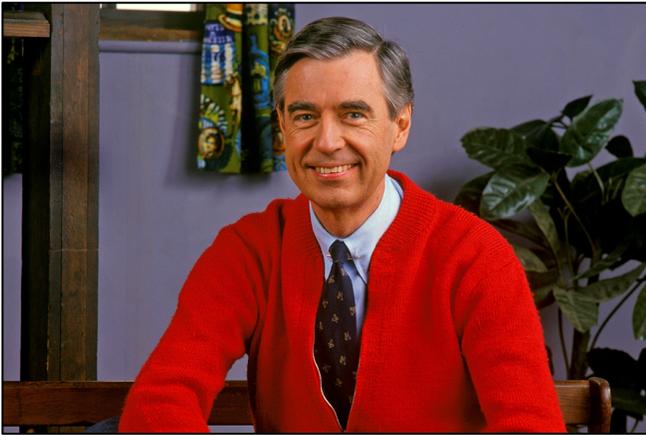


Finding Jesus' Light in the Media

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Movie: **A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood**

Questions:

What do you first notice about the way Mr. Rogers talks and listens to people?

Why was Lloyd so angry?

Why does Mr. Rogers frustrate Lloyd?

What is unique about the way Mr. Rogers deals with anger?

What is unique about the way Mr. Rogers prays?

What does Lloyd learn from Mr. Rogers that changes his relationship with his own dad?

What does Mr. Rogers ask Lloyd's dad to do? Why is Lloyd shocked by that?

Bible Connection:

Read the story of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10:25-37.

Why does everyone pass by the man who is hurt?

What makes the Samaritan unique?

How is Mr. Rogers more like the Samaritan?

What can you do to help people even while you are at home?

Pastor Will's Thoughts

It was Friday night, which is movie night in my house. It was one of the few nights that felt normal in this wilderness season. We had popcorn and M & M's and watched this movie. I was immediately taken back to my childhood. I shared with the kids how I used to watch Mr. Rogers all the time, and it was such a source of comfort to me in the crazy world. I remember when I found out that Mr. Rogers was a pastor. It probably had something to do with my heart's desire to be a pastor.

There were two powerful parts of this movie that stood out for me. The first was how Mr. Rogers dealt with his anger. It's okay to be angry. Something in our life will always make us angry, but

we must deal with that emotion. Right now there are many people angry about being locked in their homes, and talking about how do deal with that anger is key.

The second powerful thing about this movie for me was how Mr. Rogers prayed. I was struck by how he prayed for individuals. He had a way of praying for those in his life right at that moment. Some people make a list, some think through their day and who they talked to and then pray for them, but the lesson here is stopping and being aware of people in the moment.

I see Jesus' light in Mr. Rogers. He had his unique way of loving people in this world. It is funny, in the movie Mr. Rogers bothered the TV producers, but he impacted tons of kids, including your pastor. I pray you have a great movie night!