

How to Defy Sinful Desire by John Piper

By faith Moses...[left] the fleeting pleasures of sin...for he was looking to the reward. (Hebrews 11:24-26)

Faith is not content with "fleeting pleasures." It is ravenous for joy. And the Word of God says, "In your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore" (Psalm 16:11). So faith will not be sidetracked into sin. It will not give up so easily in its quest for maximum joy.

The role of God's Word is to feed faith's appetite for God. And, in doing this, it weans my heart away from the deceptive taste of lust. At first, lust begins to trick me into feeling that I would really miss out on some great satisfaction if I followed the path of purity. But then I take up the sword of the Spirit and begin to fight.

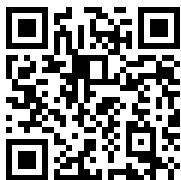
- I read that it is better to gouge out my eye than to lust (Matt. 5:29).
- I read that if I think about things that are pure and lovely and excellent, the peace of God will be with me.
- I read that setting the mind on the flesh brings death, but setting the mind on the Spirit brings life and peace (Romans 8:6).
- But best of all, I read that God withholds no good thing from those who walk uprightly (Ps. 84:11), and that the pure in heart will see God (Matthew 5:8).

As I pray for my faith to be satisfied with God's life and peace, the sword of the Spirit carves the sugar coating off the poison of lust. I see it for what it is. And by the grace of God, its alluring power is broken.

Events

Today - VisionYouth 7 PM
8/3 Small Groups 7:15 PM
8/4 7th/8th Grade Bible Study 7 PM
8/6 Senior Breakfast 9 AM
8/7 Garber Send-off Party 7 PM

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Upcoming Events



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Service Times



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- Sunday School 9:30 am
- Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 am
- Sunday Evening Worship 5:30 pm
- Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:15 pm

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Morning Worship

Call to Worship Opening Hymn

Michael Lopes
#582 My Hope is Built
Knowing You

1. All I once held dear, built my life upon, all this world reveres and wars to own;
All I once thought gain I have counted loss, spent and worthless now compared to this.
**(Refrain) Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You, there is no greater thing.
You're my all, You're the best, You're my joy, my righteousness, and I love You, Lord.**
2. Now my heart's desire is to know You more, to be found in You and known as Yours,
To possess by faith what I could not earn, all-surpassing gift of righteousness.
(Refrain)
3. Oh, to know the power of Your risen life and to know You in Your sufferings;
To become like You in Your death, my Lord, so with You to live and never die.
(Refrain) (repeat)

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Scripture Reading Pastoral Prayer

Revelation 21:9-27, page 1041

Offertory

I Have a Shelter

I have a Shelter in the storm when troubles pour upon me.
Though fears are rising like a flood, my soul can rest securely.
O Jesus, I will hide in You, my place of peace and solace.
No trial is deeper than Your love, that comforts all my sorrows.

I have a Shelter in the storm, when all my sins accuse me.
Though justice charges me with guilt, Your grace will not refuse me.
O Jesus, I will hide in You, Who bore my condemnation.
I find my refuge in Your wounds, for there I find salvation.

I have a Shelter in the storm, when constant winds would break me.
For in my weakness I have learned Your strength will not forsake me.
O Jesus, I will hide in You, the One who bears my burdens.
With faithful hands that cannot fail, You'll bring me home to heaven.

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Preparatory

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone, my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this Solid Ground; firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace; when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All; here in the love of Christ I stand!
In Christ alone, Who took on flesh; fullness of God in helpless Babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on that cross as Jesus died; the wrath of God was satisfied.
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live!
There in the ground His body lay. Light of the world by darkness slain;
then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
for I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ!
No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny!
No power of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand;
'til He returns or calls me home; here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

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Sermon

Pastor Andy Dunkerton

Evening Worship

Call to Worship Opening Songs

Pastor Bob Prentice
Victory in Jesus

I heard an old, old story, how a Savior came from glory,
How he gave His life on Calvary to save a wretch like me:
I heard about His groaning, of His precious blood's atoning,
Then I repented of my sins and won the victory.
(Chorus)
O victory in Jesus, my Savior, forever,
He sought me and bo't me with His redeeming blood;
He loved me ere I knew Him, and all my love is due Him,
He plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood.

I heard about His healing, of His cleansing power revealing,
How He made the lame to walk again and caused the blind to see;
And then I cried, "Dear Jesus, come and heal my broken spirit,"
And somehow Jesus came and bro't to me the victory.
(Chorus)

I heard about a mansion He has built for me in glory,
And I heard about the streets of gold beyond the crystal sea;
About the angels singing, and the old redemption story,
And some sweet day I'll sing up there the song of victory.
(Chorus)

Text and Music: Eugene M. Bartlett, Sr.

Scripture Reading Pastoral Prayer

Luke 6:20-38, page 862

Offertory Preparatory

#704 Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross
Help My Unbelief

I know the Lord is nigh and would but cannot pray
For Satan meets me when I try and frights my soul away
And frights my soul away

I would but can't repent though I endeavor oft
This stony heart can ne'er relent till Jesus makes it soft
Till Jesus makes it soft

(chorus)
Help my unbelief
Help my unbelief
Help my unbelief
My help must come from thee

I would but cannot love though wooed by love divine
No arguments have power to move a soul as base as mine
A soul so base as mine

I would but cannot rest in God's most holy will
I know what He appoints is best and murmur at it still
I murmur at it still

(Chorus - Sing 2 times)

John Newton, Clint Wells Taken from the Gadsby Hymnal #278

Sermon

All I Have is Christ
Pastor Stu Johnston