



Pop goes CATHOLICISM Resource Sheet

"Funk" Glee

Media Information

Season: 1
Episode: 21
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Description

This TV show tells the stories of a high school glee club. In this episode, prior to their regionals showdown, a rival club shows up in their own gym & performs in order to psych them out. It works, sending all the kids into a deep funk. Their teacher, recently divorced Mr. Schuster, is also in a funk. Both the kids and teacher try revenge to get out of their funk (the kids through a destructive prank, Mr. Schu through humiliating a rival teacher). Neither work. They only get out of their funk by not worrying about hurting another but by doing what makes themselves feel better: being good.

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Scripture:

Luke 6:32-36
Matthew 5:38-42

Catechism:

#1825
#2844

Faith Connection

We've all heard that we're called to be saints. Most of us dismiss it out of hand as a silly impossibility; we're just not that good. And yet, the actual canonized saints weren't that good themselves; they're just remembered for the good they strove to do, for being the best version of themselves they could manage. And that's what we can do. In this episode, both the teacher and kids only get out of their funk by being their best selves, not by lowering themselves to revenge. In the case of the kids focussing on their own strengths and abilities (pulling off a funk number, something their rivals have never done) brings them out of their funk. In the case of the teacher, helping his rival (in order to help the kids who depend on her) helps him. In other words, meeting sin with sin never works. Meeting hurt done to us with goodness, with the best version of ourselves that strives to excel without concern for others and that helps others despite the hurt done to us, draws us out of darkness into light, confidence, and well... glee!

Discussion Questions

1. How do you respond when you're hurt?
2. Do you worry too much about what others think about you? Why?
3. Have you ever taken revenge? Did it help? Why?
4. Consider: holiness is being our best self. Thoughts?
5. How do you feel about the idea that God expects you to be a saint? To make the world better?

