

# HIRAM JACKSON

African-American, 40. A beloved preacher, civil rights leader, and champion of the pending Civil Rights Bill whose impassioned sermons electrify the masses.

Hiram has a warm lovefest bond with Ella, White and the Fisk Jubilee Singers choir.

When the forces of supremacist hate unleash a reign of terror against black schools, (the fledgling HBCUs), Hiram runs for political office, becoming the great hope of the cause of freedom... and putting himself in the deadly crosshairs of his rabid enemies.

## DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Though naturally charismatic, Hiram isn't a loud, flashy, caricature of a preacher. He's a caring pastor whose heart, compassion, and warmth for his congregation shine through his every word. As a pastor, he knows his church members personally and cares for their souls. And as a servant of the cause of freedom he bears the deep sorrows, the great hopes, and above all the weighty responsibility of being an agent of change in this dark age, willing to sacrifice everything if need be. All of these qualities powerfully come together in Hiram's eyes - and shine through him like a beacon in this sermon.