Romans 1:18-2:4

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Justice and Mercy Kiss

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Introduction: Angry Softball Coach

Key Question: Is God’s wrath just, or is it just petty rage?

Key Thought: We must understand God’s wrath to trust His heart.

I.                    The Basis of God’s judgment:  Suppression of Truth (v1:18)

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a.       Explanation: Suppression hides salvation (v1:16-17)

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b.      Objection: What if I don’t know about God’s truth?

Paul’s Answer:

1.       God’s truth is plain through general revelation (v1:19-20)

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2.       General revelation reveals God’s power and nature (v1:20)

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c.       Evasion: worshiping creature over creator (v1:21-23)

 (v1:21-23)

d.      Consequences:

1.       Impure Lusts

2.       Dishonorable Passions

3.       Debased Mind

II.                  The baselessness of human judgement

a.       We all have no human excuse (v2:1)

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b.      We all have no human escape (v2:2-3)

 (v2:2-3)

III.                The purpose of God’s kindness

a.       Not a presume upon God’s patience (2:4a)

 (2:4a)

b.      But to repent because of God’s kindness (2:4b)

 (2:4b)