

CLOSE THE DOOR TO SIN, OPEN THE DOOR TO GOD'S WILL

It sometimes feels like sin just comes and tracks us down.

James 1:13-15 NIV – When tempted, no one should say, “God is tempting me.” For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; 14 but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. 15 Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death

God never invites us into sin.

Sin is a direction, not just a destination.

Sin is not just something we do, but a Power we are under. Education, good policies, and spiritual disciplines are critically important, but cannot deliver us from Sin’s grip. Only the gospel can do that!

Genesis 4:7 NIV – If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it.”

Five Steps Sin Leads Us On To Bring Death & Lead Us Away From The Will of God:

1) Sin CUSTOMIZES it’s invitation.

You are not mastered by sin. Sin has to have you open the door!

2) Sin CALLS God’s goodness into question.

Here’s what the enemy knows: you have to doubt the goodness of God before you will disobey the will of God.

John 8:32 NIV – Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

You cannot control every thought the enemy throws in your head, but you do control the framework of truth with which that lie arrives in.

“I have banked your truth in the vault of my heart so that I won’t sin against You.” – Psalm 119:11

3) Sin goes under CONSIDERATION.

Rationalization – Negotiation – Exhaustion

“Carefully guard your thoughts because they are the source of true life.” – Proverbs 4:23

4) Sin is CARRIED OUT.

The enemy sells the product but not the price!

The cost of living in sin is your spiritual sensitivity.

You can’t cut off the convicting Voice and still have the comforting Voice.

5) Sin CONVINCES you there is no way out.

John 10:9 NIV – I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture.

1 Cor 10:13 NIV – No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

Thomas Merton said, “The Devil makes many disciples by preaching against sin. “In other words, by becoming solely focused on abstaining from sin, we live a crushing moralism, which robs us from enjoying God.

**WELCOME! OUR STRATEGY AT DPC: GATHER (GATHERINGS),
GROUP (CONNECT GROUPS), GROW (GROWTH PHASES),
GIVE (GIVING/GIFTING TEAMS, GO (OUTREACH))**

**SUNDAYS IN APRIL- 9A + 11A
GOD'S WILL: OPEN THE DOOR**

Ephesians 1 contains a remarkable line about how God has "made known to us the mystery of his will." So, no problem, we know it. The author gives the big picture, explaining that God's will through Christ is for us to experience God's unconditional love and acceptance so that we might glorify God. This may sound familiar to those who memorized catechisms where you learned to answer questions about the chief purpose of humanity by saying, "To glorify God and enjoy him forever." We glorify God through being fully alive, having a sense of purpose, serving others. That is the big picture of God's will, but what about everyday decisions? Join us all month long as open the door to God's will!

**FRIDAY, APRIL 7 - 6:30-7:30P +
8:00-9:00P - GOOD FRIDAY
GATHERING**

Join us for Worship + Communion + Reflection of the Cross. This is a Family-Style Gathering, Nursery Is Available, Preschool and Elementary Kids Join Their Parents In The Gathering

**SATURDAY, APRIL 8 - 10:45A - 12:45P
EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA**

Join us at J.B. Owens Park, 2699 Hickory Road for DP Easter Eggstravaganza! This is a picnic style event where each family brings their own food. We will have egg hunts and pods of games so each family member can join the fun!

**EASTER AT DWELLING PLACE
CHURCH - SUNDAY, APRIL 9
8:00A + 9:30A + 11:00A**

SUNDAY, APRIL 2 - SPRING 2023 CONNECT GROUPS

Connect Group will be meeting all over the community this day! We would love for you to get plugged into a group and experience transformation through genuine relationships with other believers. Visit the Next Steps table for more information!

**THURSDAY, APRIL 13 - 7P - 9P - LAUNCH OF OUR
SPRING SESSION OF GROWTH PHASES**

Sign up now at the Next Steps Table to join us for our Spring Session of Growth Phases. We can't wait to see all the Lord will do this session!

SUNDAY, APRIL 30 - 5P - 8P - WELCOME TO DP PARTY

Interested in becoming a member of Dwelling Place Church? Sign up at the Next Steps table to join us for our Welcome to DP Party where you can hear more about our church. We will have dinner, fellowship and answer any questions you may have! Childcare is provided.

DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN GIVE VIA TEXT?

Just text any dollar amount to 84321 to give. You will follow a quick, self-guided setup process to tie your mobile phone to our church, your donor account, and a payment source. After that, donating is as easy as sending a text!

**BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE OUR
COMMUNITY COMING UP IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS!**



If you have questions, please stop by the Next Steps table in the foyer, or look for a team member. If we can help you in any way, please email us at dwellingplacemovement@gmail.com

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