

The Family: God's Greenhouse
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Discussion Questions

Analyze these two statements from a biblical lens and explain what they mean:

1. "I am a saint called to be a saint who still sins." and
"I am a sinner saved by grace."
2. How does understanding each statement change your thinking about how you live? What actions might naturally come from each statement? Are there any potential 'land mines' in either?
3. Find Scripture to support your thoughts when you can.

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What could be going on with Eustace's thinking?

What specific biblical truths could help bring abundant life to Eustace's life?

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What are the problems in Eustace's thinking?

What specific biblical truths could help bring abundant life to Eustace's life?

What specific steps would you suggest for Eustace?