



Pop goes CATHOLICISM Resource Sheet

Grown Ups

Media Information

Rating: **PG-13**
Year: 2010
Director: Dennis Dugan
Stars: Adam Sandler
Kevin James

Description

Timing: 1:32:00-1:35:02

Movie Description:

A group of men who played basketball together as boys gather for their coach's funeral and spend Fourth of July weekend together with their families.

Clip Description:

Lenny and his son play against the original team's rival and his son, losing by a basket when Lenny missed a bank shot, which his wife then asks him about.

Faith Connection

Anyone who's even a little familiar with Christianity knows that Jesus teaches we should love our enemy. And yet, many don't really understand what that means. Some believe this admonition means that we have to have warm fuzzy feelings about everyone; that's absurd. To love our enemy refers to exercising charity, a virtue exercised through an act of will, not feelings. Suspicious, Roxanne says: "I thought you never missed the bank shot." Lenny replies: "Yeah, well, I thought that the Baileys needed to learn how to win every once in a while and that we Feders needed to learn how to lose." In other words, he doesn't magically like the Baileys, his enemy, but does wish good for them (aka love them). Moreover, he loves his son enough to allow him to experience losing since good things (like humility and the value of working at something) come from that experience. Our job as Catholics isn't to like everyone, but love them.

Discussion Questions

1. What do you think about when you hear the word "love"?
2. How well do you separate your feelings from your decisions?
3. What would help you to love (will the good of) those you don't like, your 'enemies'?
4. How might God help you?

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