



How Do I Battle Sin?

Ever struggled with overcoming sin? I think we all have at one point or another in our lives. Has your battle ever seemed hopeless? I mean, as hard as you tried, it just seemed like you were constantly being defeated and giving in to sin? You want to live for God but sin seems to be always knocking at your door. What do you do? How can I overcome my constant struggle? Is there any help for me when I feel so hopeless?



There is a passage in the book of Romans where the apostle Paul talked about struggling with sin and not understanding why he would give in to sin's temptation. In Romans 7, Paul says, *"For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate...So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me, that is, in my flesh...Wretched man that I am!" (Romans 7.14-24)*. Paul said that he struggled with trying to overcome sin. Even though he wanted to do right, sin kept winning out. He cried out what a horrible situation he was in wanting to do right but seeming like he was a constant failure.

How many times have you thought your case of overcoming sin was hopeless? It seems like your life is a constant cycle of sin, repent, sin, repent, sin, repent. Have you ever wanted to just give up? Paul said, *"Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me" (Romans 7.20)*. If you isolate this verse from the rest of the text, it sounds like you have no control over the sin in your life. How often have we used the excuse, *"I'm sorry. I just can't help myself. Something within me that I have no control over drives me to sin?"* That's not what Paul is saying. Paul acknowledged it was his personal responsibility to overcome sin and that he would have to give an account for the sins he committed.

What was the solution? Paul said, *"Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?" (Romans 7.24)*. Paul did not say that the solution was just to try harder, he had done his best. How many times have you heard that? "You just have to try harder!" Paul realized that he needed a *"Who"*—someone to deliver him for *"this body of death."* Look at verse 25, *"Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!"* Or, it can be read, *"Thanks be to God [we can be set free from sin] through Jesus our Lord!"* The whole point is: We cannot overcome sin on our own! Paul said relying on his own strength was no match for the downward pull of sin. But thanks be to God that there is a way to battle the desires of the flesh, the desires of the eyes, and the pride of life (I John 2.16). It is Jesus! Are you relying upon Jesus in your battles against of temptation?

Gary

God's Abundant Grace

I Timothy 1.12

- 1) Have you ever thought about how God's grace should affect you?
- 2) The scriptures teach that we are saved by grace (**Ephesians 2.8** *"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God"*).
- 3) The apostle Paul thought about his own salvation and the abundant grace God poured out on him.

God's Abundant Grace...

I) _____ And _____ Us To _____ God (I Timothy 1.12).

- A) In what way did God equip Paul for the task of ministry?
 - 1) When Paul said that he was *"strengthened,"* it can also be translated that he was made "_____."
 - 2) Paul was not strengthened in his own strength to serve in the ministry.
- B) Doesn't God do this for _____?
 - 1) In whatever way God calls us to serve, He gives us _____ to _____ the task.
 - 2) Do you remember how Jeremiah felt _____ to serve God as a _____ (Jeremiah 1.6-10)?

II) _____ Our Sins (I Timothy 1.13-15).

- A) God's grace continually forgives and removes the guilt of our sin.
- B) How should we respond to the fact that our _____ makes us more responsible before God?
 - 1) Why did Paul call himself the worst sinner (I Timothy 1.15)?
 - 2) Is this a _____ reaction for people who are graced to encounter _____?
 - 3) Are you growing in awareness of your sin, or are you becoming increasingly dull to your sin and that of the world?

III) Displays God's _____ To Others (I Timothy 1.16).

- A) In what way did God demonstrate His immense _____ through saving Paul?
- B) God not only reveals His abundant mercy to others, He also revealed His glory to the _____ (Ephesians 3.10).
- C) If we truly understand that our lives and our salvation are meant to display God's glory, then shouldn't it encourage us to daily live to _____ to God (Matthew 5.16)?

IV) Makes Us _____ For Others (I Timothy 1.16).

- A) In what way did Paul become an "example" or "pattern" for others in his salvation?
- B) Our _____ and our _____ are powerful tools meant to be _____ with others (Mark 5.19; Psalm 107.2).

V) Provokes Us To _____ (I Timothy 1.17).

- A) What designations does Paul use to ascribe praise to God and what do they mean?
- B) How do we remember God's abundant grace in _____ us?

Conclusion: Do you need to receive God's grace today?

C O N N E C T I O N

C Good morning, WH family! Today in our Connection Corner, we will be learning about the Healing Hearts Ministry.

R Everyone experiences loss in life, even some losses that we might not even perceive as a loss. These events cause us pain and suffering, some more acutely than others. We have come to realize that time alone *does not* heal all wounds. Having a safe place to express one's feelings can do a lot to help us along our very personal grief journey.

N We began Healing Hearts at WH to provide just such a place for this to happen through Grief Recovery classes. The classes meet once a week for 1 ½ hours for 6 weeks. We discuss many types of losses, different feelings, things that can help us improve how we cope, and how faith and grief interact. Class members are encouraged, but never pressured, to share their experiences. Handouts are provided each week with additional information designed to provide tools for helping navigate the many challenges that come with grief.

Our class members are comprised of people dealing with a variety of losses including loss of a loved one, loss of health (their own or a loved one), divorce, job loss, loss of a relationship, and many more. Classes are usually made up of WH members, but are open to anyone, such as family and friends. There is no cost to participate.

If you, or someone you know, are grieving a loss and are interested in learning more about the classes, please contact Les or Deatra. If you have a heart and compassion for grieving people and think you might want to help with the ministry, we would love to talk to you!

Les and Deatra Keele



This week's shut-ins spotlight shines on:

Please send them a note of encouragement or give them a call to let them know we still care.

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Fort Worth, Texas 76116

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Visits And Calls

Please Call Ahead If Visiting

Charles and Lillian Kite

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Steve Taylor	817-291-2065
Buck Thomas	817-733-2620
Arthur Torrez	817-721-2726

MORNING WORSHIP (10 AM)

Welcome - Brandon Duncan

Song Leader - Jon Bartee

Song - "I'll Fly Away"

Song - "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder"

Song - "When We All Get To Heaven"

Prayer - Robert Bow

Scripture - I Timothy 1.12

Song - "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Lord's Supper - Russ Bartee

Prayer for Contribution - Russ Bartee

Song - "This World Is Not My Home"

God's Abundant Grace

Song - "What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

Announcements - Les Keele

Shepherd's Prayer & Dismissal - Greg Ball

Our Code for Tithe.ly Giving



Attended Nursery: After communion, we have an attended nursery available for ages birth to 3 years and a mother's nursing room.

Single-side in-ear mono earbuds with personal receivers are available for those with hearing difficulties. Please see the sound booth at the back of the auditorium for assistance.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday, March 3

Numbers 1-2; Psalm 68

Tuesday, March 4

Numbers 3-4; Psalm 134

Wednesday, March 5

Numbers 5-6; Psalm 61

Thursday, March 6

Numbers 7; Psalm 99

Friday, March 7

Numbers 8-10; 2 Timothy 1

Saturday, March 8

Numbers 11-12; 2 Timothy 2

Sunday, March 9

Numbers 13-14; 2 Timothy 3

Last Week

Bible Class	191	Wednesday	100
Worship	231	Contribution	\$ 17,970.09
PM Worship	72	Budget	\$ 14,216.88

Times of Assemblies

Bible Class:	9:00 AM
Sunday Morning Worship:	10:00 AM
Sunday Evening Worship:	5:00 PM
Wednesday Evening:	7:00 PM

PRAYER REQUESTS CHURCH FAMILY

NAME	SITUATION	PRAY FOR
Sam Anderson <small>02/16/2025</small>	Had his appendix removed. He is doing much better. 11137 Castle Oak Lane, Fort Worth, Texas 76108	Recovery and strength
Aaron Adkins <small>02/11/2025</small>	Had back surgery on February 21 and is doing very well. 204 Saddle Road, Fort Worth, Texas 76108	The doctors, rehab specialists, and good results
Nilath Kimlinh <small>02/09/2025</small>	Is traveling overseas to visit relatives February 16 until March 24. 4401 Buckeye Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76137	Safe travels and pleasant visits with family
Nancy Wright <small>02/10/2025</small>	Has returned to Stonegate. 8601 Cook Ranch Road, Apartment 350, Benbrook, Fort Worth, Texas 76126	Healing and recovery
Steve Taylor <small>02/05/2025</small>	Had sinus surgery. He is improving each day and has returned to work and church. 9837 Bancroft Drive, Benbrook, Texas 76126	Recovery
Dahlia Cade <small>02/01/2025</small>	Is in Ignite Medical Resort, Room 148, following her knee surgery and was scheduled to go home Friday. Home: 3832 Kelvin Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas 76133	Complete recovery
Betty Kille <small>1/16/2025</small>	Had her last chemo treatment before hopefully having surgery soon. 4112 Arroyo Trail, Fort Worth, Texas 76135	Healing and comfort
Patricia Emerson <small>02/05/2025</small>	Cancer has returned. 6536 Wooddale, Fort Worth, Texas 76148	Treatments and healing
Kham Intharansy <small>12/30/2024</small>	Had her fistula procedure on her right arm at THR Alliance on February 13. 7137 Bob Hanger Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76179	Healing, comfort, and best treatment
Makayla Johnston <small>2/24/2025</small>	Makayla is having health issues.	Comfort and healing
Bill Baumann <small>1/8/2025</small>	Is undergoing treatment for lung and prostate cancer. 25 Leonard Trail, Apartment #240, Westworth Village, Texas 76114	Healing
Rob Donahue <small>02/27/2025</small>	Is having health issues at this time.	Healing, peace and comfort

*Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits—who forgives all your sins and
heals all your diseases. Psalm 103:2-3*

FRIENDS, FAMILY, AND NEIGHBORS PRAYER REQUESTS

NAME	REQUESTED	SITUATION	PRAYERS FOR
John Blackstock, nephew of Nancy and Johnie Wright	Johnie Wright	John lives in Georgia. Doctor's removed his tonsils and the specimen required a biopsy. Additional surgery may be required in the future.	Please pray for good results and a clear biopsy 02/24/2024
Mitch Bennett, son of	Shirley Bennett	Had heart surgery on February 26 to repair an aneurysm.	Healing, recovery, and comfort 02/18/2025
Joey and Jessica, friends of	Riley and Cassie Bowie	Upon birth, the baby required immediate surgery and admittance to ICU.	Healing and recovery for the child so that they can welcome the child home; comfort for the family during stressful days 02/17/2025
John Saxton, cousin of	Adam Powers	Has had a relapse of his brain cancer.	Remission and healing 02/17/2025
Dorene Helton, sister-in-law of	Vickie Bowers	5th chemo is completed. The mass has not downsized and they are awaiting information on possible surgery or whether to continue with the chemo.	Healing to occur 02/17/2025
Tina Ferrar, friend of	Frankie Smith	Will be having surgery to remove a grapefruit-sized tumor from her colon.	Doctors and successful surgery 02/11/2025
George, brother of	Betty Kille	Is recovering from brain surgery and he is in pain, very emotional, and confused.	Please pray for healing, recovery, peace and comfort 12/31/2024
Lisa Harriman		UPDATE: The most recent CT showed the treatment and many prayers are working to shrink the tumors and there is no evidence of any additional cancer cells. 400 North Tacoma Street, Farmington, Arkansas 72730	Please pray for upcoming surgery and continued treatments; strength, peace of mind 09/11/2024
Bob Forkner, father of the Bowie's brother in-law	James and Leah Bowie	Had his foot amputated due to infection.	That the doctors got all the infection 1/2/2025
Ariana Quintero, granddaughter of	Paula Pauley	Her family, located in Altadena, California, was under a mandatory evacuation due to fires and hurricane-force winds. They have lost everything.	God to be with the family at this difficult time and with every one in this area suffering from the fires 1/8/2024
Dad of	Russ Jones	Had a PET Scan and he has an aggressive form of prostate cancer. There will be 2 surgeries and then radiation	Good results 12/01/2024

LTC NOTICES

SUNDAY, MARCH 2 SCHEDULE

2:15 PM - DRAMA

3:15 PM - CHORUS

4:00 PM - BIBLE BOWL

5:00 PM - SPEECH

MEMBER INFORMATION

Please Welcome the

Rosa Family

Manny, Betzy, and Aurora

6200 Gillispie Drive

Fort Worth, Texas 76132

Manny's Phone: 323-595-9337

Betzy's Phone: 626-731-0074

Please add them to your directories.

SMALL GROUPS

PLEASE NOTE:

THE SMALL GROUP THAT MEETS SUNDAY EVENINGS AT

5:00 PM AT THE BUILDING

IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL ---

YOU MAY ENTER THE BUILDING AT **DOOR # 3**

WHICH IS LOCATED IN THE DRIVE THROUGH.

UNIFORMS NEEDED

If you are interested in helping provide uniforms for Leonard Middle School Students, they need the following:

Girls' Adult Sizes: 12, 14, and 16

Boys' Adult Sizes: 32, 34, and 36 regular length

Black or Khaki pants and / or blue jeans.

You may leave all items in the office and we will get them to the coordinator.

VBS

Anyone who wishes to participate in VBS is asked to see Buck or Holly Thomas to be assigned an area in which to serve.

CORPORATE MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Corporate Meeting of members of the Western Hills Church of Christ will be held at

8800 Chapin Road, Fort Worth, Texas 76116

March 2, 2025

5:45 PM

NEW YOUTUBE CLASS

Join our own David Birdow in "Walking Through The Scriptures" on Youtube. Simply search this title and you will be able to access his lessons. You will not be disappointed.

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

We are helping Western Hills High School with the Spring Break Food Bags.

Please bring canned tuna or chicken to the building by March 9, 2025.

The LORD is my Rock and my Fortress and my Deliverer. my God, my Rock in whom I take refuge, my Shield, and the Horn of my salvation, my Stronghold and my Refuge, my Savior: you save me from violence. I call upon the LORD, Who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.

2 Samuel 22:2-4

March Celebrations

1 Stephen Myers

Children

2 John Larson

10 Boyce Miller

3 Beverly Forgey

16 Bella Gilbert

4 Jim Gilbert

24 Maddox Duncan

5 Russ Jones

26 Selah Garner

7 Adriana Torrez

27 Brenna Thomas

8 Charles Kite

11 Mike Whitacre

15 Janelle Ball

17 Amy Bartee

18 Bea House

Anniversaries

20 Steve Taylor

3 John and Auna Walton

58 Years

20 Paula Williams

21 Mark Musselman

14 Brandon and Jennifer Duncan

16 Years

22 Betsy Strother

22 Karen Taylor

23 Glenn Baird

25 Wayne and Beverly Lipham

29 Monty Bowers

3 Years