



Why You Give In to Sexual Sin

Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. . . . Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. (Psalm 51:8, 12)

Why isn't David crying out for sexual restraint? Why isn't he praying for men to hold him accountable? Why isn't he praying for protected eyes and sex-free thoughts? In this psalm of confession and repentance after essentially raping Bathsheba, you would expect David to ask for something like that.

The reason is that he knows that sexual sin is a symptom, not the disease. People give way to sexual sin because they don't have fullness of joy and gladness in Christ. Their spirits are not steadfast and firm and established. They waver. They are enticed, and they give way because God does not have the supreme place in their feelings and thoughts that he should.

David knew this about himself. It's true about us too. David is showing us, by the way he prays, what the real need is for those who sin sexually: God! Joy in God. This is profound wisdom for us. (JP)

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MGFellowship Breakfast: Join Us in Awesome Fellowship! Experience Uplifting Worship! Enjoy Great Food – Physically & Spiritually! When? Saturday, September 20th at 9:30 a.m. Where? At the Home of Jeff Wood, 17530 McAllister Street, Riverside, 92503.

Theology 101 – From the Mind to the Heart: Our next Theology 101 class is this Saturday, October 4th, at 9:00 a.m...

Wednesday Bible Study: Tonight, we're going to look at how Jesus helps us to deal with anxiety. See you at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday's Service: Where is Your Confidence? – Part 2 (Philippians 3:1-12) <https://youtu.be/CzUUjTnpUE>

This Sunday's Message: God's Method of Reproduction (Philippians 3:15-4:1)



Great Quote: "The Gospel says you are simultaneously more sinful and flawed than you ever dared believe, yet more love and accepted than you ever dared hope." (Tim Keller)

Prayer Needs:

- **PTL!** Darlene's heart procedure was a success. Please pray that it will be her last heart procedure!
- **PTL!** Jeff's surgery to remove a mass from his kidney was a success. Please pray for a negative report.
- Please pray for Lynn who works at Ayers Hotel. Her daughter had a bad car accident last week. Still waiting to hear how she's doing.
- Please continue to pray for Debbie in OC, who lost her son and whose husband just left her.
- Please continue to pray for Mary. She is undergoing treatment for stage 4 kidney cancer. Please pray for healing and for more good days than bad ones.
- Please continue to pray for Mark N. He is at home and doing better each day but still needs complete healing from the effects of his illness.

If you have any prayer needs (or praise reports), please let me know by email or text: Pastor Mike, 909-229-1888 or yea4god@gmail.com

Church Mailing Address: 3123 Harrison Street, Riverside, 92503

Church Meeting Place: 2260 Griffin Way, Corona 92879 (At the Ayres Hotel)

Prayer: 9:00 a.m.

Service Time: 10:00 a.m.

For His Glory!

Pastor Mike