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Today's Scriptures



JAMES 4:6-10

2 CHRONICLES 7:14

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PSALMS 18:28 | PHILIPPIANS 4:8-9 | 2 CORINTHIANS 10:3-6

How Do Things Glow in the Dark?



- **Things glow in the dark because of a phenomenon called luminescence, where a material absorbs energy and then releases it as light.**
- **Our Goal as Believers is to be a Light in the Darkness by absorbing energy from the Presence of God to go out in to the world uplifting the hung down and winning the souls of the lost in this season!**

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Questions for Better Understanding



- Is this my most toxic season of the year when it comes to relationships?
- Do I spend time reflecting on God's Goodness and Mercy?
- How Can I be sure that God is enough for me in this season of temptation?
- How Can I build a healthy relationship with God to supplement my physical temptations in this season?
- Can I stay discipline enough through this season to possibly never have to experience it again?
- Do I truly know what Getting closer to God means

What is Cuffing Season?



Cuffing season is a phenomenon that entails partnering up with (or “handcuffing” yourself to) a special someone for the colder months.



This time period can stretch from November to Valentine's Day-even from late October to spring's arrival in March.

Cuffing Season Timeline



Pre-Cuffing Season

August - September

The end of summer brings the realization that cozy nights are ahead. People start thinking about finding a partner to ride out the colder months.



Drafting

Late October - Early November

Cuffing season intensifies as people narrow down their options. The search for the ideal partner to settle in with over the holidays begins!



Holiday Romance

December - January

The holidays are here, and cuffed couples are enjoying romantic moments, meeting families, and sharing the festive season together.



Valentine's Day

Mid - February

Valentine's Day brings one last surge of cuffing season romance. For some, it's a celebration of love; for others, it's a make-or-break moment.

Tryouts



October

With fall fully underway, casual dating picks up, and people are testing compatibility. It's a time for fun dates and figuring out who might be cuffing material.

Cuffing



Mid-November - December

It's official! As the days get shorter and winter approaches, relationships start to solidify. People are getting cozy and committing to their cuffing partners.

Cuffing Plateau



January - February

With the holidays over, the reality of winter sets in. Couples are still going strong, but the excitement of cuffing season starts to fade a little.

The Break-Up



Post-Valentine's Day - March

As spring approaches and the weather warms up, many cuffing season couples start to part ways. With sunnier days ahead, it's time to get back out there.

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6 And he gives grace generously. As the Scriptures say, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

James 4:6–10

NLT



***7 So humble yourselves
before God. Resist the devil,
and he will flee from you.***

James 4:6–10

NLT



***⁸ Come close to God, and
God will come close to you.***

***Wash your hands, you
sinners; purify your hearts,
for your loyalty is divided
between God and the world.***

James 4:6–10

NLT

***9 Let there be tears for what
you have done. Let there be
sorrow and deep grief. Let
there be sadness instead of
laughter, and gloom
instead of joy.***

James 4:6–10

NLT





***¹⁰ Humble yourselves before
the Lord, and he will lift you
up in honor.***

James 4:6–10

NLT



**Get Close to God and He will
get Close to you**



Now is the time to get closer to God than you ever have been before. It is through intimacy and time spent with God that you will gain the strength you need to overcome the Power of the enemy that tricks you into your yearly cycle around this time.



The world tells you that you need a “Boo” when you really need the Presence of God to comfort you through a season like this.



**It will takes humility to be
delivered from the trends
and culture that have been
set by the world**

14 Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14

NLT





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Humility is the foundation/Heart Posture you need to gain the ability to PRAY

**Humility is the requirement for Relationship
Relationship is the requirement for Intimacy**

Pastor G's Goal for this Season



To expose you to the unconditional Love that everyone needs to not only survive, but to Thrive in this season! In the darkest time of the year, can you rely on God and be disciplined into mature Followers of Jesus Christ through some of the most trying and tempting times of the year!



**The power of the Holy Ghost
is the only thing that can you
keep you from falling!**



17 But you, my dear friends, must remember what the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ predicted.

Jude 17–25

NLT



18 They told you that in the last times there would be scoffers whose purpose in life is to satisfy their ungodly desires.

Jude 17–25

NLT



19 These people are the ones who are creating divisions among you. They follow their natural instincts because they do not have God's Spirit in them.

Jude 17–25

NLT



²⁰ But you, dear friends, must build each other up in your most holy faith, pray in the power of the Holy Spirit,

Jude 17–25

NLT



21 and await the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will bring you eternal life. In this way, you will keep yourselves safe in God's love.

Jude 17–25

NLT



22 And you must show mercy to those whose faith is wavering.

Jude 17–25

NLT



23 Rescue others by snatching them from the flames of judgment. Show mercy to still others, but do so with great caution, hating the sins that contaminate their lives.

Jude 17–25

NLT



24 Now all glory to God, who is able to keep you from falling away and will bring you with great joy into his glorious presence without a single fault.

Jude 17–25

NLT

***25 All glory to him who alone is
God, our Savior through Jesus
Christ our Lord. All glory,
majesty, power, and authority
are his before all time, and in
the present, and beyond all
time! Amen.***



Jude 17–25

NLT



He took the Fall for us!



**In order to Develop a Heart
Posture of Praise, we Must
learn the power of
“REFLECTION”**

The Day of Atonement- Yom Kippur



The Day of Atonement, or Yom Kippur (Leviticus 23:27-28), was the most sacred day in ancient Israel—a day set apart once a year for the forgiveness of sins. On this day, the high priest entered the Most Holy Place to offer sacrifices for himself and all the people. It was a serious and holy time that showed sin could only be forgiven God's way.



The high priest first washed and dressed in special garments, offered a bull for his own sins, and then brought two goats before the Lord:



- One goat was sacrificed, and its blood was sprinkled on the Ark to represent forgiveness.
- The other, called the scapegoat, symbolically carried the people's sins into the wilderness, showing that their guilt was removed.



**This is our Time of
Atonement**



Def of Atonement - “making things right with God.”

When we sin, it separates us from God — like a wall or a broken relationship. Sin creates distance between us and Him because God is holy and perfect. But God didn't want to stay separated from us. So, He made a way to repair that relationship.



In the Old Testament, people offered Animal Sacrifices — the blood of those sacrifices symbolized payment for their sins. But that was only temporary. It had to be done over and over again.



Then God sent Jesus Christ, His Son, as the final and perfect sacrifice.



When Jesus died on the cross, He took the punishment that we deserved.

His blood didn't just Cover sin — it Removed it completely.

**So now, when we accept Jesus as
Lord and Savior, we are at one”
with God again — that’s what
Atonement really means:**



**> At-One-Ment — being made
one with God through Jesus.**



**Sin separates us.
Sacrifice restores us.
Jesus reconnects us forever**

**Because of atonement, we can
have Forgiveness, Peace &
Eternal Life with God.**

The Day of Atonement- pt. 2



Jesus ended the need for yearly cleansing rituals when He offered Himself as the perfect “once for all” sacrifice (Hebrews 7:27). The blood of animals could only cover sin temporarily, but Christ’s sacrifice was enough for all who believe. When He said, “It is finished” (John 19:30) and sat at God’s right hand, no further sacrifice was needed (Hebrews 10:1-12).



The two goats on the Day of Atonement symbolized what Christ accomplished:

- **one represented appeasing God's wrath,**
- **and the other represented the removal of sin.**

Through His death, Jesus both satisfied God's justice and took away our sins forever (Romans 5:9; Psalm 103:12; Hebrews 8:12).

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