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"Blood In, Blood Out" The Mentalist

Media Information

Season: 2
Episode: 14
Year Aired: 2010

Description

In this TV drama about a mentalist-turned-consultant for the police, this episode focuses on Agent Cho, who's contacted about the murder of David, a member of a gang of which Cho also used to belong. Despite early presumptions that David had merely returned to gang life, the investigation discovers that he had actually gone straight and was killed for refusing to commit a crime. The end of the episode reveals that David had tried to contact Cho, who ignored him thinking he hadn't changed. The episode ends with Cho poignantly asking David's grandmother's forgiveness.

Faith Connection

This episode provides two connections to our faith. The first should be fairly obvious: the need to ask forgiveness. As sinful humans who do wrong to others, we all need to be ready and willing to ask forgiveness, of those we wrong as well as God. Agent Cho has to ask the forgiveness of David's grandmother, at base because he didn't believe that people could change. And here's the second faith connection: as Catholic Christians we believe that people can in fact change, that our character is not set in stone. Instead we believe that God's grace can heal us, having the power to change us for the better. We call such change conversion, literally a turning toward God, toward the good. Clearly David had experienced such a conversion in leaving gang life (as had Cho himself). Cho experiences a conversion himself in the need to believe in others and so asked forgiveness for not doing so which resulted in harm.

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Scripture:

Acts 9:1-19
Matthew 18:21-22

Catechism:

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Discussion Questions

1. Do you believe people can change? Why?
2. Have you ever been given a second chance?
3. Have you ever had the opportunity to give someone a second chance? Did you? Why?
4. How readily do you admit to being wrong?
5. Have you taken the time to ask forgiveness of someone you've wronged?

