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Overcoming Addiction

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3.	with Jesus.
	(Romans 12:2 MSG) Fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.
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A prisoner locked by <u>deception</u>. Living life by something that is not true.

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- It becomes a part of my <u>identity</u>.
- When I try to quit but fail, I feel increasingly hopeless.
- Any threat to my addiction becomes a threat to me.
- I begin to lose my life.
- I ease the pain by getting my <u>next fix</u>.

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What I <u>starve dies</u>.

3. Go all in with Jesus.

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What I <u>feed thrives</u>.

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