

Sunday, April 25
I am Second

UNLIKELY FRIENDS - Michael is a former neo-nazi whose life was defined by rejection and hate. Tiffany is an African-American probation officer assigned to his case. Here they sit down to talk about the day that Tiffany came to Michael's house, knowing who he was on paper – his record, and the symbols of hate on his walls and his skin – but open to the possibility of a life transformed, ready to work for radical change. “Can I ask you a serious question?” Michael asks. Tiffany nods. “Why did you believe in me so much? Why did you keep coming back? Why did you want to help me to change?...The things I did in my past, the people I've hurt...How can you love somebody like that? How can somebody respect me, accept me with the things I did? That's why I had all that hate in me, because who would want me?” These are difficult questions, but Tiffany doesn't hesitate. She gives her answer, calm and sure. “God,” she says.

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NO LONGER A MISFIT - As a child, hip hop artist Lecrae's world was void of good role models. Growing up with a single mom, he would watch rap videos at his grandmother's house and developed an ability to rap himself. Yet he wrestled with insignificance, having never met his father and enduring a life of abuse and neglect. He sought to fill that void by surrounding himself with gangsters. Before long, Lecrae was embroiled in a world filled with drugs, theft, alcohol, and gang activity. Little did he know that his view on life would soon be jolted, opening his eyes to the one who valued his life as significant. The one who cared enough to die for him. The one who is behind his music.

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DOING WHAT IS UNEXPECTED - Everyone knew Chaz Smith because everyone knew Chaz's father, professional basketball player, Charles Smith. After a stand-out college career, a decade in the NBA, and winning an Olympic gold medal his father had made a name for himself in the world of sports. But Chaz never wanted to play basketball. He wondered if he had value and worth outside of basketball or the shadow of his father's fame. "Am I good enough," was the question that constantly plagued Chaz's mind. Various struggles, including an addiction to porn only made this doubt more dire. But a chance encounter in middle school would show him that God had something planned for his life, a plan that has now brought joy to millions across the internet.

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TO THINK ABOUT -

- In summary, to "become Second" means to decide to put God and others first in your life, to make Jesus your first priority and to follow his example when He says to love those around you.
- We seek significance and affirmation of our worthiness. Most of us think, if there is a God I have to earn his approval. And even when we know that we don't have to perform or be perfect in order for him to love us, we have a hard time holding that truth in our hearts.
- Letting go of living first is perpetual work in progress. Will you help others to Jesus in compelling ways through telling your story?