Growing in Wisdom through Technology – Middle/High School Script

Technology is a tool to be used with wisdom to better our lives so that we more accurately reflect who God is.

For a student who has used AI to generate an essay that they submitted as their own, this conversation would follow:
1) It seems like you used AI to write your essay to save you time, or because you panicked, or didn't know the content.
2) Why did we assign the essay in the first place? Not just to fill time, but to make you a different type of person: more thoughtful, creative, and good.
3) In skipping to getting the essay done quickly in order to move on to something else, you took a shortcut around all the good things that were planned – things that would make you more Christ-like.

Using Technology Wisely			
Who God is	**Created: I'm made to be like Jesus**	**Broken: I look less like Jesus**	**Redeemed: I can be more like Jesus**
Thinking	Teaches me how to think	Keeps me from thinking	I can worship God in how I think
Creative	Makes me more creative and engaged	Simply amuses/entertains me; ideas are stolen from others	I can imitate God in what I create and how I create it
Work/Rest	I get more work done (faster)	I fill my free time with more work and not rest	I can be fruitful rather than simply efficient
Relational	Connects me to others; I can communicate what I'm thinking/feeling	Makes me lonely, anxious, and isolated	I can connect to God and others
Emotional	I feel like God would feel in this situation	My feelings don't match what is happening; emotions are manipulated to hide the truth	I can feel how God feels

Loving	I give of myself to serve others in love	I am self-centered, egotistical, and inward-driven	I can love God and others sacrificially
Truthful	I know God, his Word, his will, his people, and his world	Misleads, manipulates, hides the truth; hurts others with lies	I can believe, speak, and do what is true
Good	I know what God says is right for me and others and I do it	Leads me away from doing what is good for others and myself	I can bring goodness to broken people, circumstances, and systems

See: Genesis 1:26-27; 2 Corinthians 3:18; Colossians 1:15; Colossians 3:9-10; Ephesians 4:24; Galatians 3:28-29

For coaching purposes:

Work/Rest: Maybe you felt pressed for time, or like you didn't understand the material, or that you had to have a good grade, or that you couldn't do the work on your own. The result was that you used technology to get your work done faster.

However –

Thinking: The purpose of the assignment was to get you think, and instead you used technology so that you wouldn't have to.

Creativity: The purpose of the assignment was to allow you to express your God-given creativity, but your ideas aren't original to you.

Emotions: Your motivation for submitting work that isn't your own might be that you don't think you can do the work, but we know that you can. The way you're feeling about yourself doesn't match with reality.

Goodness: All these things have led you away from what is good, what is best for you and for others.

How can we move towards redemption in how we use technology? What would that look like? (See "Redeemed" column)