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Hope For Wholeness Referral Ministry

He rescued me because He delighted in me. Ps 18:19b

THIS MONTH'S MEDITATION SCRIPTURE: *For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. And the world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God abides forever. 1 John 2:16,17*

This month's article is pulled from the archives, first appearing in August 2017. Today, with self-isolating still a very real part of our lives worldwide, we have such a possibility for much idle time. For those who battle with sexual sin, idle time is our enemy. I pulled this article to take a fresh look at its prayer, and with a fresh title.

A Prayer for Sex Addicts

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 an Overcomer: Thank you for an encouraging and challenging word.

From an old church friend: Thank you, Daniel.

From a FaceBook friend: Helping neighbors and friends by picking up items we see that they cannot find! Also praying for those on the front lines of the virus right now!

From another FaceBook friend: Beautifully stated! I would love to share this word. A message that should serve as a reminder to everyone.

Ongoing Prayer Requests

- New participants for our Overcomers Group
- New Members for our Family & Friends Group (especially wives)
- Ministry Finances
- Open doors to churches, so pastors and staff can be effectively equipped
- Opportunities to exhibit Abba's Delight ministry at outside conferences
- Those currently being served by Abba's Delight ministry, both Overcomers and F/F
- 1 new female director for Abba's Delight's Board
- Continued freedom to operate ministry in KY

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