

# 03/08/26 Message

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Part of What Does God NOT Want

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## Message: Your Puff

## Series: What Does God NOT Want

## Background

A follow-up series to “What Does God Want” which built on this premise:

What does God want from me?

- This year
- Today
- Right Now

*When we ask ourselves that, we're seeking the heart and will of God. And when we ask with intention we're asking with the intention we will change to be and do what God wants. And when we ask with that intention, God will answer your question. He will reveal things to you that you'd never know, maybe things you've never even thought of before. What does God want from you this year, today, right now?*

—Pastor Chad

Stemming from a verse found in the OT:

### **Deuteronomy 10:12 (NIV)**

And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God ask of you but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to Him, to love Him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

*This follow-up series explores and highlights what God doesn't want us to do. We have to get sin out of the way and enter the presence of God. Then we have His full attention and He is there!*

—Pastor Chad

Proverbs 6:16-19 (ESV)

16 There are six things that the Lord hates, seven that are an abomination to him:

17 haughty eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,  
18 a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that make haste to run to evil,

19 a false witness who breathes out lies, one who sows discord among brothers.

## **What in the World is Puff**

*Not talking about Puff the magic dragon or anything like that. Just being real this morning, puff is something like blowing smoke. A lot of times we like to define what God expects from us and what God doesn't expect from us, and we miss the mark. We can't define our own morales, our own values, our own system of right and wrongs. If we want to follow Jesus and turn our lives over to Him, and if we believe that Jesus is our only way to a relationship with Father God, then Jesus has to be our compass. He defines what is morally right. He establishes our values. His system of right and wrongs is all that matters. It's not about me; it's all about Him, and God doesn't want your puff!*

—Pastor Chad

Examples of puff:

- Adam and Eve and the apple
- Three wise men
- Jonah swallowed by a whale
- 7 deadly sins
- Money is the root of all evil
- Love is blind
- The Lion will lay down with the Lamb
- God helps those who help themselves
- Cleanliness is next to godliness
- This too shall pass
- Spare the rod, spoil the child
- God won't give you more than you can handle
- God works in mysterious ways

## Stop the Puff

- Stop trying to fix people (because)
  - God never asked you to FIX PEOPLE

Here's what God did say:

### **Galatians 6:5**

(NLT) - For we are each responsible for our own conduct.

(NKJV) - For each one shall bear his own load.

*While we're called to love others, serve others, and help others grow along their spiritual journey, God never called us to fix them. The only person you're called to fix, is you. Life is so much easier when you can just love people unconditionally and be an example for them without trying to change them. Watch out though, if you want to be the example, you better be consistent at being a Godly example else I'm pretty sure God would be okay with you just stepping back and working on yourself. Loving people as they are, where they are, and in spite of their differences doesn't make you more like them, it makes you more like Jesus!*

—Pastor Chad

- Stop worrying (because)
  - God never asked you to replace faith with ANXIETY

*Worry is fear's extravagance. It extracts interest on trouble before it comes due. It constantly drains the energy God gives us to face daily problems and to fulfill our many responsibilities. It is therefore a sinful waste. A woman who had lived long enough to have learned some important truths about life remarked, "I've had a lot of trouble - most of which never happened!" She had worried about many things that had never occurred and had realized the futility of her anxieties.*

—Unknown

### **Matthew 6:34 (NIV)**

Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Don't merimnao - don't worry, don't be anxious, don't be distracted, don't let it impact your life... if it does, then it's time to call in the calvary, you need reinforcement.

*God didn't make you strong enough to handle it, if He did, He would have said, "Deal with it!" But He didn't, and we can't! You need two people to help you through worry and anxiety. I could say the same for conditions like depression, excessive anger, and so many others. You need Jesus and you need a Godly person in your life.*

—Pastor Chad

- Stop hiding your struggles (because)
  - God never asked you to live a DOUBLE LIFE

### ***Proverbs 28:13 (NLT)***

People who conceal their sins will not prosper, but if they confess and turn from them, they will receive mercy.

*Reminds me of a hole in the wall and you take filler like puddy or something and smooth it over. The goal is if someone looks at it when it's finished, they'll never know a hole was there in the first place. It's out of sight, hidden, concealed, covered up. That's how we go through life.*

—Pastor Chad

- Stop doing it alone (because)
  - God never asked you SAVE YOURSELF

### ***Ephesians 2:8 (ESV)***

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,

*A man looked out over Lake Michigan, all he could see was the frozen lake. He said this, "You can walk out on the frozen lake. That initial step is an act of faith, but it's not faith that keep you from falling into the freezing water. Instead, it's the thickness of the ice that keeps you from falling in. It's not our faith that saves us, it's Jesus that saves us. We don't do the work, He does." It's faith,*

*but it's faith in the one who does all the work to make it happen! We were created to live with God in Eden, but because of sin, Adam and Eve chose to live separated from God in the world. Jesus made a way to bring us back into God's presence when He died on the cross in our place, the one perfect sacrifice for our sin, and because He died for us, we can come to the Father through Him. All we have to do is turn our life over to Him, believe in Him so much we trust Him. Trust Him so much we follow Him. And follow Him all the way to heaven. That's the decision, and He wants you to make that decision today. The next step is baptism. You're baptized to show the world you belong to Jesus - a picture of dying to the person you used to be and being born again as a new creation in Jesus. The next step is connecting with a local church family and growing in your faith as you do life together. It's not coming to church, it's being the church by actively being a part of the purposes of the church: worshipping, discipleship, evangelism, fellowship, ministry, and prayer.*

*—Pastor Chad*

## **Scrap the Puff**

*God doesn't want your puff, He wants a real, personal, intimate, transparent relationship with you, just as you are, and He'll change you from the inside out. Let that change start today!*

*—Pastor Chad*