

The Good Friday Series Convo #1: Why do “Good People” do Bad Things?

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”
Romans 3:23

WORD: God, what are You saying to me through this Scripture?

None of us wants to think that we’re a bad person, but the Bible teaches that every one of us is a sinner. Sometimes our sin is like when Judas betrayed Jesus or we deliberately harm someone. Other times our sin is like when Peter denied Jesus or we hurt a person we love. **Whether we intend to sin or not, we do sin. And here’s the thing: there is no “good” sin. All sin is bad, and even “good” people have sin in their lives.** ~ *Have you ever lived a day without sinning? Do you ever do wrong even when you try really hard not to? Can you think of any sin that is “good”? Why is sin bad?*

WHY: God, why does this Scripture matter?

Sometimes we compare our sin to other people’s sin and think it’s not as bad as theirs, but all sin is sin. Sin entered the world when Adam and Eve disobeyed God in the Garden of Eden, and, ever since then, every one of us is born a sinner. None of us is “good” enough to keep ourselves from falling short of God’s perfect glory and separating us from Him. (This is the bad news; fortunately, there’s “good news” to come!) ~ *Do you ever compare your sin to other people’s sin? Can you keep yourself from sinning? What are some sins in YOUR life? Do you know anybody who is such a good person that they never sin?*

WHAT: God, what else does Your Word say to me about this?

Since all sin is bad, that means every sinner has “bad” in them. None of us likes that label, though, so, instead of saying “bad,” let’s use the word “unrighteous,” which is a Bible word for “sinful.” The Bible says, **“There is no one righteous, not even one”** (Romans 3:10). We can still do good things; in fact, God commands us to live lives full of good deeds. However, we can’t do enough good things to be righteous or bridge the gap between us and a holy God. We need a Savior, which is why on Good Friday: **“Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God”** (1 Peter 3:18a). ~ *What is unrighteousness? Have you done enough good things to become righteous and save yourself? What did Jesus do to bridge the gap between us and God?*

WORSHIP: God, how do You want me to respond to this truth?

We worship God by recognizing that He is holy and we are not. We are sinners in need of His salvation. It’s not about whether we consider ourselves (or anybody else) “good” or “bad” people. It’s about the reality that we have all fallen short of God’s righteousness and goodness, and we need Jesus as our Savior. ~ *We’ll talk more about this in our next conversation. For now, let’s ask God to help us see the truth about us.*

Family Disciple Me Blessing

Lord, give us humble hearts to recognize that we all fall short of God's righteousness and we need a Savior. Thank you for not turning away from us in our sin, but You, Lord, turned toward us and gave us Jesus. Thank you for being such a loving and gracious God- Amen!

© 2021 Family Disciple Me