

Real World Skit

Two students discuss what repentance looks like.

Student 1: I can't believe my parents aren't letting me go to the birthday sleepover at Jessica's house this weekend!

Student 2: I'm not going either.

Student 1: But I don't get why my parents are making such a big deal about this party. I was allowed to go to Brittany's party last month.

Student 2: My parents know that Jessica's mom and dad aren't Christians, and the movies and games they have planned aren't the best choices. Is that what your parents are concerned about, too?

Student 1: *(huffing, frustrated)* Yeah, but they don't get what kids are into now. They're so old fashioned! Now we're BOTH going to miss out on the party that everyone will be talking about. Did you know they're going to watch the newest horror movie?

Student 2: *(shuddering)* Ugh. I don't like scary movies. Plus, I heard that movie has lots of bad language in it.

Student 1: I just don't want to miss out. But I can't seem to change my parents' minds. I yelled at my mom and refused to talk to my dad for two days, but nothing is working!

Student 2: Whoa! I think you may be taking this party too far if you're acting that way.

Student 1: *(shrugging)* It doesn't matter as long as I get my way in the end.

Student 2: *(frowning)* It DOES matter how you act because you're a Christian, right?

Student 1: Yeah, so?

Student 2: So we should be trying to be more like Jesus every day. That means obeying his commands.

Student 1: *(rolling eyes)* What command am I disobeying? "Thou shalt not attend birthday parties"?

Student 2: I was thinking of "Honor your father and your mother."

Student 1: Oh, well, that's from the Old Testament, so it doesn't matter today.

Student 2: The Ten Commandments are in the Old Testament, but the same commands are also in the New Testament. Remember our memory verse from Ephesians 6, “Children obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right”?

Student 1: Yeah, I remember. But, can’t I disagree with my parents?

Student 2: We may disagree with them, but God has put our parents in charge over us. It’s our job to obey, even when we don’t understand or don’t like it.

Student 1: You mean God actually cares about how I act toward my mom and dad?

Student 2: Yes! There are even warnings in the Bible for rebellious children. God takes it seriously!

Student 1: (*looking sad*) I guess I never thought about it that way. I have been pretty terrible at home.

Student 2: Recognizing that you’ve sinned is the first step of repentance. Now you need to confess it to God and ask forgiveness from your parents.

Student 1: Can’t I just tell God I’m really sorry for how I’ve been acting?

Student 2: If you’re really sorry, you’ll want to change and make things right with your parents, too.

Student 1: I have a knot in my stomach just thinking about it!

Student 2: I know it’s hard, but you’ll feel so much better when you do. And you’ll have a clean conscience.

Student 1: (*taking a deep breath*) You’re right. I’ve been miserable—and probably made everyone else miserable. I need to stop acting this way when I don’t get the things I want.

Student 2: That’s great that you want to change!

Student 1: Thanks for showing me what God says about obedience. I’ve really messed up.

Student 2: God will forgive you, and so will your parents. It’s more important to be right with God and our family than to attend a party. Hey—we should plan our own movie night with our families!

Student 1: That would be fun! I’ll see what my parents think—after I apologize. Call ya later!

Student 2: Sounds good, bye!