

Doubting God always leads to disobedience.

A thankful heart focused on the goodness of God, will keep us from sin and focused on truth.

There is POWER in a grateful heart.

Philippians 4:6 *“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God.”*

James 4:7 *Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*

The steps into sin have not changed. She looked, she saw, she took, and she ate.

What are you focusing on today, what you have been blessed with or what you would like to have?

Ps. 139:1-7 MSG *God, investigate my life; get all the facts firsthand. ² I'm an open book to you; even from a distance, you know what I'm thinking. ³ You know when I leave and when I get back; I'm never out of your sight. ⁴ You know everything I'm going to say before I start the first sentence. ⁵ I look behind me and you're there, then up ahead and you're there, too - your reassuring presence, coming and going. ⁶ This is too much, too wonderful - I can't take it all in! ⁷ Is there any place I can go to avoid your Spirit? to be out of your sight?*

Define sin. *The voluntary departure of a person from a known rule or command of God; any voluntary transgression of the divine law, or violation of a divine command.*

Our excuses keep us from living in the freedom available in Christ. They keep us bound to the very sin Jesus died to free us from.

Psalm 32:3-4 King David described how he felt before confessing his sin to God: *“For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.”*

- Some try excuses.
- Some try comparisons.
- Some try blame shifting.
- Some try to make light of sin.

Psalm 32:5 *Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD.” And you forgave the guilt of my sin.*

2 Corinthians 5:17 *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!*

Sisters let me tell you...WE CAN RULE OVER SIN!!! We can live a victorious life!!!

Romans 6:12-14 Therefore **do not let sin reign** in your mortal body **so that** you obey its evil desires.¹³ **Do not offer any part of yourself to sin** as an instrument of wickedness, **but rather offer yourselves to God** as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness.

¹⁴ **For sin shall no longer be your master**, because **you are not under the law, but under grace**.

Hebrews 11:4 says “By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain,”

1 John 3:11-12 For this is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another.¹² Do not be like Cain, who belonged to the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own actions were evil and his brother’s were righteous.

Joshua 24:14-15 “Now fear the Lord and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord.¹⁵ But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

Who will you place your faith in?

Who will you serve?

Who will you obey?

Mark 12:30-31 “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”