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THIS MONTH'S MEDITATION SCRIPTURE: Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone as slaves for obedience, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness? But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed, and having been freed from sin, you became salves of righteousness. Rom 6:16-18

A Porn Addict's Prayer

Oh God, I thank You that You love me, even when I choose my will over what I know is Your will. I thank You for the sacrifice of Your Son Jesus, offering salvation to a fallen world. I thank You that You've said in Your word that nothing created can separate me from Your love. I thank You that You know my heart and my thoughts, and You still love me. I thank You that You desire for me to surrender the wickedness that is in me, that I might live as the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus. I thank You that Your Spirit is ever with me and in me and that I am never out of Your presence.

I praise You that I am fearfully and wonderfully made. I praise You for Your wonderful works, and that You have ordered and numbered my days to serve You. I praise You as God, Father, King, Creator, Savior, Redeemer, Holy Ghost, and Deliverer.

God, You know my heart is to please You with my life. You know my desire is to show my love for You by being obedient to Your word, which tells me to flee sexual immorality. In this, I have sinned repeatedly against You and Your will for me. I have chosen my own way over Your known path for me. I understand You have chosen that path out of Your love for me, yet I have rejected and strayed from Your way time and time again. Please forgive my pride and arrogance, thinking my way will bring me something better than You. Please forgive me for giving in to the lust of the flesh, rather than dying daily to my flesh, as You tell me to make no provision for it in regard to its lusts. Please forgive me for ignoring the way out of these temptations that You provide in every situation. Please forgive me for not utilizing the tools You have provided me for escaping those temptations. I repent of my sins and I pray that my repentance will be true and genuine, and that I will see repentance as a way of life, not as a destination.

Father, I ask that You help me in surrendering my will to Yours. Please help me see that I am powerless in my own strength to overcome the temptations towards lust and sexual immorality that I face daily, even multiple times a day. I pray that you will strengthen me by the power of Your Spirit to resist those temptations when they come, every time they come. May Your Spirit living in me empower me towards victory over these temptations. May He strengthen me so that I do not allow myself to get carried away and enticed by lust, which bring about sin and death. Lord, please strengthen me by Your Spirit to make choices towards purity and holiness in my life that honor You with my obedience. Enable me to remember to bring every thought captive to Your obedience, using Your word as my standard. Bring to my mind to reach out to those who hold me accountable when I am tempted before I have sinned against You, rather than confessing to them afterwards. May I learn to know the fear of the Lord, and delight in it as was prophesied about Jesus.

As David wrote after his sin with Bathsheba, "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me...Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and sustain me with a willing spirit."

God, I need Your grace and Your mercy and the power of Your Spirit every day. I want to be a man who fulfills Your destiny in my life, and I don't want to allow my sin to keep me from accomplishing that destiny in You here on earth. May my life be lived in Your love for Your glory, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Responses From You

From a Christian brother: Daniel- Greetings! Would you kindly add me to your newsletter email group? I am impressed to see how I might be able to encourage this ministry.

From a lady here in Louisville: Thank you for always sharing what the Lord lays on your heart.

From a ministry leader in Louisville: Daniel, What you speak is true. Until we are able to share our past with others who: 1. Can hold us accountable and walk with us as we grow into the likeness of Christ leaving our sin behind. 2. Can encourage us on our journey, only then are we fully free. Sharing with a spouse increases oneness, where there are no secrets. The LORD bless you as you continue your journey and ministry. Appreciate your service to our Lord Jesus Christ.

From one of our ministry contributors: Yes, we must not grow weary of doing good...
This highlights the need to be open with each other in the church, and the need for teaching on sexuality in the church. The media has made it "clear" on what they think of Christians & what they think Christians think about same sex attracted individuals, both warped views. So, there are people in the church who do not reach out for fear of saying or doing the wrong thing. That's where the dialogue & teaching comes in. We can use & pass along the info in this newsletter. We will succeed one step at a time.

From a brother in Louisville: Daniel, your newsletter brought to mind Matthew 22:38- "Love your neighbor." There are no if's or conditions there. He simply commands us to Love our

neighbor. I try to take that to heart more every day. I've always considered you my Christian brother. I hope you have never felt anything otherwise. We all press on towards our high calling in Christ. I think it is helpful for us all to do that united together. That's my humble view. From a former schoolmate: Very well said! I appreciate your honest post!

From a lady in our congregation: Well said Daniel, well said! I'm honored and proud to know you and Fran, and to be part of your Church family! You both, along with your Sons, are an inspiration to us all. Thank you for being the man of God that you are!

From a ministry leader: Lengthy but worth the read. Every pastor needs to read this. Thank you, Daniel.

From a Christian brother on FB: Wow brother! Thank you for your honesty. I can relate on so many levels. I too did not get free until I told my spouse and a Christian brother who genuinely had my spiritual welfare in mind. This is an awesome testimony.

From a brother in OH: Love and appreciate you Daniel Mingo

Upcoming Ministry Meetings

Family & Friends Group: Tues, August 29, 2017; Tues, Sep 12, 2017; Tues, Sep 26, 2017

Overcomers Group: Thurs, Sep 7, 2017; Thurs, Sep 21, 2017

Upcoming Prayer Initiatives

Louisville Prayer Breakfast: Wednesday, Sep 6, 2017, 7:00-8:30am, Ramada Inn on Zorn Ave at I-71 in Louisville. \$6.00 Continental Breakfast. Speaker is Lisa Marie Bolin of Wings of Refuge

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Now unto Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, to the only God our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority before all time and now and forever. Amen. Jude 24-25