

**Introduction** – Garbage Pail Kids

**Growth Changes Everything**

**LAST WEEK**

*“Men like you can never change.”*

1 Thessalonians 4:3

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Grace to SAVE

*Romans 3:9-12, 22-26*

Grace to SANCTIFY

*Romans 6:1-23*

**Today’s Message:**

**Week 2 of 3 - GCE in Relationships:  
Individual Health for Communal Growth**

**THIS WEEK**

Garbage Pail Kids in your small group

An aversion to living out the gospel within small group community can be symptomatic of \_\_\_\_\_.

**The story of the apostle Peter**

- Mark 3:13-16
- Matthew 16:13-18
- Matthew 20:20-28
- John 13:1-8
- Acts 2:22-24, 36-38, 42-47

**In short: Hebrews 3:12-14**

**Stories of living out the gospel in Hope community - [smallgroups@hopecc.com](mailto:smallgroups@hopecc.com)**

**Gospel Application** –

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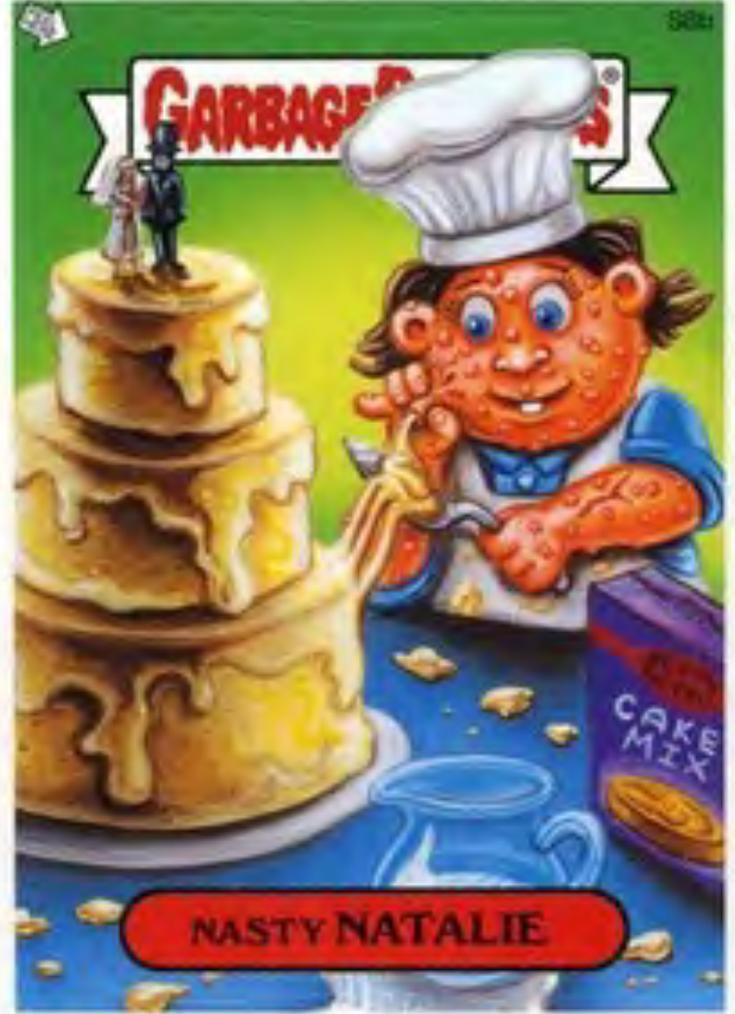
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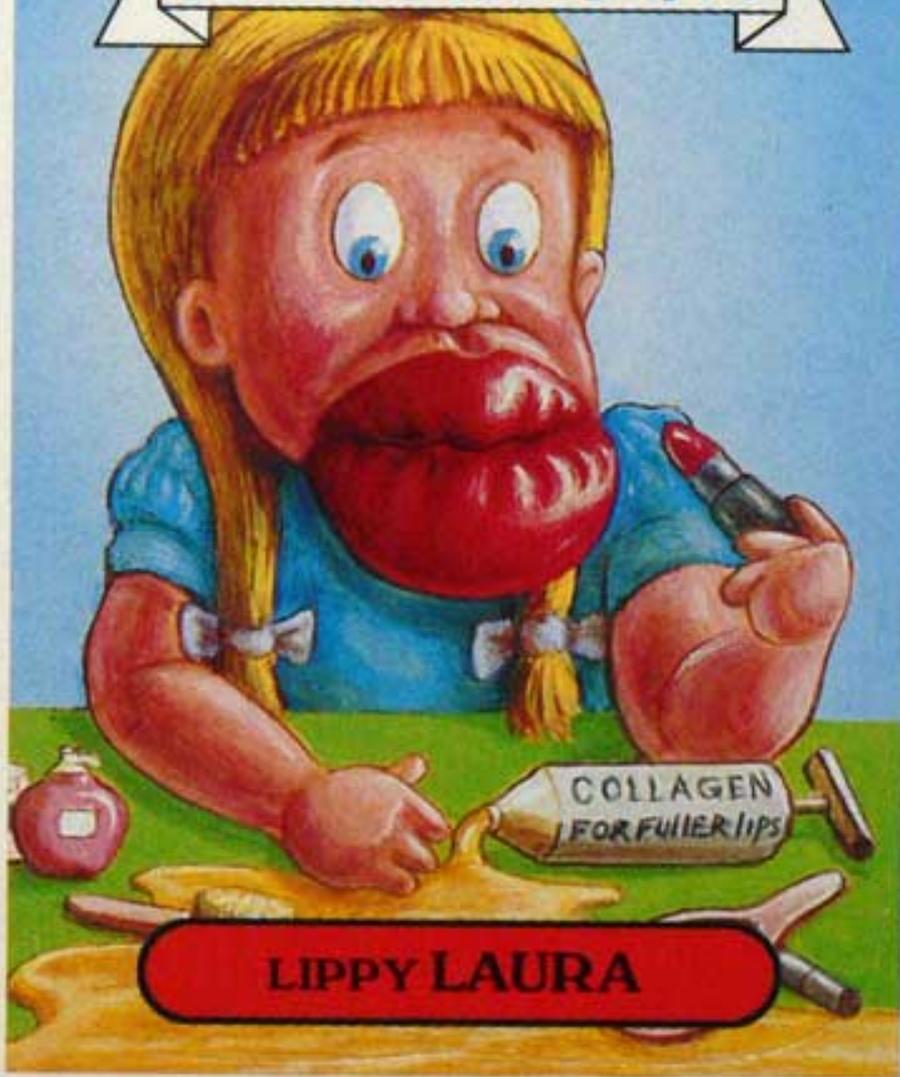


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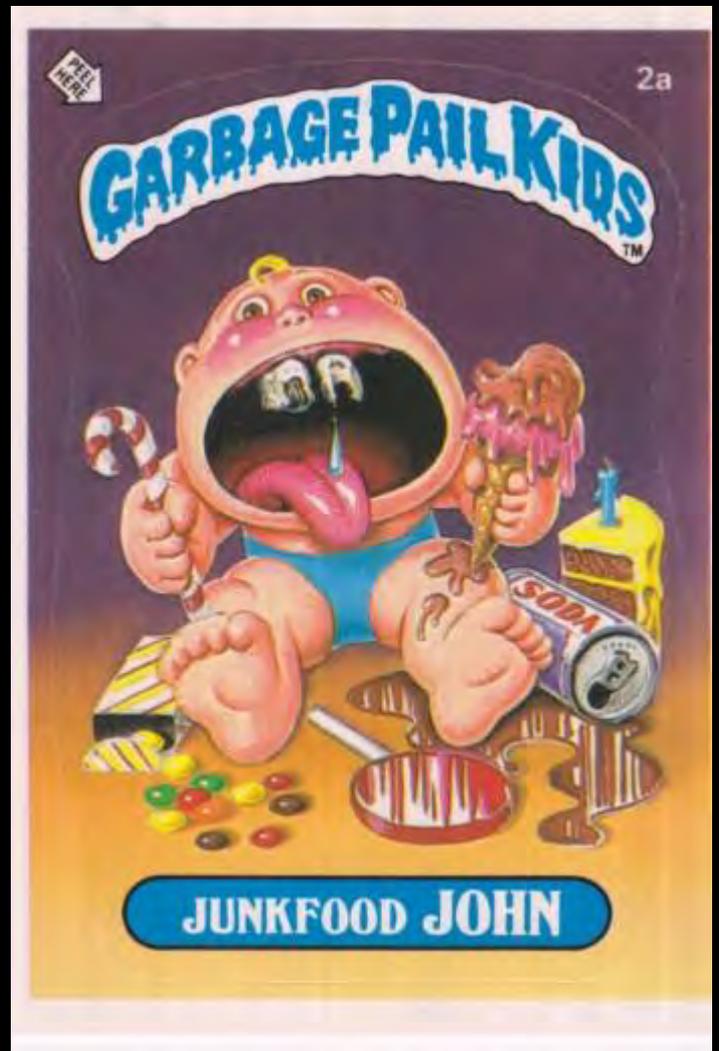
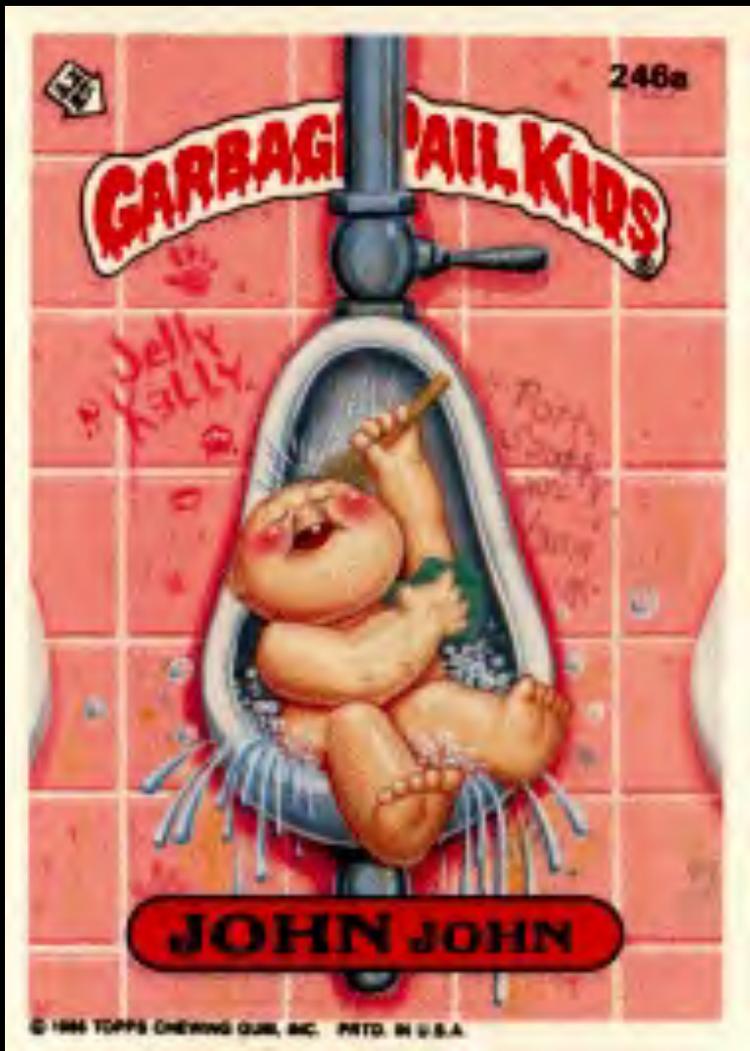


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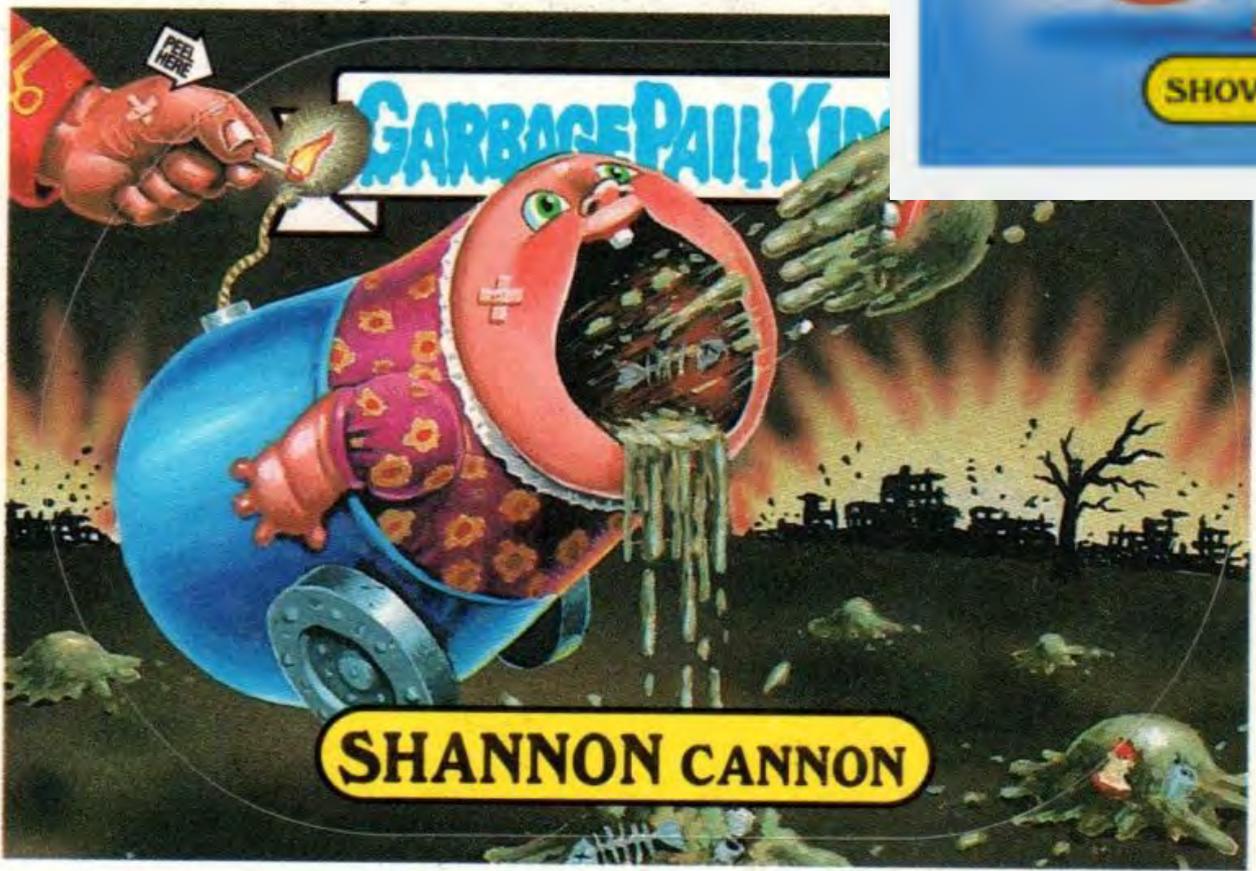
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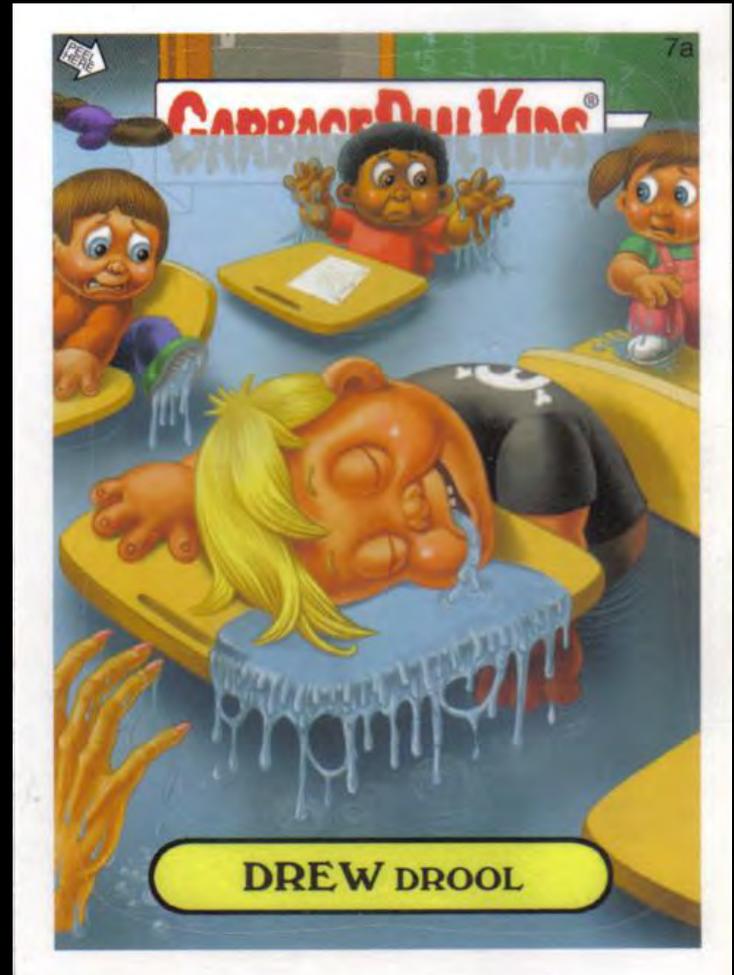
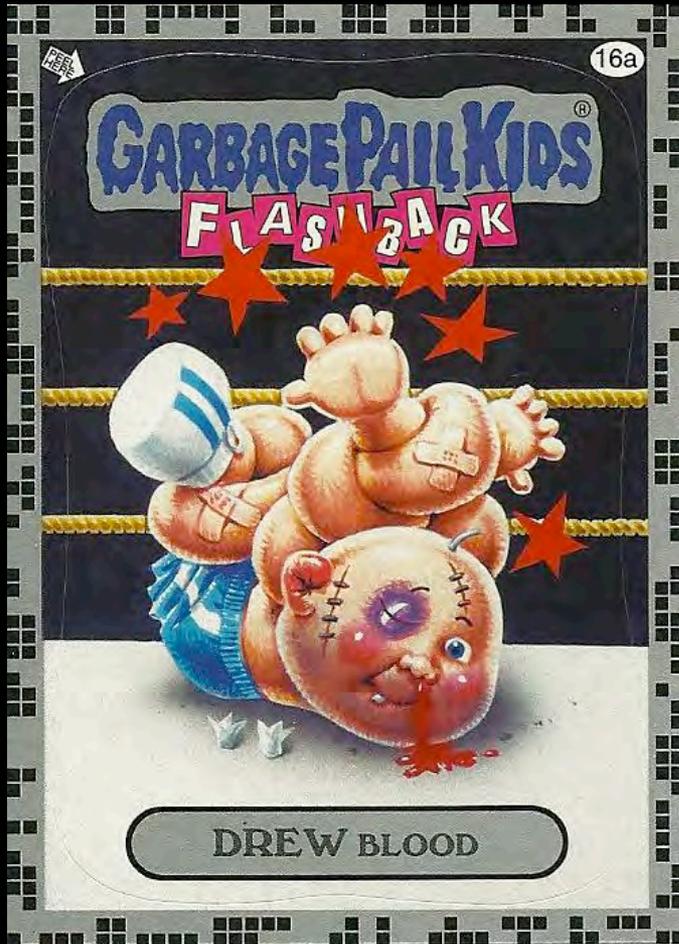
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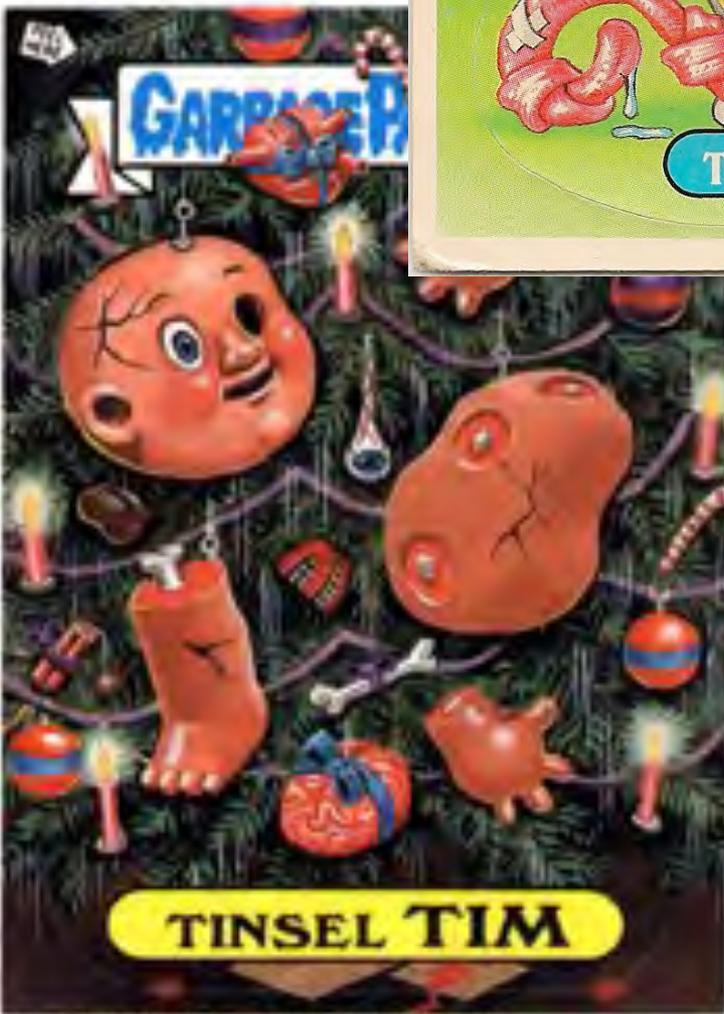
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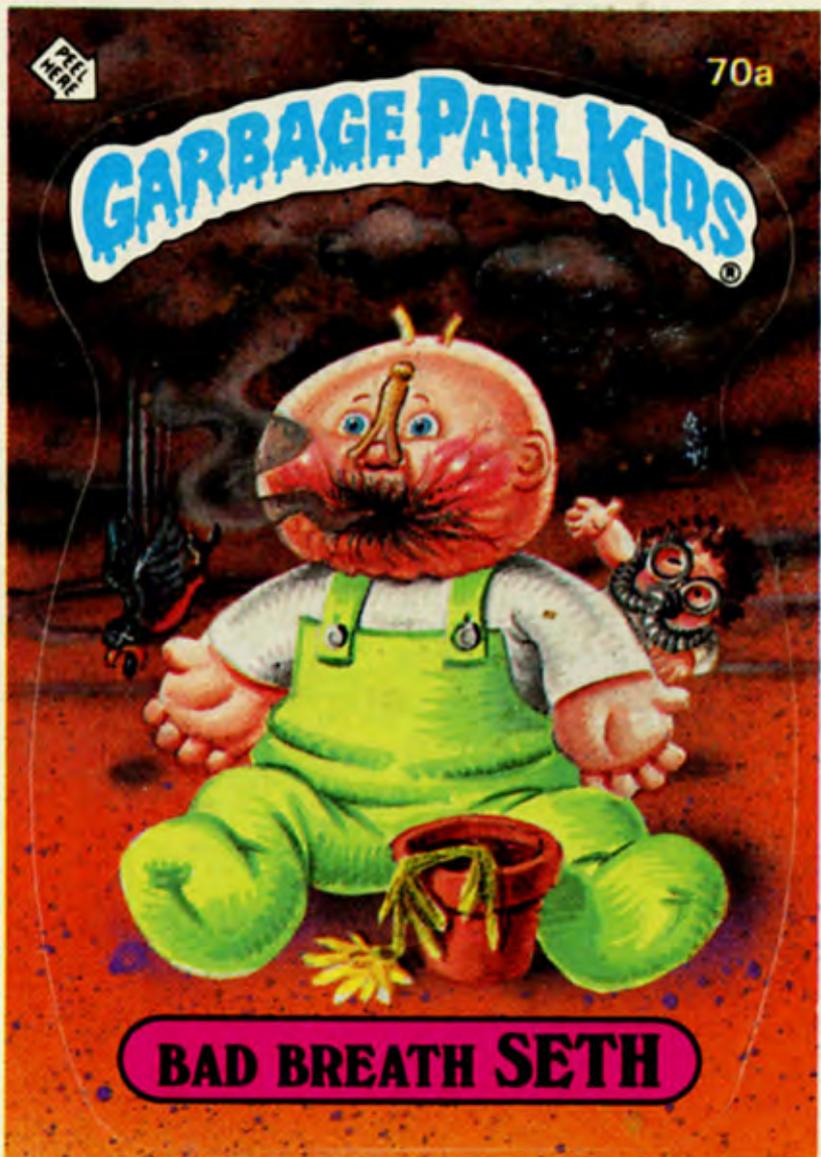


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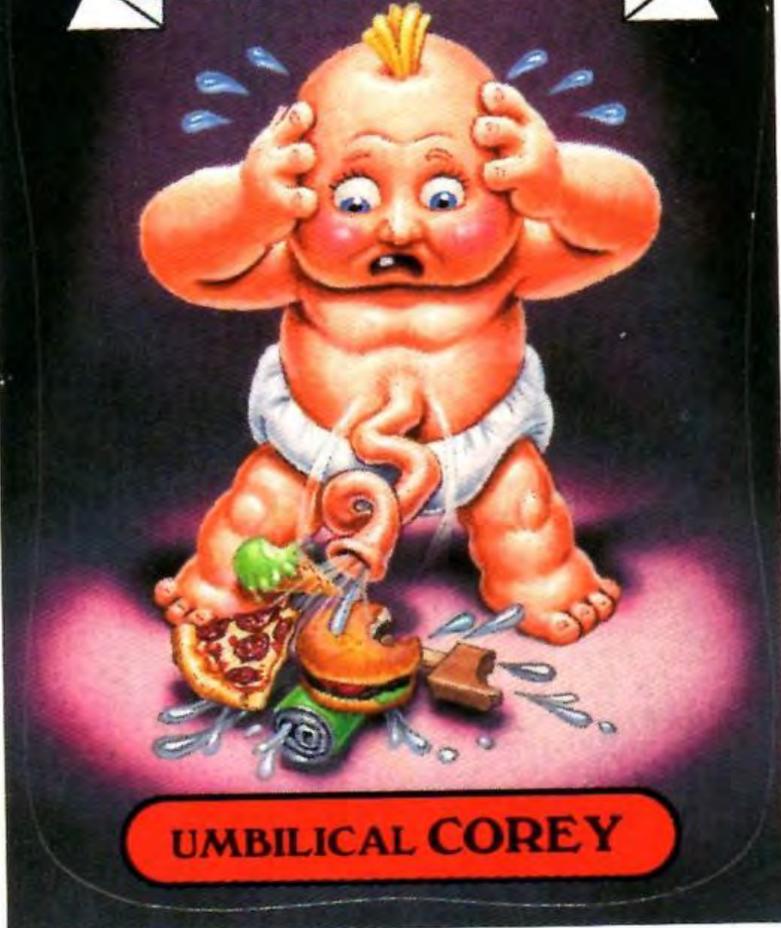


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# The Confrontation

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You must think me mad!  
I've hunted you across the years  
Men like you can never change  
A man such as you.

# God's "resolution" for you

## 1 Thessalonians 4:3

For this is the will of God, your sanctification

“Sanctification is a progressive work of God and people that makes us more and more free from sin and like Christ in our actual lives.”

~Wayne Grudem

What shall we say *then*?

GRACE TO SAVE

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# God's will: your sanctification

**THE Truth**

**Romans 6:1-23**

**14** For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

**“Men like you can never change.”**

**Really?**

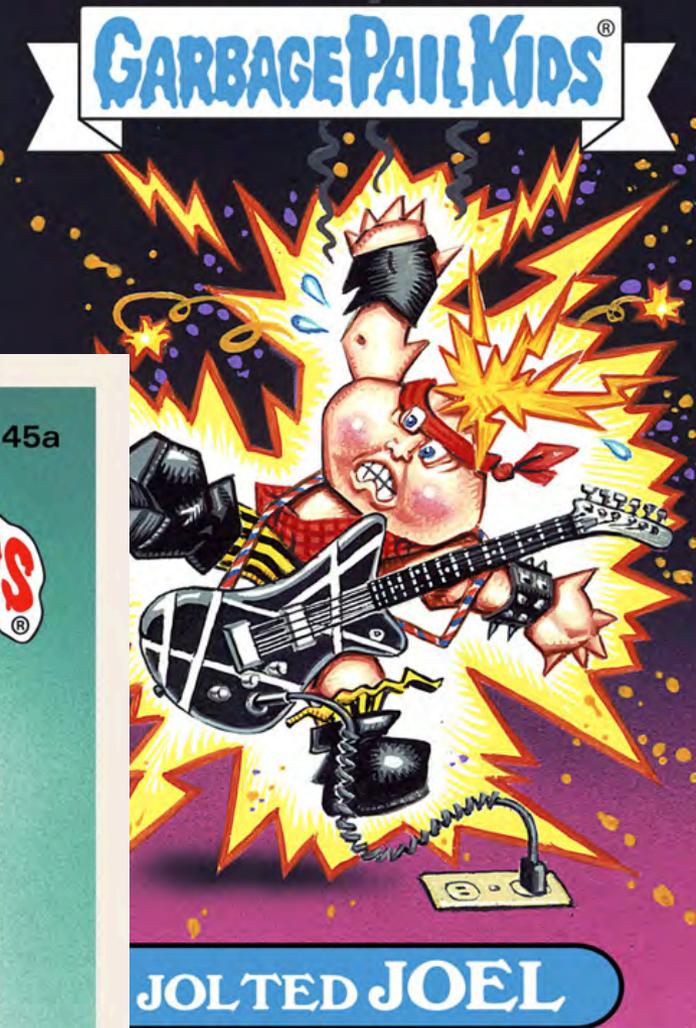
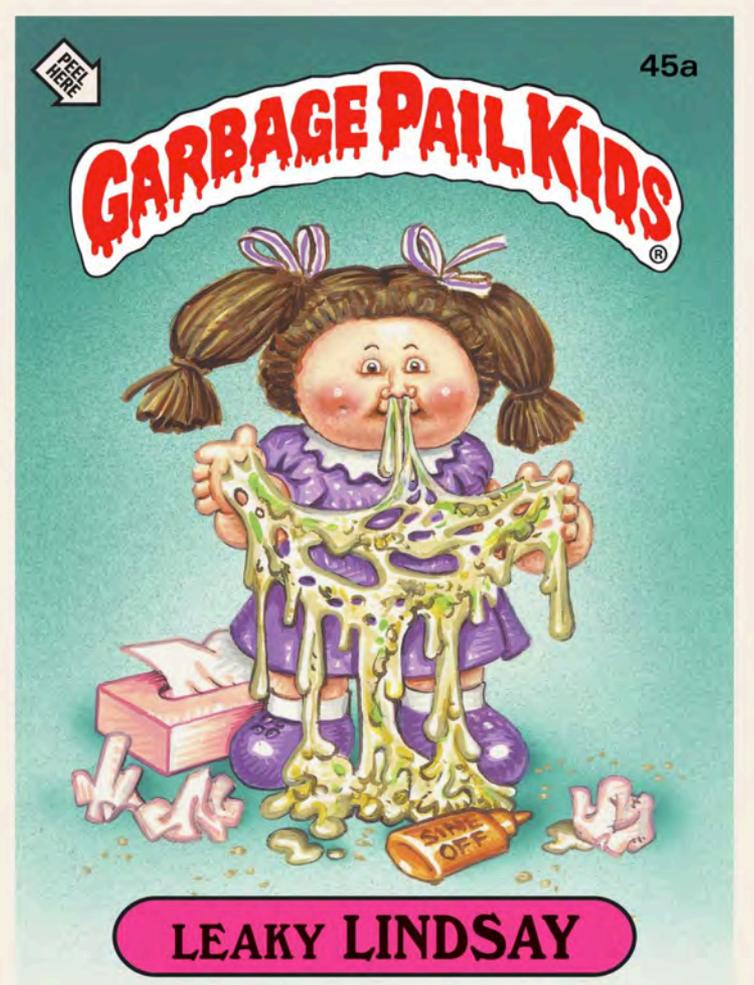
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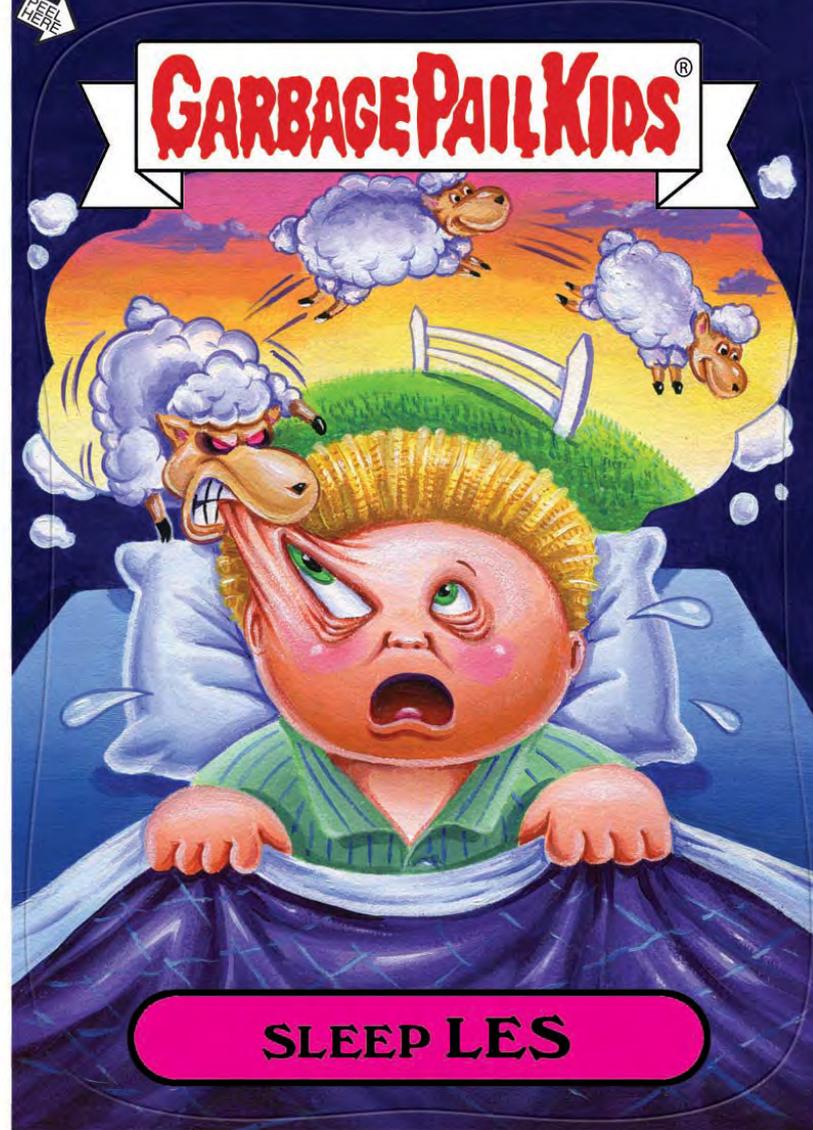
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Internal Growth for External Change**

**Week 2 - Growth Changes Everything in Relationships:  
Individual Growth for Communal Health**

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Church Growth for City Impact**









# Living out the gospel in community

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## The Request

### Matthew 20:20-28

**20** Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came up to him with her sons, and kneeling before him she asked him for something. **21** And he said to her, "What do you want?" She said to him, "Say that these two sons of mine are to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom." **22** Jesus answered, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am to drink?" They said to him, "We are able."

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## The Answer

### Matthew 20:20-28

23 He said to them, “You will drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father.” 24 And when the ten heard it, they were indignant at the two brothers.

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## The Teaching Matthew 20:20-28

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Loving them to the end

John 13:1-8

1 Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

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2 During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him,  
3 Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, 4 rose from supper.

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He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. 5 Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

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Jesus answered him, “If I do not wash you, you have no share with me.”

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Acts 2:22-24

22 “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know — 23 this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. 24 God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it...

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37 Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” 38 And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

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## Acts 2:42-47

42 And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. 43 And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. 44 And all who believed were together and had all things in common.

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## Acts 2:42-47

45 And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46 And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

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## Story #1

*A girl in our small group moved to mpls after her undergrad with two of her friends from college. These two relationship became unhealthy and discouraging.*

*This fall she joined our small group and God has quickly connected her to the group along with gospel friends to replace these old friendships that had fallen through. Even last week she recalled how faithful God has been and encouraging our small group has been for her.*

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## Story #2

*There are a couple of guys in our group that are struggling a bit. On Sunday, I met with one of them, while another guy was meeting with the other struggling member. Later on that night, we were all talking about how life can really suck sometimes, but it's an unspeakable comfort to know that we're all walking together, through the good and the bad.*

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## Story #3

*I had just left a program that God used to change my inner-most being, I felt like my friends were being ripped out of my hands left and right. I was no longer spending hours upon hours with LDers who I really learned to trust and because I had changed so much over the course of the year, I felt like I couldn't relate to any of my college friends any more. I was lonely...I was hurting. I was questioning God's plan for me. I could not find joy in anything. I felt like God didn't care.*

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## Story #3

*I remember sharing these things with a close friend of mine. I remember saying that I just needed to be around people who get me, who understand my hurts and sorrows and rejoice with me in my joy. I needed to be around people again who pushed me toward God when I didn't want anything to do with Him. I needed people to preach the Gospel to me in moments that I felt like one didn't exist. I started praying for this to happen. I started praying for a spiritual family to form. I started praying that God would show Himself off to me by creating a group of gospel friends that I could be apart of.*

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## Story #3

*And guess what happened?! God started working. He tirelessly pursued me to no ends by bringing people to me who have felt similar attacks, who were or had gone through similar transitions, or who also just needed a Gospel friend out of me. He lined up an amazing group of individuals who were strangers the first night of small group in October who have turned into that spiritual family who I prayed I would find.*

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## Story #3

*The people in my small group are a group of complicated individuals who deal with sin and hurt and a thousand other struggles, but they are people who are committed to fight sin, who are willing to address hurt, and who want the Gospel to be the answer and Jesus to be the hero in every situation.*

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