

This is the Day...Wednesday

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The Great Cover Up

“Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.” (Proverbs 28:13)

Both my mom and dad have been residing with Jesus in heaven for several years now. I am confident that they are at total peace with their Savior. I am also confident that they are receiving a special reward for all the pain and suffering they endured as the parents of four boys. I am sure there were days that we pushed them to their limit. I am sure they did everything possible to teach us right from wrong and make the expectations very clear. During the summer months when we were out of school, Mom always gave us a ten-minute lecture on all the things we should not do while she was at work. Things like tying each other up or building a fire or climbing on the roof of the house. In spite of Mom’s directions, it seemed like something was broken every day when she came home. I remember one specific day when I was seven or eight years old, as Mom was leaving for work, she commanded with a stern voice, “If I come home to something else broken, everyone in the house is going to get punished!” My plan was to be very careful that day. Who knew that it would only take me fifteen minutes to disobey Mom!

One of my brothers had recently purchased a Yo-Yo and loaned it to me. I quickly got the hang of releasing the Yo-Yo down and watching it come back up into my hand. After a few minutes, I decided I had mastered the Yo-Yo and should learn to do some new tricks. So, I released the Yo-Yo horizontally to see if I could get it to fly back to my hand. That’s when something went terribly wrong. The Yo-Yo came flying back too quickly for me to catch. It flew past my hand and hit square in the middle of a framed picture of Mom and Dad sitting on the end table. The impact cracked the glass from corner to corner. In a matter of minutes, I had disobeyed Mom and caused us all to receive punishment when she came home. That is when I decided it would be better to hide my sin instead of confessing it. I moved the frame behind the lamp on the table so that the crack could not be seen. No one would ever notice that, right?

Every day, you and I must choose to cover up our sins or confess them. If we simply cover them up, they continue on in our lives. They can rob you of joy and peace in your life. If we choose to confess them, Jesus does not just cover them up. Through the work of the cross, Jesus removes them. Jesus takes them away as though they had never happened.

Several weeks after I broke the frame, I noticed that the picture frame was back in place on the table with a new glass in the frame. I never confessed that sin to my mom, but I am sure she knows about it now. On this day which God has given you, don’t carry the burden of sin with you. Don’t try to hide it from God. Jesus came and died for that sin. Confess and watch as Jesus carries them away.