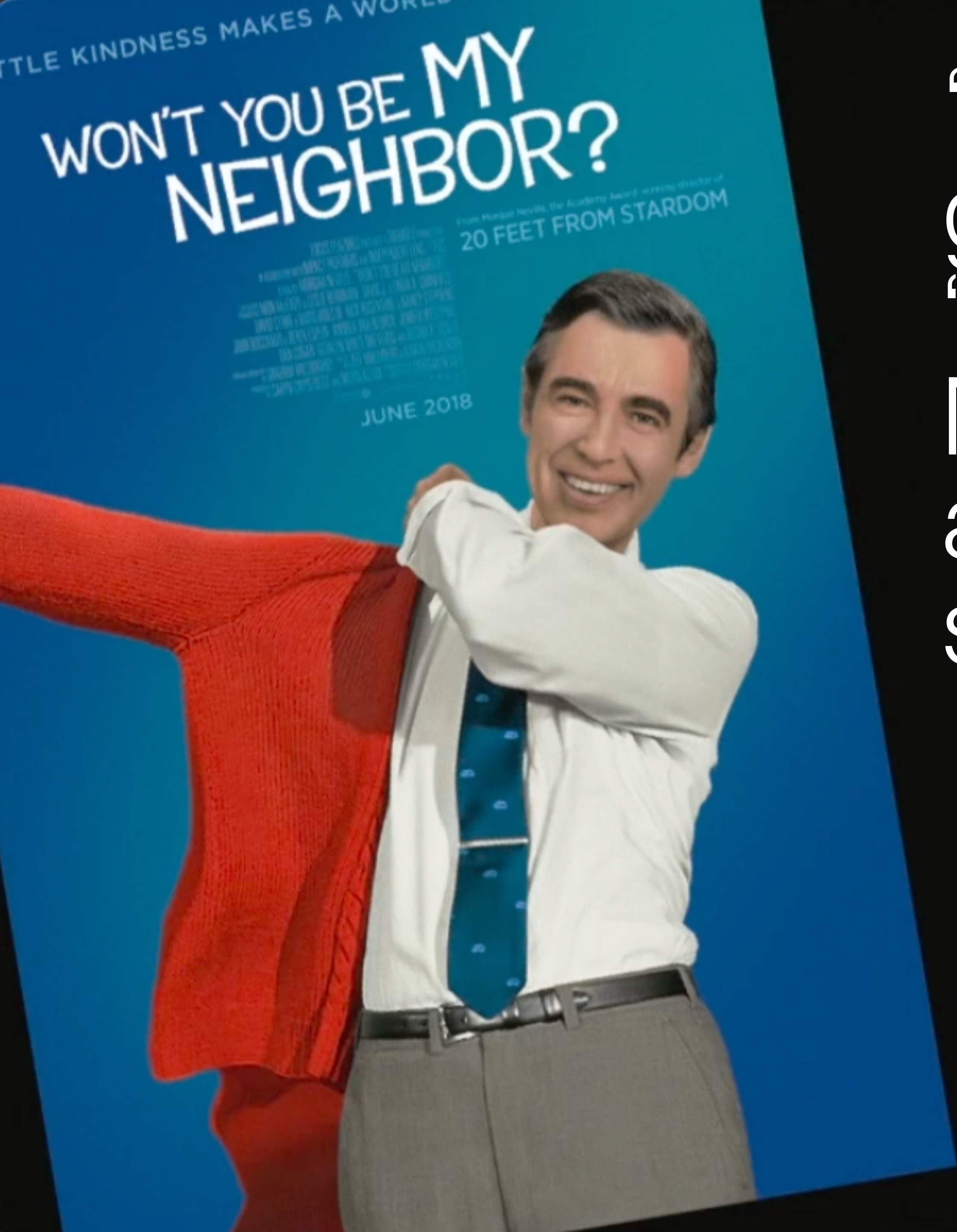
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WON'T YOU BE MY NEIGHBOR?

FROM PHILIPPO NERI, THE ACADEMY-AWARD-WINNING DIRECTOR OF 20 FEET FROM STARDOM

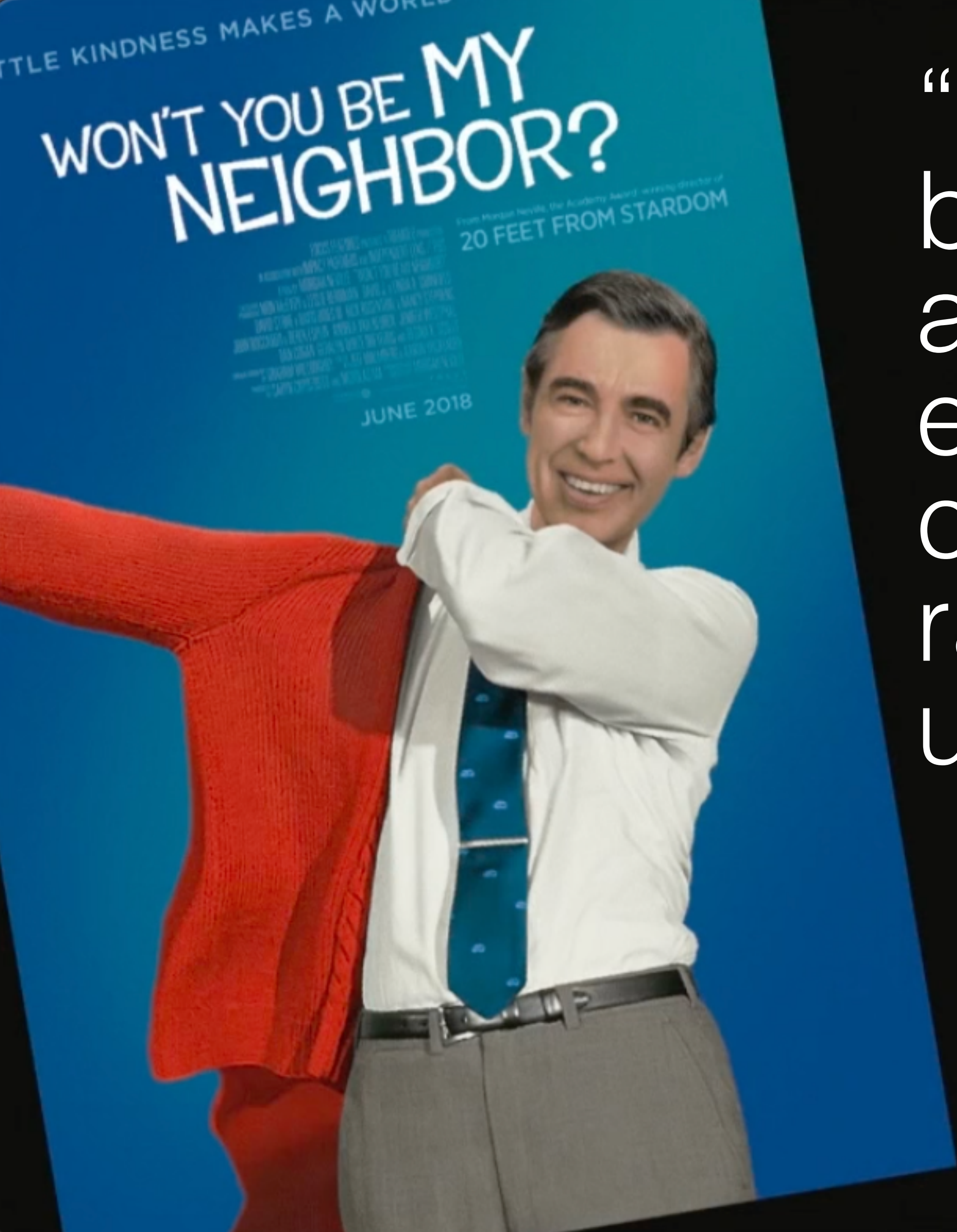
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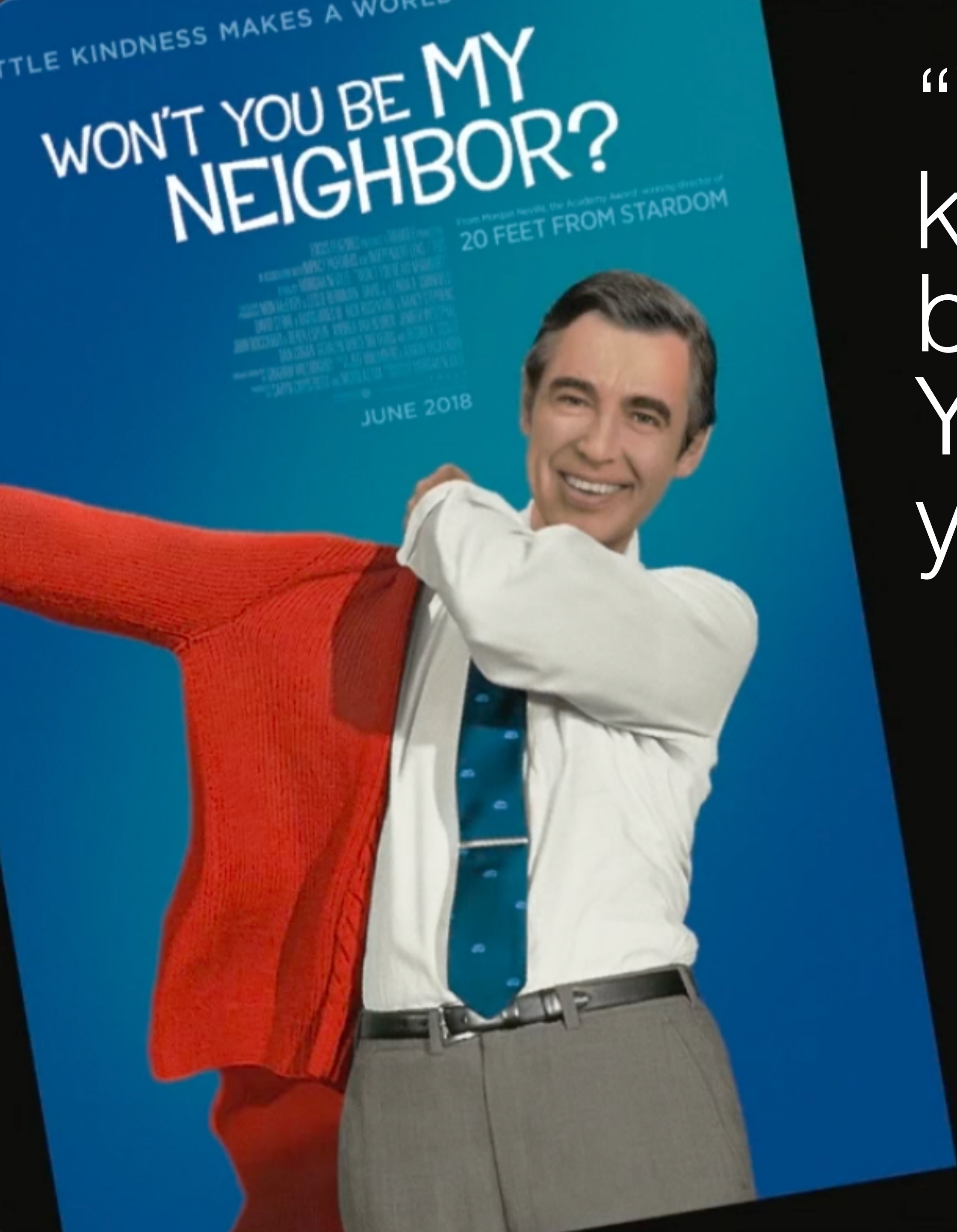
“Who would have guessed that ‘Won’t You Be My Neighbor?’ would have audiences lining up to see it?”

—OWEN GLIEBERMAN



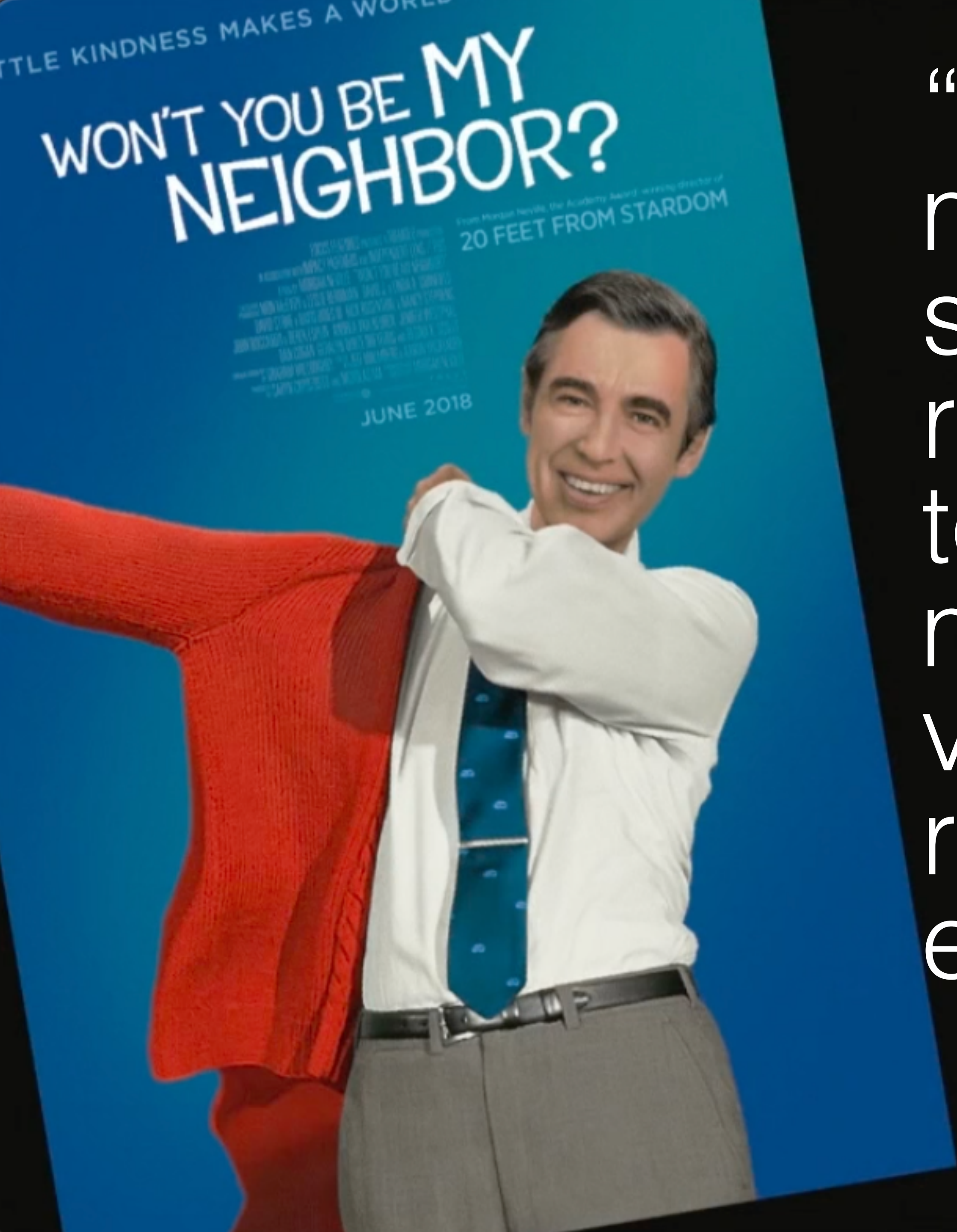
“In 2018, Mr. Rogers has become the last thing anyone might have expected him to be: a countercultural figure, a radical who can show us the way.”

—OWEN GLIEBERMAN



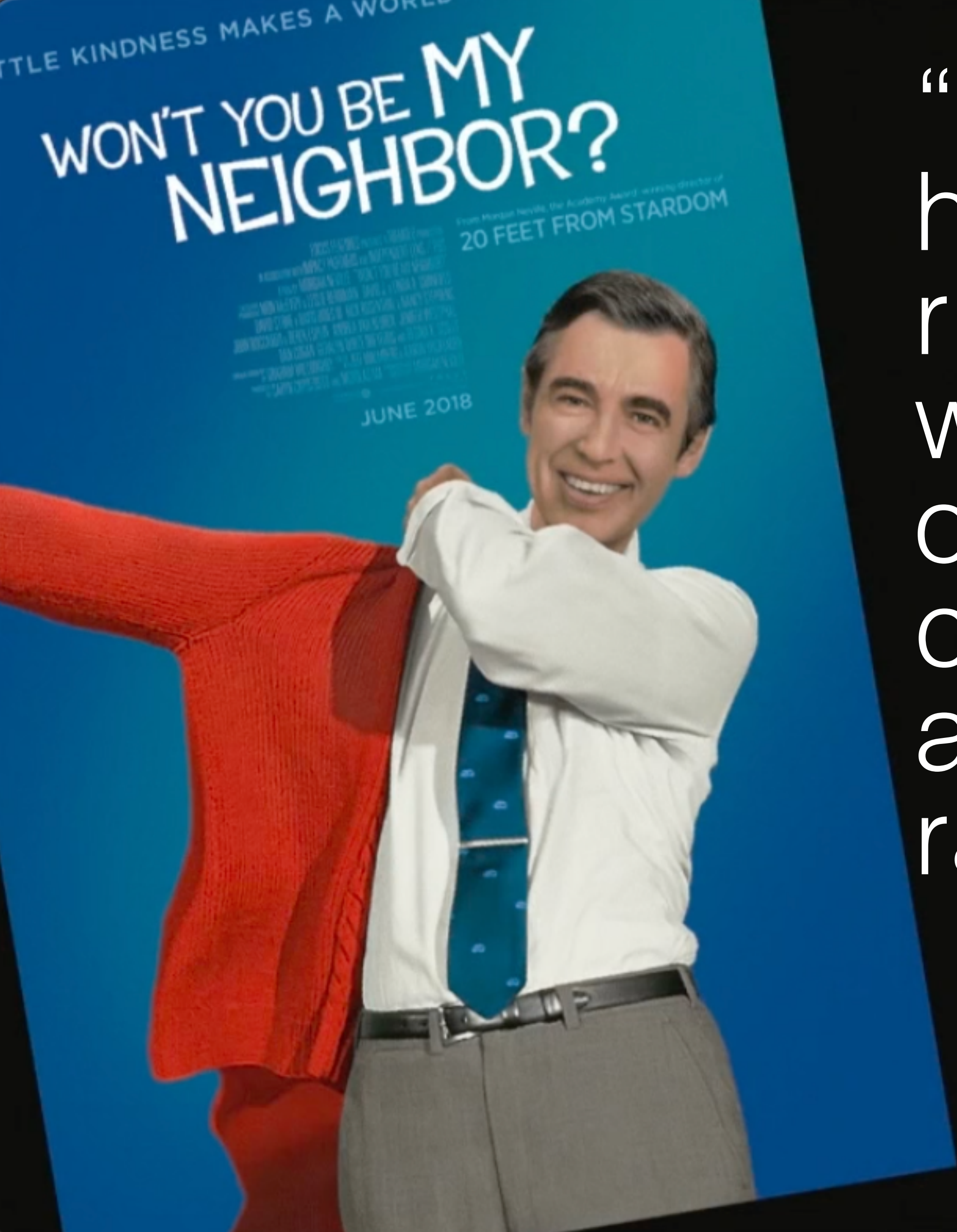
“You probably think I’m kidding (or deluded), but after you see ‘Won’t You Be My Neighbor?’ you’ll realize I’m not.”

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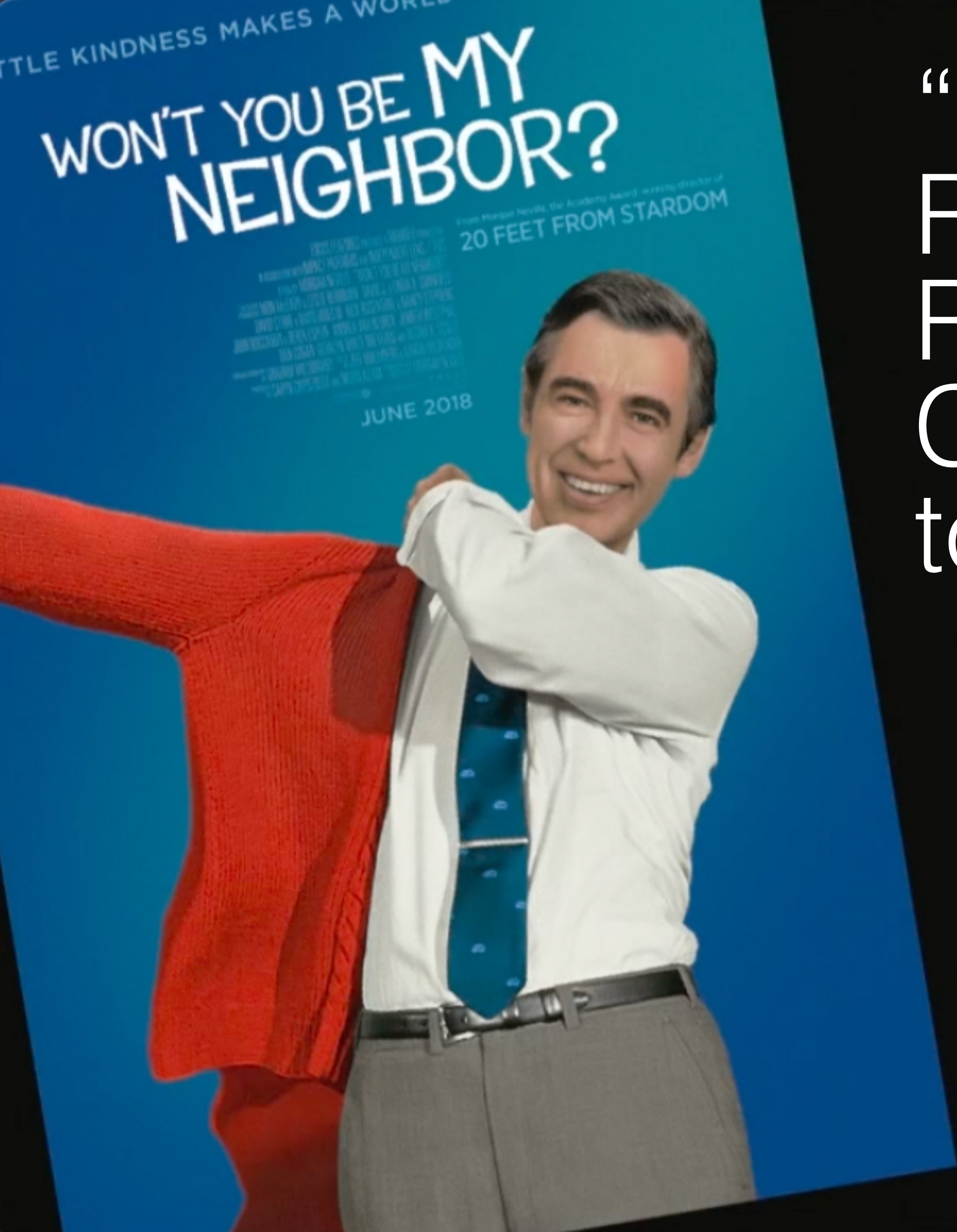
“Counterculture doesn’t mean hippies and peace signs, sex, drugs, and rock ‘n’ roll. According to my Webster’s, it means ‘a culture with values and mores that run counter to those of established society.’”

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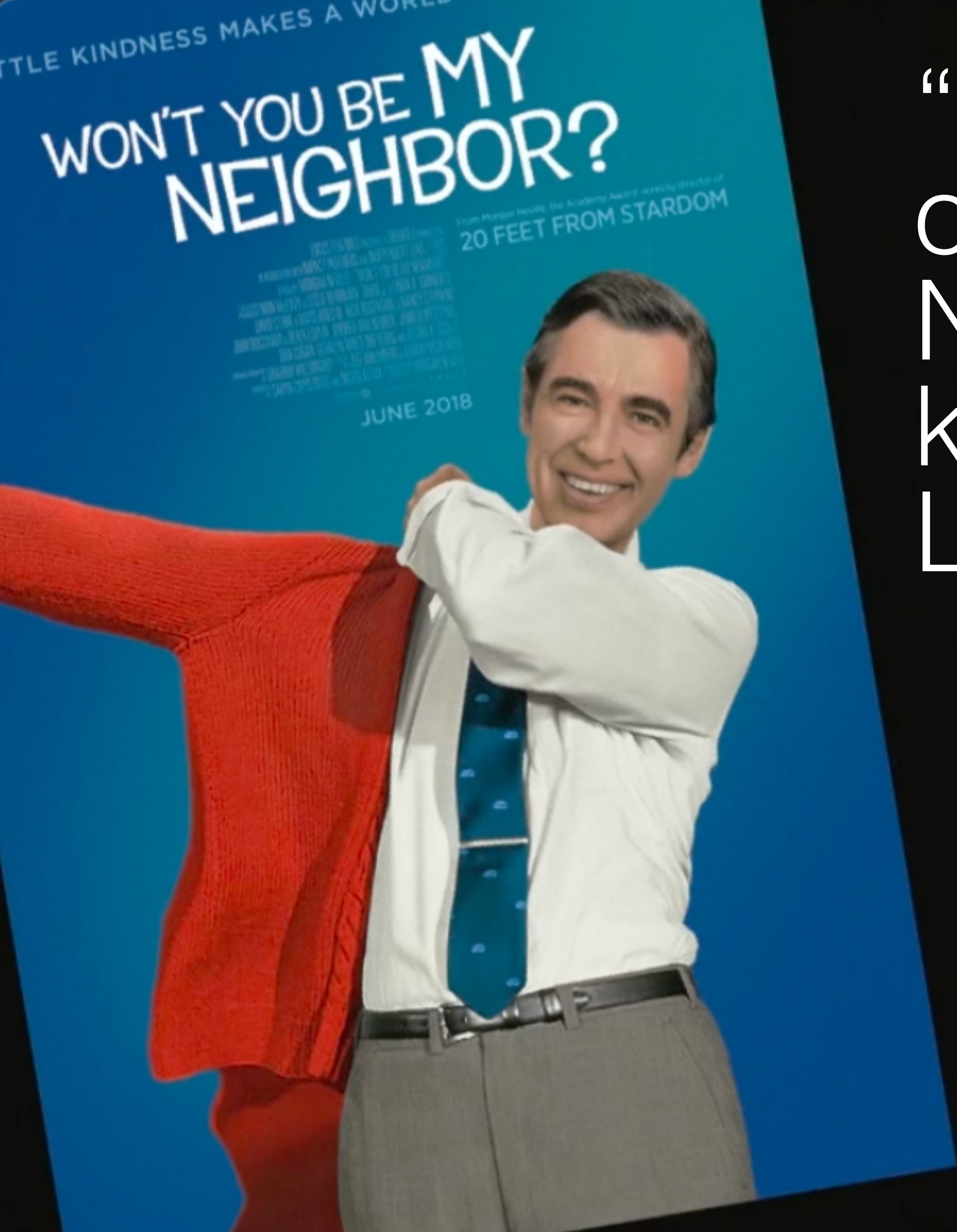
“Right now our society is hooked on self-righteousness. ‘Fight fire with fire...’ Yet this cycle of rage has produced a cultural civil war... an agonizingly divided and rageaholic society.”

—OWEN GLIEBERMAN



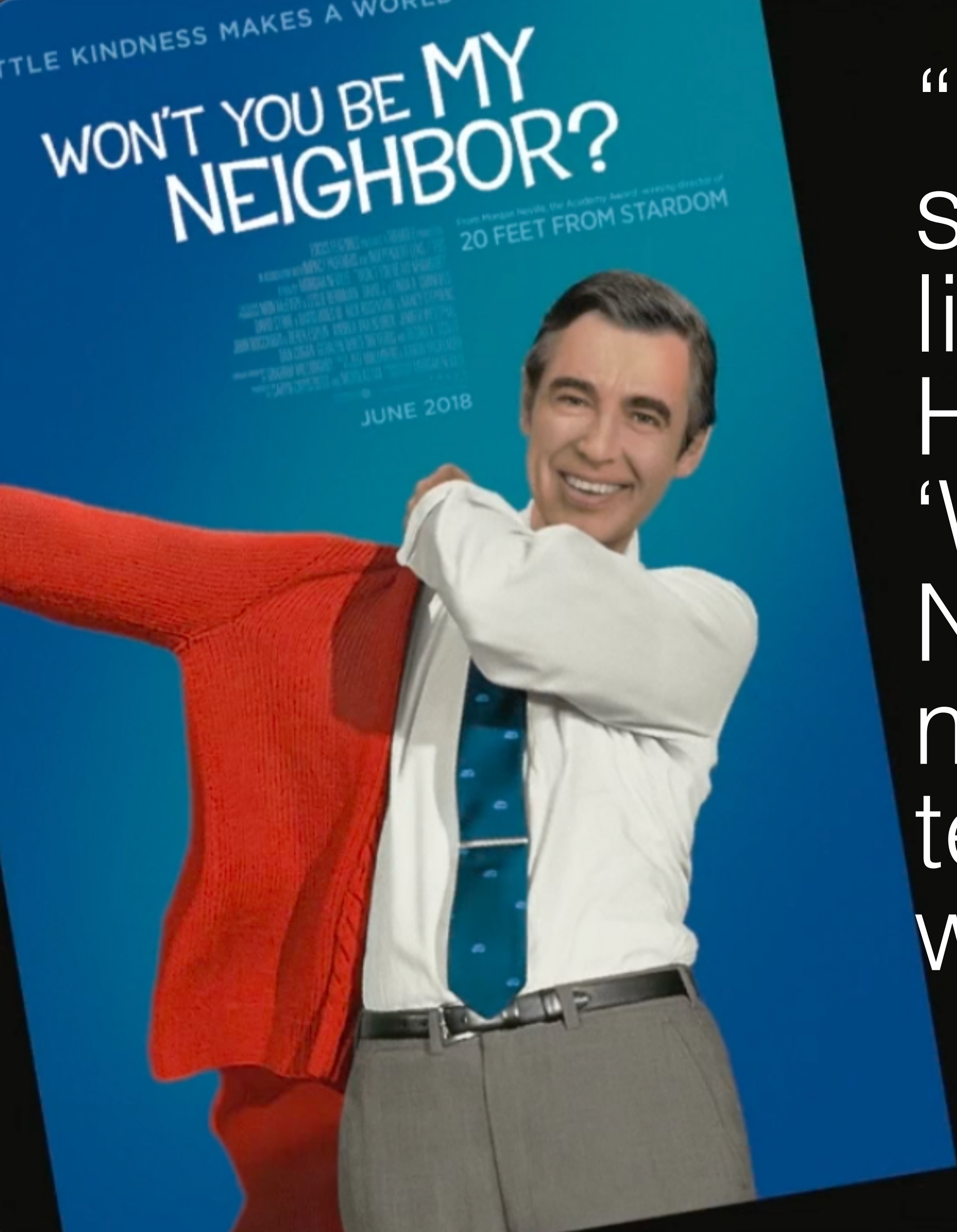
“That’s where Fred Rogers comes in. Fred Rogers was a devout Christian... who trained to be a minister...

—OWEN GLIEBERMAN



“...and what he applied on ‘Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood’ was the key teaching of Christ: Love thy neighbor.”

—OWEN GLIEBERMAN



“And while it’s easy to say ‘Great! That sounds like it was made for a Hallmark card,’ to see ‘Won’t You Be My Neighbor?’ is to be moved, in the end, to tears by the audacity of what Rogers incarnated.”

—OWEN GLIEBERMAN

BOTTOM LINE:

The more I know the One who
personifies love
the more love will be
personified in me



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