

Family Devotional

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Watch: "The Judge and His Friend" clip on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XTFy46jdbBM>

Clip length: 1 minute 22 seconds

Discuss: If you had to pick a character from this story to illustrate Jesus, which one would you pick?

So, which character would we be?

Read: Romans 3:23

How did the judge respond? Did he say, "It's ok, I know this guy did some bad things, but he's my friend so I'm going to say he's innocent."?

No he said, "This man is my friend, but justice calls for payment for his wrong doings."

Read Romans 6:23

But what did the judge do then? He made the payment for his friend. That's what Jesus did for us. He recognized we are guilty, but said, "I will take the punishment so you can be clean again."

Read Isaiah 53:5 + John 3:16

How could the friend in our story choose to respond?

- 1) He could take the clean start and make better choices: ones that would please his friend and be good for him.
- 2) He could go back to making bad choices.

What do you think his friend, the judge, is praying he'll do?

Read Ephesians 2:1-10

Remember: Work together as a family to memorize/meditate on Romans 6:14 this week.

"For sin shall no longer be your master,
because you are not under the law, but under grace."

Ideas: Write this passage down and hang it on the refrigerator. Say it together as a family during meal time each day. Write it on a chalk or white board and erase a couple of words each day until you can say it by memory.

Respond:

"Dear God, thank you for loving us so much that you took our punishment on you. Help us to live in your grace and make choices that show how thankful we are to be your children Amen!"