



Pop goes CATHOLICISM Resource Sheet

The Karate Kid (2010)

(2 of 3: Finally Fixed Something)

Media Information

Rating:

PG

Year:

2010

Director:

Harald Zwart

Stars:

Jaden Smith
Jackie Chan

Clip Description

Timing: 1:36:00-1:43:40

Movie Description:
After moving to China, a boy is beaten and bullied. His maintenance man Mr. Han agrees to train him in Kung Fu to fight the bullies in a tournament, rather than in the street.

Clip Description:
Dre walks into Mr. Han destroying the car he's been restoring, the car in which his family was killed.

Faith Connection

Mr. Han's guilt over arguing and being angry when losing control of the car in which his family was killed gets replayed each year. And yet, in this loop of grief "every year, I fix a car; still fix nothing." Dre stays with Mr. Han in his pain and then seems to pull him out of it through their training; Dre uses their connection, both literal (using poles to join their arms together) and figurative (in sharing each others' lives and pains), to show him that this year he did in fact fix something, Dre himself. Likewise, our faith calls us to connect and heal others' pains, not denying them or avoiding them but walking with another through them. Jesus healed the spirit first, then the body. Jesus not only walked with our pain and sorrows but took them upon himself in his offering on the cross. Jesus calls us to act as he did, as Dre did, to walk into pain and suffering trusting that things can be made better, even if just by being there.

Discussion Questions

1. Do you avoid pain and sorrow at all costs?
2. How do you handle the pain of others in your life?
3. Do you believe that merely being present with someone can be healing?
4. How have you been helped when suffering?
5. About what have you ever grieved? Do you feel healed of that grief? What would help you to?

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