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The topic I have chosen to write about is interpreting Flannery O'Connor's "A Good Man is Hard to Find." My viewpoint is finding this story as the harsh reality of what it is to live in humanity. We at times judge the Pharisee's and think of ourselves as better than non-believers. We create this social divide as Christians sometimes and don't look at what Christ did. We choose at times to not forgive people because they hurt us. We sinned against Christ, and He still loved us. He still loves us even though we are sinners he made a choice to die for us. That is the kind of love and grace I hope to have in my heart. I constantly fight my sinful nature and immediately go on the defense towards people because I am afraid of getting hurt but in reality, that is not what God asks of me. I chose this topic because I see the reality of O'Connor's story when I read the different interpretations of this story, I saw felt immediate judgment towards the grandmother and how she treated her family. The hate she held onto in the beginning of the story was evident. Unfortunately, it took her losing everything in order for her to realize she was missing Christ from her life. O'Connors story reminded me of the story of Job in the bible. Job lost everything and never cursed the name of God. He continued to love God even though he lost it all. God blessed him after that. Sometimes God allows certain trials to occur in our lives and we may never know why. But it is up to us to either grow closer to Him or grow with bitterness. Growing pains happen in discomfort rather than comfort. I rather grow in Christ than remain stagnant and never learn what God's love truly looks like.