

"PUNISHMENT MADE EASY"

A Skit by Greg Beastron

INT. Living room - day

MOM is busy cleaning house as SUZY, her daughter enters.

SUZY

Hi mom. I'm home from school.

MOM

Hi sweetheart. How was your day?

SUZY

Oh great. I spent the entire day in detention.

MOM

Detention? What did you do?

SUZY

I cheated on a test by looking at Lisa's paper.

MOM

Test? I didn't know you had a test today?

SUZY

Oh, it wasn't today. It was back in the 3rd grade.

MOM

So you're serving detention for something you did in the 3rd grade?

SUZY

Yeah. That's right. Oh, I forgot. I'm also performing community service.

MOM

Community service? For what?!

SUZY

Well, when I was eight, I trespassed onto government property. I guess I'll be picking up trash on the side of the highways for the next 3 years.

MOM

But you were eight years old!

SUZY

Yeah, and I've felt bad about it ever since.

MOM

Okay, whatever. Well go get ready. Dad's taking us all out to dinner tonight.

SUZY

Oooh, I can't.

MOM

Why?

SUZY

I've got to stand in the corner for a few hours and then go to bed without supper.

MOM

What're you talking about?

SUZY

I'm sorry, Mom. It was my fault. I threw a baseball in the house and broke your lamp.

MOM

You were six years old! And I thought you said your brother did that.

SUZY

Yeah. I lied. So it looks like I'm gonna be grounded for the next month. Ooh and I pinned it on Billy, so I should be grounded for the next six months.

MOM

This is crazy. Why are you doing this to yourself?

SUZY

You're right. I AM crazy. I should commit myself!

MOM

(exasperated)

Stop it! You're killing me, Suzy! You're killing me!

SUZY

(hysterical)

Oh no! I deserve to be on death row! I'm gonna walk the green mile! Dead girl walking! Dead girl walking!

Mom grabs Suzy to get her attention.

MOM

Sweetheart, sweetheart! Listen to me! Do you believe in Jesus?

SUZY

Yes.

MOM

Do you believe that you are saved in Him?

SUZY

Yes.

MOM

Then the Bible says, "There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death". You're feeling guilty for that which you've already been forgiven.

SUZY

So I don't have to do detention?

MOM

No.

SUZY

No more community service or standing in the corner?

MOM

No more.

SUZY

I don't have to fry in the electric chair?

MOM

Of course not. You've been made free. And if the Son has made you free, you are free indeed.

SUZY

So God has forgiven my past.

MOM

Absolutely!

SUZY

Wow, that's a relief!

MOM

I should think so.

SUZY

I was afraid I'd be grounded for life after I totaled your car this afternoon.

Suzy hugs her, kisses her cheek and skips offstage leaving Mom to stew.

End

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