



## Everybody Sins - Even Mommies and Daddies

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### TODAY'S READING: Romans 3

My three-year-old, Jackson, helped me write this devotion in the car ride the other morning. I do not know which specific conversation he was referring to, but I think he is learning the right concepts from us. We talk about sin in our house and how sin is not obeying or doing things God would not like us to do, etc. Here is how the conversation started. "Daddy, I stand in the corner sometimes when I sin." I said, "Yes, buddy, you do. Everyone sins sometimes." He said, "I know you and mommy sin sometimes and need to stand in the corner, too." I said, "Buddy, adults don't stand in the corner." He said, "I told mommy to when she sins." Jackson then tried to remind me of a time he thinks his mom sinned and he sent her to the corner. The details were a little off, and my wife probably did not sin when he thought she did, but he understands the concept that we all sin.

Why is it that my three-year-old gets that concept, but somewhere along the line we begin to think we are good and do not sin anymore? Romans 3:10 says it this way, "*None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God.*" If that did not clear it up, Romans 3:23 does, "*for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.*" My three-year-old is right--none of us is good, righteous or capable of making it to heaven on our own. Romans 3:24-25 helps clarify that it is through grace as a gift through redemption in Christ. It is by Christ's blood and to be received by faith. My son has a while to go before he can understand repentance and propitiation. But we understand that we are sinful human beings and the only way we have access to God is through the blood of Jesus Christ and his death, burial and resurrection. We understand daily that the fight we have with sin proves to us, even as believers, we will never be perfect while here on earth. I hope for me and for you when we sin, which we will, we remember and appreciate Christ's sacrifice for us. The older I get, the more sinful I realize I am. Even though outward sins may be being sanctified, I still have the struggle with my heart and my own selfishness. Kids bring that out and put on full display how selfish we are. I want to relax or just be quiet sometimes, and they do not seem to want the same thing--in comes frustration.

I think often when my kids lose their minds crying over something they want right now, is this how I treat God? I am trying to help them. Sometimes I am in the process of warming the bottle for my youngest, Eli, who is one, and he is looking at me screaming as if he might starve. My goal is to help him with his quivering lip and full body cry. I wonder sometimes if God is looking down at me when I sin and do not trust His timing in the same way I look at Eli when I am trying to help him. If anyone ever questions original sin and our sinfulness just look at your kids. You did not teach them to sin, but they are showing sin nature on full display.

**PRAYER:** God, help me realize I am a sinner and for that to motivate my worship of You. Help me worship You more because I realize how sinful I am and need Your grace. Help me love

You and trust You in life.

**TOMORROW'S READING:** Weekend is for catch-up and review.

**MONDY'S READING:** Romans 4

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