

## Beauty and the Beast

### Inspiration ...

Watch the whole film if you can. If you can't, here is the link to the trailer:

 [https://www.imdb.com/video/vi179222553?playlistId=tt2771200&ref\\_=tt\\_ov\\_vi](https://www.imdb.com/video/vi179222553?playlistId=tt2771200&ref_=tt_ov_vi)



According to IMDb as of Sept 2022 the certificate for this film is: **PG**

### Biblical Reference:

**James 4:17**

*'So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.'*  
(English Standard Version)



### Prayer

Jesus thank You for dying on the cross for me. Help me to walk closely with you and help me to do the right thing.  
Amen.

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## Doing the right thing

### Link exploration:

Belle was discussing with Mrs Potts, the curse that turned the prince into a beast, saying it wasn't fair. Belle was saying that Mrs Potts had done nothing wrong and so shouldn't have been affected by the curse. Wise Mrs Potts however, says no that she was guilty of not stepping in: she could see how the prince was changing; becoming more proud and more selfish; she could have said something; done something but no, she didn't. She didn't do the right thing and say something to the prince, she just stood by and watched, she was guilty of inactivity.

Mrs Potts had the opportunity to change things, but she chose, probably because it was easier, to remain silent. God has not called us to a path of least resistance, the easy decisions are not always the right ones. God would want us to speak up when we find ourselves with an opportunity to speak to those we know. We might notice a friend who is acting differently, and they are getting into trouble more often or it could be that someone is withdrawn and not quite like themselves. Ask God to help you speak gently to them about what you have noticed, maybe you will be able to help them. God may want you to notice wider issues that are happening in our communities or world. Ask God to help you find ways to speak into unjust situations.

### Personal challenge

- List in your journal what you think is wrong in the world, community, and your own family?
- Is there a situation you could step into where you could say or do something to help?
- Look up and reflect on the stories of Greta Thunberg (an eco-activist) and Ella and Caitlin (who stopped the plastic waste of toys in fast food stores). Explain why they thought it was the right thing to do.

