

How to Defy Sinful Desire 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 (Matthew 5:29).
- I read that if I think about things that are pure and lovely and excel-

lent, the peace of God will be with me (Philippians 4:8–9).

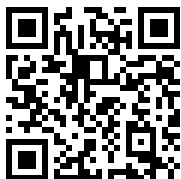
- I read that setting the mind on the flesh brings death, but setting the mind on the Spirit brings life and peace (Romans 8:6).
- I read that lust wages war against my soul (1 Peter 2:11), and that the pleasures of this life choke out the life of the Spirit (Luke 8:14).
- But best of all, I read that God withholds no good thing from those who walk uprightly (Psalm 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 Hawfields 3 PM
8/1 Flourishers Trip -
Samaritan’s Purse 9:30am
8/2 Small Groups 7:15 PM
8/5 Ladies Missionary
Society 9 AM
8/5 Emmanuel
Constituting Service 6 PM

Give



Upcoming Events



GRACE
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Service Times

- 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

Nick Gaines

Opening Hymn

You are My King

I'm forgiven, because You were forsaken. I'm accepted, You were condemned.

I'm alive and well, Your Spirit is within me because You died and rose again.

Amazing love, how can it be that You, my King, would die for me?

Amazing love, I know it's true, and it's my joy to honor You,

in all I do to honor You.

I'm forgiven, because You were forsaken. I'm accepted, You were condemned.

I'm alive and well, Your Spirit is within me because You died and rose again.

(Chorus)

(Bridge) You are my King. You are my King.

Jesus, You are my King. Jesus, You are my King.

(Chorus 2x)

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Scripture Reading

Matthew 20:20-34, page 825

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

#690 Jesus Paid it All

Preparatory

Complete in Thee

Complete in Thee! no work of mine could take, dear Lord, the place of Thine

Thy blood hath pardon bought for me and I shall stand complete in Thee

(Chorus) Yea, justified! O blessed thought!

And sanctified! Salvation wrought!

Thy blood hath pardon bought for me and glorified, I too, shall be!

Complete in Thee each want supplied and no good thing to me denied

Since Thou my portion, Lord wilt be, I ask no more, complete in Thee **(Chorus)**

Complete in Thee! no more shall sin Thy grace hath conquered, reign within

Thy blood shall bid the tempter flee and I shall stand complete in Thee **(Chorus)**

Dear Savior, when before Thy bar all tribes and tongues assembled are

Among Thy chosen I shall be at Thy right hand, complete in Thee **(Chorus 2x)**

Thy blood hath pardon bought for me and glorified, I too, shall be!

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Sermon

Pastor Gary Hendrix

Evening Worship

Call to Worship

Pastor Charles Fortner

Opening Hymn

#50 Praise to the Lord

Scripture Reading

Psalms 138, page 521

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

#21 Gods Moves in a Mysterious

Way

Preparatory

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)

Help my unbelief

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My help must come from thee

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

Sermon

Pastor Andy Dunkerton