

## **Strengthen the Core in ‘24**

### **“Hate Sin”**

**We know that we’re growing spiritually and becoming more like Jesus when we begin to hate sin, and not just sin’s consequences.**

**Would you lie, if you could get away with it, or do you love the truth and hate lies?**

**Would you steal if you could get away with it, or do you hate covetousness and lust after what God has given someone else?**

**Would you murder if you could get away with it, or do you love others as Christ loves you and hate bring in any harm to them?**

## **1. What is Sin?**

**“Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness [ignoring God’s law by action or neglect or by tolerating wrongdoing—being unrestrained by His commands and His will].”**

**1 John 3:4 AMP**

## **2. Sin follows a process.**

**“Temptation comes from our own desires, which entice us and drag us away. These desires give birth to sinful actions. And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death.”**

**James 1:14-15 NLT**

**Desire + Action = Births Sin  
Sin Grows = Death**

## **3. God hate sin because sin leads to death.**

**“The last enemy to be abolished and put to an end is death.”**

**1 Corinthians 15:26 AMP**

**Hating sin isn’t about hating sin in others.  
It’s easy to hate other people’s sin.  
Not so easy to hate it in ourselves.**

**King David and Nathan, 2 Samuel 11, 12**

**“Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
And renew a steadfast spirit within me.  
Do not cast me away from Your presence,  
And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,  
And uphold me by Your generous Spirit.  
Then I will teach transgressors Your ways,  
And sinners shall be converted to You.”**

**Psalms 51:10-13 NKJV**

**“For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.”**

**Philippians 2:13 NLT**