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Bible study for the week starting February 25, 2024

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Do you have an “America’s Funniest Home Video” moment in your life (whether captured on video or not)? What’s the first one that comes to mind?

READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

1. Read **Romans 3:21-28**. The title of this section of Scripture is “The righteousness of God through faith.” What do we hear about redemption, especially in verse 24? Spend a little time unpacking definitions of “redemption” and “propitiation.”
2. Read also **Ephesians 2:1-3**. How do these verses describe our need for redemption?
3. Read **Matthew 20:17-28**. In the midst of Jesus preparing them for His death, James and John take the opportunity to vie for status. What does Jesus have to teach them about status (or lack thereof) in how He responds?
4. Read **Exodus 20:1-17**. God sets His expectations for our behavior very clearly. Yet, He introduces the ten commandments by reminding us He is the God who made us and saves us. How does this continue to be true today?

PRAY

Pray for all those things that need redemption in our lives and our world!

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EPIC FAILS → EPIC REDEMPTION

MATTHEW 20:17-28 (EX. 20:1-17; ROM. 3:21-28)

February 25, 2024 – Pastor Eric Van Scharrel

Our chief failure in life is not an ACCIDENT. You have a PROBLEM you can't FIX.

PROPITIATION: a SACRIFICE of blood to satisfy God's WRATH against your UNHOLINESS.

You must be REDEEMED by someone else, at which point you then serve Him as LORD and MASTER.

In the midst of this discussion comes a REQUEST by the mother of James and John for places of STATUS and HONOR in Jesus' kingdom.

Jesus introduced the concept of humble, SERVANT leadership.

Two truths about having Jesus Christ as Redeemer:

1. Your failure is not FINAL!
2. Your failure is not FATAL!

You're not who you USED TO BE; you are redeemed!