

23. WHO IS DADDY?

SCENE WITH JAMIE AND REBECCA WALKING BACK TO THE DORM, FROM THE CAMPFIRE, WHERE THEY ARE BUNKING. STUDENTS WALKING TO DORMS IN THE BACKGROUND.

JAMIE: (TO REBECCA)
Hey, can I ask you something?

REBECCA:
Sure, anything.

JAMIE: (FEELING A LITTLE SHY)
When you prayed...

REBECCA:

YEAH?

JAMIE: (TIMID)
You prayed to your daddy? I thought you were supposed to pray to God?

REBECCA: (STOPS WALKING AND SITS DOWN ON A BENCH. JAMIE STANDS)

Yeah. Well, here's the thing. God, he is our Father, like He made all things, and He made me. But there is more to it than that. (Jamie sits on the bench beside Rebecca)
You see. God loves us so much that He sent his Son Jesus of Nazareth; the son of Mary and Joseph, and he was betrayed, beaten, and was crucified...

JAMIE: (CONFUSED)
What? Crucified? Like killed? Someone killed Him?

REBECCA:
Yes, God sent his Son to earth to show us a new way of life, the way He intended for us to live through Jesus Christ. But He knew that the only way to bring us home was to die us...

JAMIE: (TRYING TO UNDERSTAND)
So God, sends his son to earth as a human? He lives and dies for us? And how do you go from that to calling him your daddy?

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REBECCA: (EXCITED ABOUT THE CONVERSATION)

That's the best part! He dies for us so we can be presented blameless before the father, and that when we accept Jesus as the atonement for our sin we become a sister to Jesus, a daughter of the king!

JAMIE: (EXCITED BUT STILL PUZZLED)
Wait, this Jesus is dead though? Someone killed the son of God?

REBECCA: (VERY EXCITED)
Yeah, but God couldn't let Jesus stay in the grave. After Jesus was dead 3 days, he rose from the grave! Jesus was no longer dead! And a lot of people witnessed this, I mean A LOT!

JAMIE: (OVERCOME BY THE STORY)
So, God becomes daddy, and I become His daughter.

REBECCA: (SMILING)
Yep! And he is one awesome daddy!

JAMIE: (BECOMING EMOTIONAL)
But I'd fail Him. Just like I failed my dad... (Pause, Rebecca looks confused) I would never live up to God as His daughter. I can't even live up to my parents now.

REBECCA: (CONCERNED)
Jamie, do you know what Grace is?

JAMIE: (LIGHTLY CRYING)
No, what is grace?

REBECCA:
You have done things, things that deserve punishment. We all have. We make stupid decisions, and we miss the mark. Grace is when we deserve a punishment but the judge lets us off. Grace is the love that exists for us even when we fail.

JAMIE: (LONGING FOR GRACE)
I wish I had that now. (Begins to cry harder) It's my fault my
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JAMIE: (LONGING FOR GRACE) (cont'd)
brother is dead. How can God
forgive me of that? He would still
be alive if I would have just
listened to my parents.

REBECCA:
Jamie, God loves you and wants you
to know that. Whatever happened
with your brother has been
forgiven. You just have to accept
it, God is giving you grace now,
you just need to take it.

JAMIE: (CRYING)
I want that, how do I get it?

REBECCA: (TAKING JAMIE'S HAND)
Just pray with me.

Fade.