

THE FAMILY CHURCH MESSAGE NOTES

Title: **“Seduction: Exposing The Enemy of My Promise”**

Scripture: **Ecclesiastes 7:26 NLT**

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Introduction

The word teaches that we must guard our hearts and discipline our lives against the spirit of seduction. This Spirit drives people to **willfully** choose bondage and pain, while forfeiting freedom and fulfillment. Today, we will begin to reclaim our promise by exposing seduction!!

Seduction- to lead astray and cause **error**.

Seduction is the art of **enticing** a person to believe and make negative **choices** that lead to disqualification of **promises**, and blessings that already belong to them!

- When seduction is in operation the one thing most needed to break the hold of seduction is a **wake-up call**.

Read Hebrews 12:15-17 NLT Look after each other so that none of you fails to receive the grace of God. Watch out that no poisonous root of bitterness grows up to trouble you, corrupting many. 16 Make sure that no one is immoral or godless like Esau, who traded his birthright as the firstborn son for a single meal. 17 You know that afterward, when he wanted his father's blessing, he was rejected. It was too late for repentance, even though he begged with bitter tears.

Today's wake-up call - You know you're being seduced, when sin **management** seems like a better choice than **repentance!**

THE HEART OF A SIN MANAGER

Read Romans 1:28 KJV And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

- God does not **share** the throne of your heart, we either give it to him completely or he **vacates** it!

Read Romans 1:29-32 KJV Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, 30 Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, 31 Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: 32 Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

- When a person chooses to manage sin instead of repent, it is because sin (the way it makes you **feel**) has become the **dominant** passion!

TOOLS OF THE SIN MANAGER

#1. **Separation (Spiritual compartmentalization)** - the act of building **walls** around your sin to keep it from **contaminating** other areas of your life.

(The smoker who refuses to smoke inside)

#2. **Impersonation (Spiritual schizophrenia)** the **lifestyle** of faithfulness while being **unfaithful!**

Read 2 Chronicles 8:11-12 NLT 11 Solomon moved his wife, Pharaoh's daughter, from the City of David to the new palace he had built for her. He said, "My wife must not live in King David's palace, for the Ark of the Lord has been there, and it is holy ground." 12 Then Solomon presented burnt offerings to the Lord on the altar he had built for him in front of the entry room of the Temple.

- At the same time Solomon was building a **palace** for his **pagan** wife, he was also building an **altar** for the living **God!**

#3 **Misrepresentation (Spiritual Hypocrite/Actor)** - the **intentional** act of presenting as one thing, while it was another thing the whole time.

- This tool requires **willful** blindness of people in association with the sin manager in order for it to **work**.

Repentance is the lifestyle that retires the sin manager!

Jeremiah 4:1-2 NLT 1 "O Israel," says the Lord, "if you wanted to return to me, you could....."

#1 Make the decision to **change** because you want to, not because you got **caught**.

You could throw away your detestable idols and stray away no more. 2 Then when you swear by my name, saying, 'As surely as the Lord lives,' you could do so with truth, justice, and righteousness.

#2. Remove the **influence** that was seducing you, and **reposition** yourself to receive God's promise!

.....Then you would be a blessing to the nations of the world, and all people would come and praise my name."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A QUEEN'S BRUNCH - Join Pastor Dawn as we celebrate womanhood on Sat., May 4th at 9 am. You will enjoy a word from Dr. Anita Phillips, as seen on Oprah's Super Soul Podcast, Sarah Jakes-Roberts' Woman Evolve Conference, and much more! Young ladies are welcomed 13 and up. Register online www.thefamilychurchnj.com/events or on our mobile app.

BETTERMAN '24 - Follow us on Instagram @ thebettermanconf24, and stay tuned for more details on the Betterman 24 Conference.

CRAVE YOUNG ADULT RETREAT - Join The Crew at Sandy Cove Ministries Aug. 29-31, as we experience fellowship, worship, activities, and more. A \$100 non-refundable deposit is required to secure your reservation. Make your deposit using Cash App \$tfcnj or register at online www.thefamilychurchnj.com/events. In the comments section or on your offering envelope indicate "Crave Young Adult Retreat" to secure payments.

BODY & SOUL BOOT CAMP: Workouts for ages 16+ Saturdays 11-12 PM @ TFC. Bring a mat & bottle of water.

Next Step Classes - Next Step classes will be offered at 9:30 am. For more information, register through our mobile app. Or, send any inquiries to adulteducation@thefamilychurchnj.com



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Holy Communion

1st Sunday of the Month

Devotion/Prayer

Corporate Prayer Every Saturday 8 am – 8:30 am
Conference call line 267.807.9605 and access code 114853
Last Saturday of the month 8 am – 9 am In person

Mission Statement

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