



Enough is our Concordia University Texas theme for the 2023-2024 academic year.

### CONNECT

*with self and others:*

- 1. What is something ridiculous that you did as a kid, that you got in trouble for?
- 2. Why did you do it?
- 3. What were the consequences for your actions?

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### ENGAGE

*the word:*

**Romans 6:1-2** "What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We are those who have died to sin, how can we live in it any longer?"

One of my earliest childhood memories revolves around the day I attempted to take files from my dad's filing cabinet. Intrigued by the papers within, I felt an urge to touch them. With determination, I extended my tiny little hand into the vast box of files. Suddenly, my father, who had been observing my every move, swiftly swatted my hand away.

Despite the surprise, I refused to back down; it became a personal battle. Repeatedly, I reached for the files, each attempt met with a smack to my hand. I persisted, driven by a need for what lay inside that box, oblivious to the chaos it would create for my father to sort out later if I succeeded. My hand was smacked 50 times or so; I was in tears, and my hand was red and in pain, so eventually, I gave up.

I learned that the filing cabinet was not a battle I was meant to win this time. This childhood episode draws a parallel to our relationship with sin. Like a child fixated on the forbidden filing cabinet, we often run towards sin, making excuses or choosing to ignore its consequences. We may justify our actions by declaring, "I don't care; I'll do what I want." Much like the child repeatedly



