



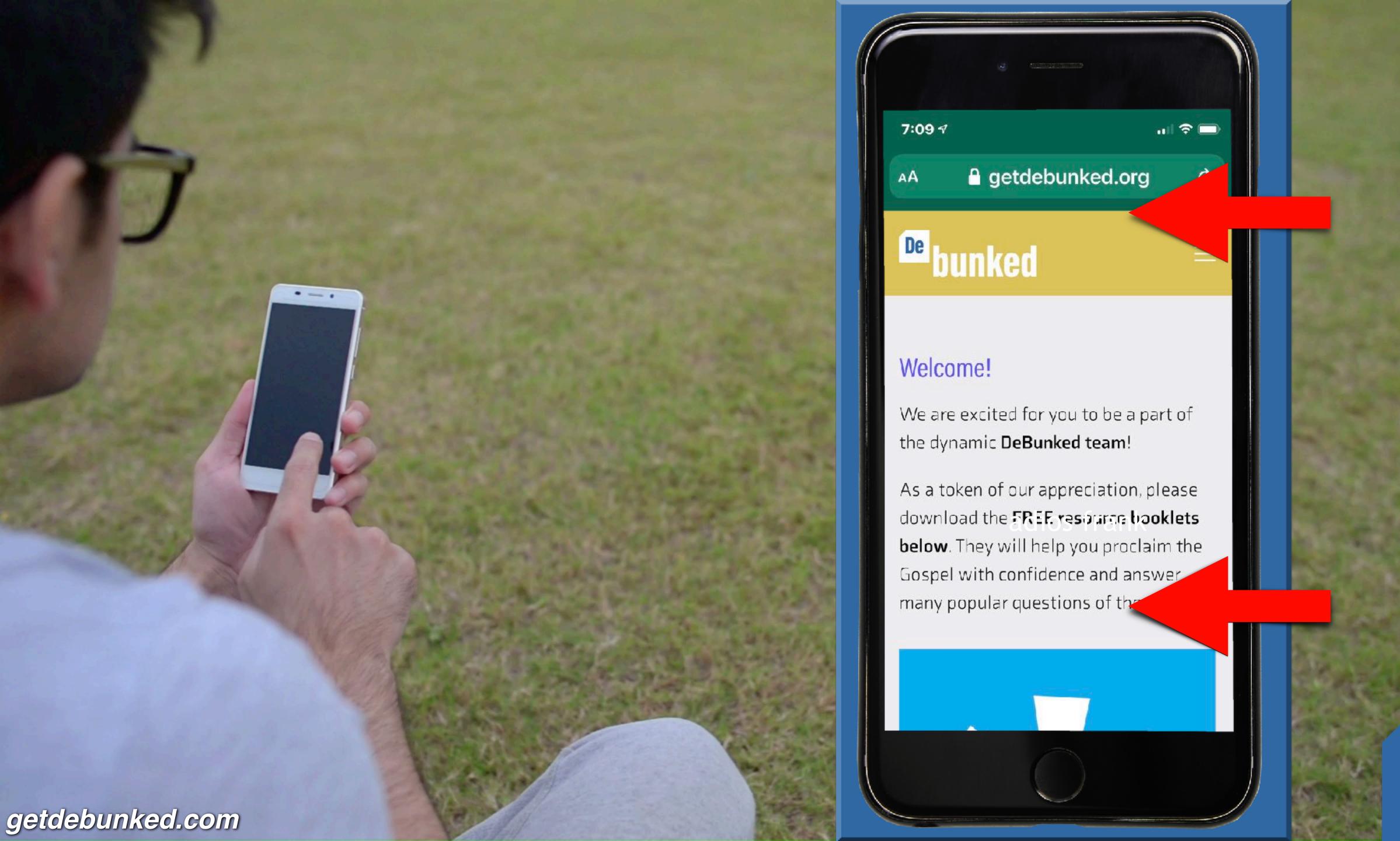


Strong people don't need to fear drifting away



THERE'S REAL HOPE WITHOUT JESUS





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<u>Hebrews 2:1-4</u>

Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away. For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him, God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will?

1 Corinthians 10:12

Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.

Psalms 119:93

I will never forget Your precepts, For by them You have given me life.

Hebrews 2:1

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How many of us have ever done something that seemed really good at first, only to realize it was a BIG MISTAKE?

Or... How many of us like doing fun things that are a little bit dangerous even though they can get us hurt?











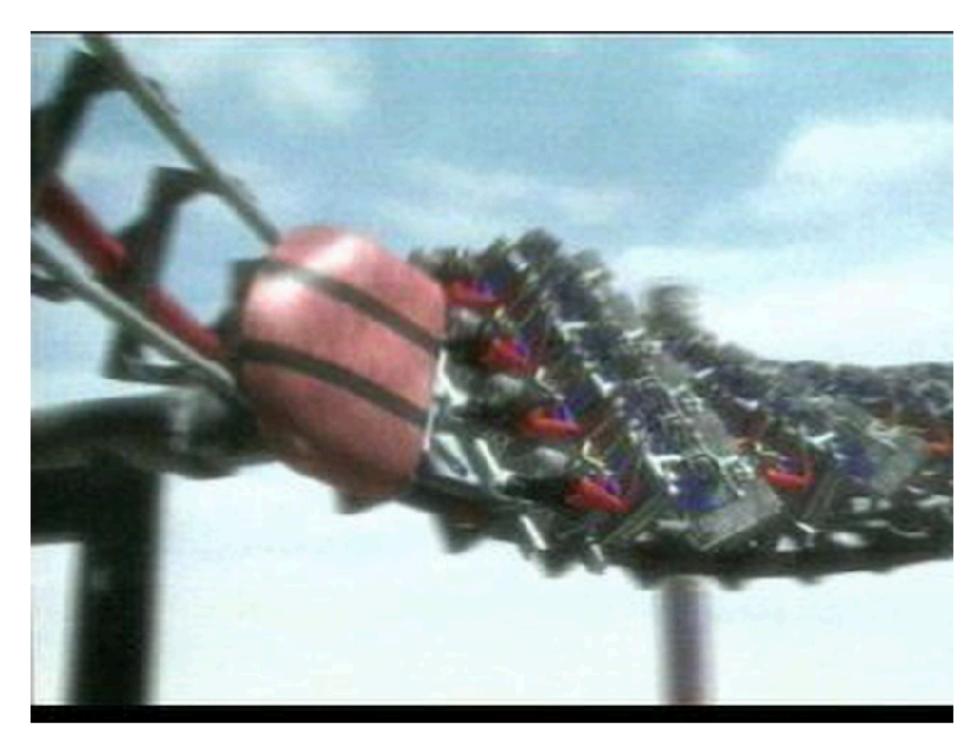
Firehawk roller coaster reopen after man's death











Posted by Trina Edwards - email

MASON, OH (FOX19) - A popular roller coaster at Kings Island is open again after a man's death over the weekend.

Park spokesman Don Helbig says officials closed Firehawk Saturday afternoon after a visitor died at the hospital shortly after riding it.

The victim has been identified as Homer Shields III, 38, of Toledo.

Riders and park workers noticed the man was having difficulty breathing when the roller coaster pulled

into the station. Shields was taken to Bethesda North Hospital, where he later died.

The Hamilton County coroner's office has not released the cause of death. An inspection by the state of Ohio found the ride was operating normally when the man was riding it.

"We have no reason to believe the guest's ride on Firehawk caused his unfortunate passing," Helbig said in a statement.

Again... How many of us like doing fun things that are a little bit dangerous?

What about playing with something cute and cuddly?



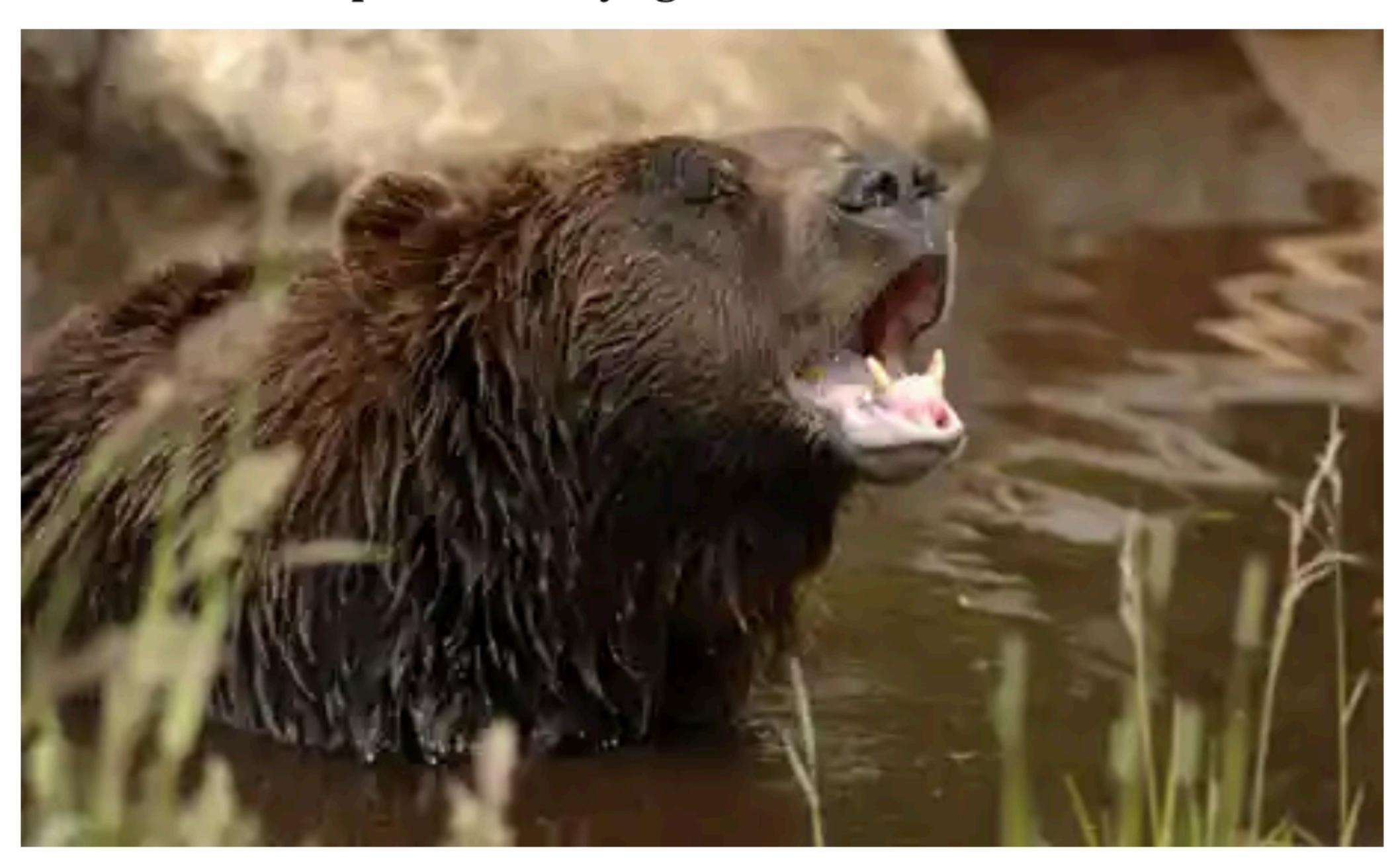


Proverbs 17:2

Let a man meet a bear robbed of her cubs, rather than a fool in his folly.



Officials decide not to pursue sow grizzly which attacked two hikers who came upon its cub, saying: 'That is natural behaviour'







James 1:13-15

Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

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There were six mistakes I made that caused me to drift away . . .

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AWARNING



Rip Currents Watch Out!

You could be swept out to sea and drown. If in doubt, don't go out!

WARNING



DANGEROUS SHOREBREAK

WAVES BREAK IN SHALLOW WATER.
SERIOUS INJURY COULD OCCUR.
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Once we know God, knowing the right to do and not doing it, gets us into deep trouble!

James 4:17

Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.

I found that these mistakes are not that uncommon...





















Carl's Mistakes:

- 1) He was lured by something of temporal value. (boogie boarding)
- 2) He did not pay attention to what he saw. (man-o-war on beach)
- 3) He did not pay attention to what he heard. (his wife/lifeguards)
- 4) He did not pay attention to what he read. (posted signs)
- 5) He took his foot off of the solid rock. (decided to go anyway)
- 6) He was all alone when he got into trouble. (all by himself)

These same mistakes were even made by people who loved God within the Bible...

2 Samuel 11:1-2

It happened in the spring of the year, at the time when kings go out to battle, that David sent Joab and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the people of Ammon and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem. Then it happened one evening that David arose from his bed and walked on the roof of the king's house. And from the roof he saw a woman bathing, and the woman was very beautiful to behold.

2 Samuel 11:3-5

... So David sent and inquired about the woman. And someone said, "Is this not Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?" Then David sent messengers, and took her; and she came to him, and he lay with her, for she was cleansed from her impurity; and she returned to her house. And the woman conceived; so she sent and told David, and said, "I am with child."

2 Samuel 11:6-9

Then David sent to Joab, saying, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David. When Uriah had come to him, David asked how Joab was doing, and how the people were doing, and how the war prospered. And David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house and wash your feet." So Uriah departed from the king's house, and a gift of food from the king followed him. But Uriah slept at the door of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house.

2 Samuel 11:10-11

So when they told David, saying, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "Did you not come from a journey? Why did you not go down to your house?"

And Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah are dwelling in tents, and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are encamped in the open fields. Shall I then go to my house to eat and drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do this thing."

2 Samuel 11:12-13

Then David said to Uriah, "Wait here today also, and tomorrow I will let you depart." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day and the next. Now when David called him, he ate and drank before him; and he made him drunk. And at evening he went out to lie on his bed with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house.

2 Samuel 11:14-17

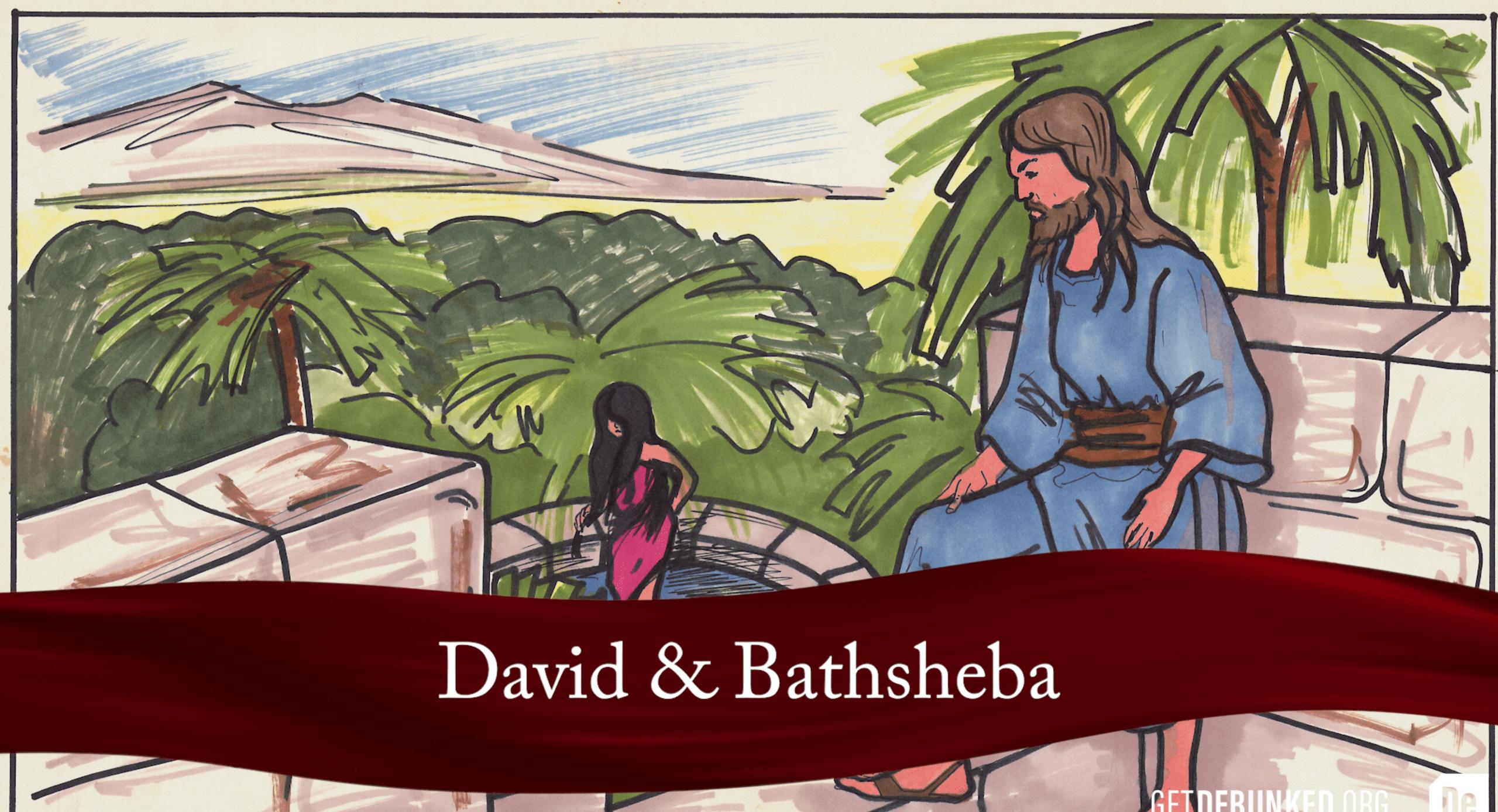
In the morning it happened that David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it by the hand of Uriah. And he wrote in the letter, saying, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hottest battle, and retreat from him, that he may be struck down and die." So it was, while Joab besieged the city, that he assigned Uriah to a place where he knew there were valiant men. Then the men of the city came out and fought with Joab. And some of the people of the servants of David fell; and Uriah the Hittite died also.

2 Samuel 11:25-26

Then David said to the messenger, "Thus you shall say to Joab: 'Do not let this thing displease you, for the sword devours one as well as another. Strengthen your attack against the city, and overthrow it.' So encourage him." When the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she mourned for her husband.

2 Samuel 11:27

And when her mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD.



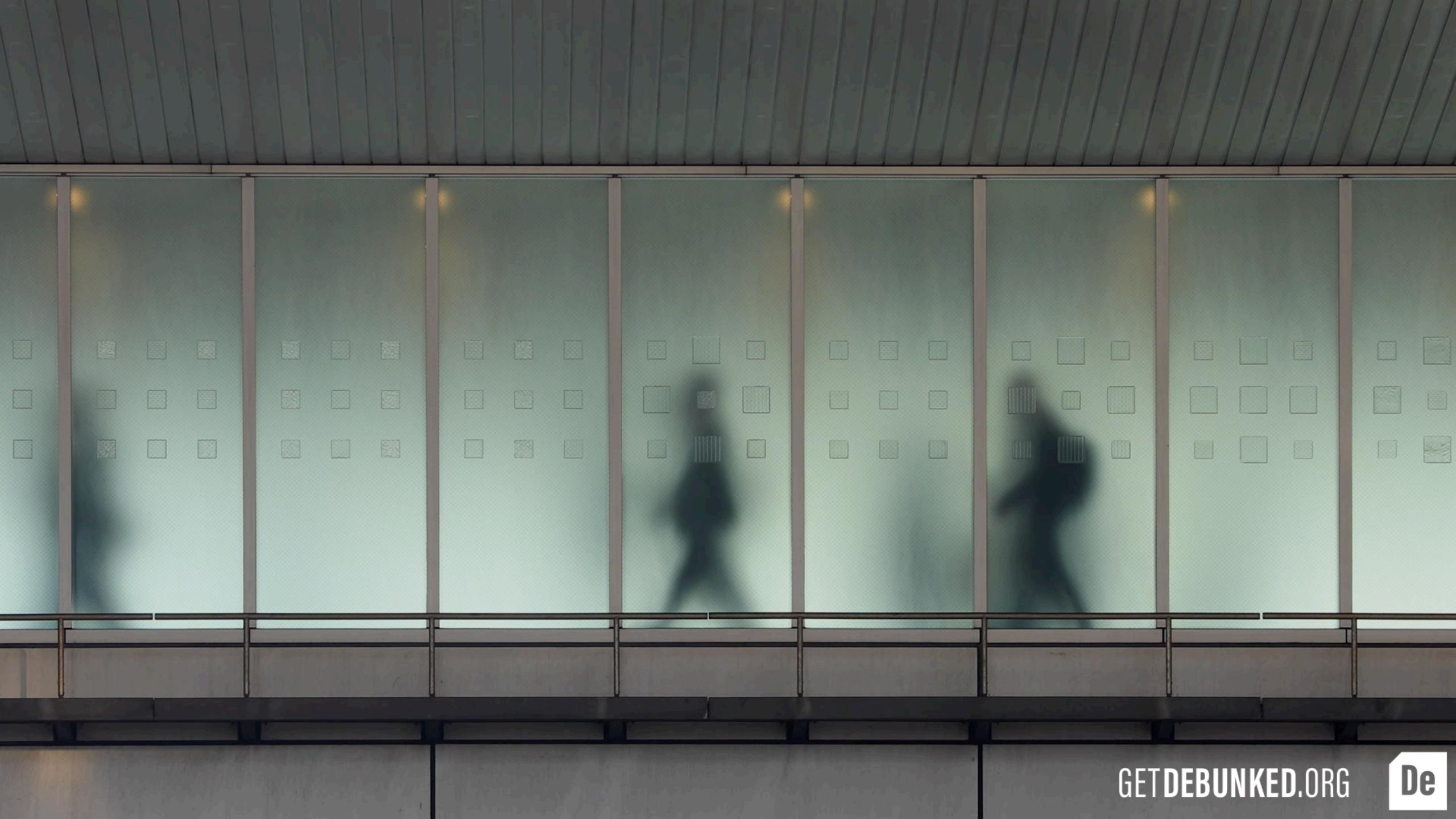
David's Mistakes:

- 1) He was lured by something of temporal value. (one night stand)
- 2) He did not pay attention to what he saw. (didn't go to war)
- 3) He did not pay attention to what he heard. (conscious/God/Uriah)
- 4) He did not pay attention to what he read. (he had the scriptures)
- 5) He took his foot off of the solid rock. (he forsook what was godly)
- 6) He was all alone when he got into trouble. (lacked accountability)



Psalms 1:1-4

Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; But his delight is in the law of the Lord, And in His law he meditates day and night. He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper. The ungodly are not so, But are like the chaff which the wind drives away.







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Like A Fig Tree . . .

- Planted fortified, stable, rooted, solid, and strong
- Fruitful production naturally follows being planted and growing
- Unwithered even during days of difficulty, the treelike soul is undaunted
- Prosperous fulfills the goals God has designed for his life

Psalms 1:1-4 (Paraphrase Version)

"Oh, the happiness, many times over, of the man who does not temporarily or even casually imitate the plan of life of those living in the activity of sinful confusion, nor comes and takes his stand in the midst of those who miss the mark spiritually, nor settles down and dwells in the habitation of the blasphemous crowd. But (in contrast to that kind of lifestyle) in God's Word he takes great pleasure, thinking upon it and pondering it every waking moment, day or night. The result: He will become treelike-firm, fruitful, unwithered, and fulfilling the goals in life that God has designed for him . . .

Psalms 1:1-4 . . . continued (Paraphrase Version)

. . . Not so, the ungodly! They are like worthless husks beaten about and battered by the winds of life (drifting and roaming without purpose). Therefore, on account of their inner worthlessness without the Lord, the ungodly are not able to stand erect on the day of judgment, nor do they possess any right to be numbered among the assembly of those declared righteous by God, because the Lord is inclined toward and bound to His righteous ones by special love and care; but the way of the one without the Lord will lead only to eternal ruin."

Who remembers my mistakes?

My Mistakes:

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But there are many fools among us . . .











Steve's Mistakes:

- 1) He was lured by something of temporal value. (extramarital sex)
- 2) He did not pay attention to what he saw. (her sin was known)
- 3) He did not pay attention to what he heard. (his conscious)
- 4) He did not pay attention to what he read. (her criminal history)
- 5) He took his foot off of the solid rock. (cheated on his wife/family)
- 6) He was all alone when he got into trouble. (no buddies around)

Proverbs 7:7-27

And saw among the simple, I perceived among the youths, A young man devoid of understanding, Passing along the street near her corner; And he took the path to her house In the twilight, in the evening, In the black and dark night. And there a woman met him, With the attire of a harlot, and a crafty heart. She was loud and rebellious, Her feet would not stay at home. At times she was outside, at times in the open square, Lurking at every corner.

Proverbs 7:7-27 . . . continued

. . . So she caught him and kissed him; With an impudent face she said to him: "I have peace offerings with me; Today I have paid my vows. So I came out to meet you, Diligently to seek your face, And I have found you. I have spread my bed with tapestry, Colored coverings of Egyptian linen. I have perfumed my bed With myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon. Come, let us take our fill of love until morning; Let us delight ourselves with love.

Proverbs 7:7-27 . . . continued

. . . For my husband is not at home; He has gone on a long journey; He has taken a bag of money with him, And will come home on the appointed day." With her enticing speech she caused him to yield, With her flattering lips she seduced him. Immediately he went after her, as an ox goes to the slaughter, Or as a fool to the correction of the stocks, Till an arrow struck his liver. As a bird hastens to the snare, He did not know it would cost his life.

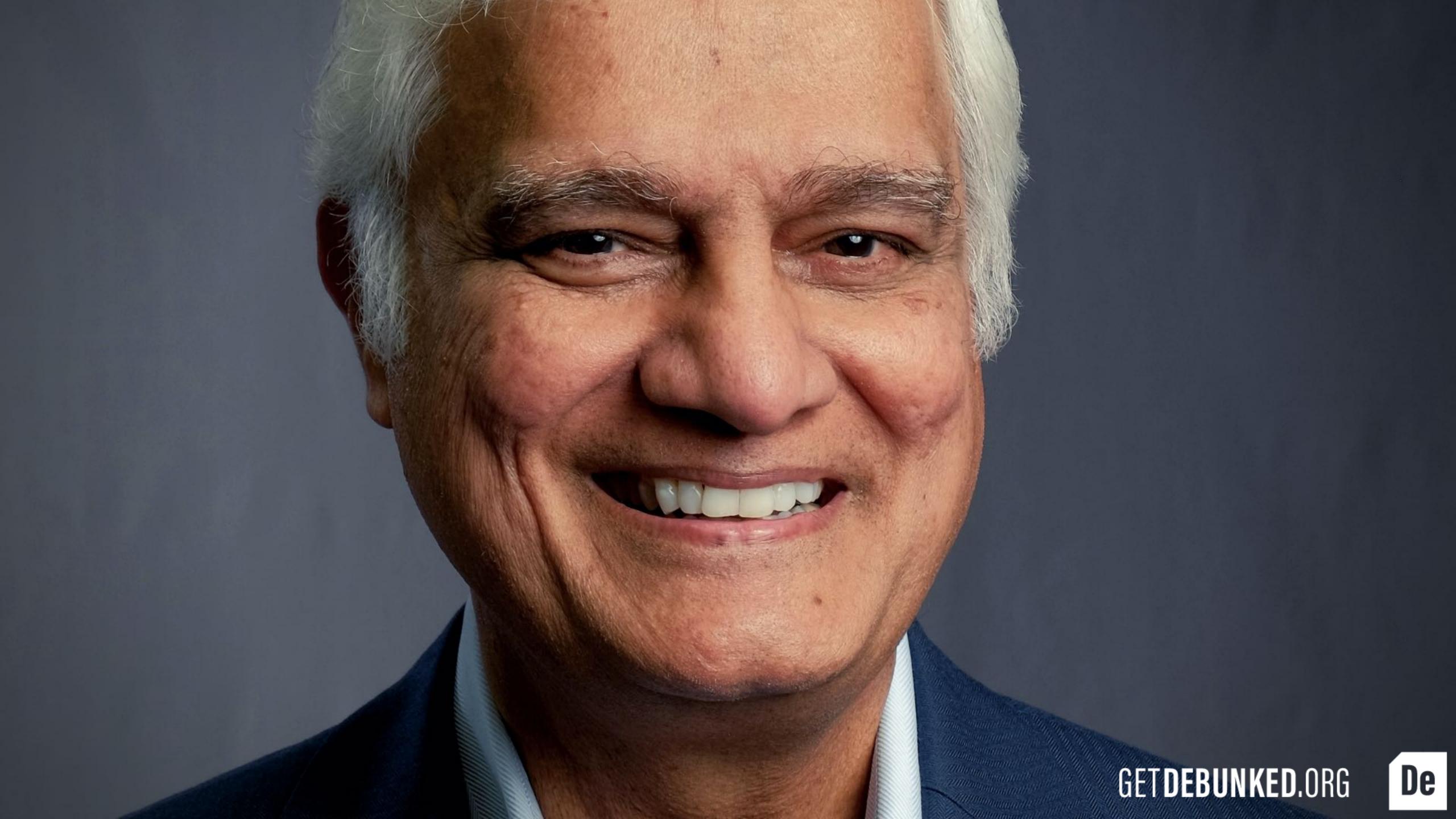
Proverbs 7:7-27 . . . continued

... Now therefore, listen to me, my children; Pay attention to the words of my mouth: Do not let your heart turn aside to her ways, Do not stray into her paths; For she has cast down many wounded, And all who were slain by her were strong men. Her house is the way to hell, Descending to the chambers of death.





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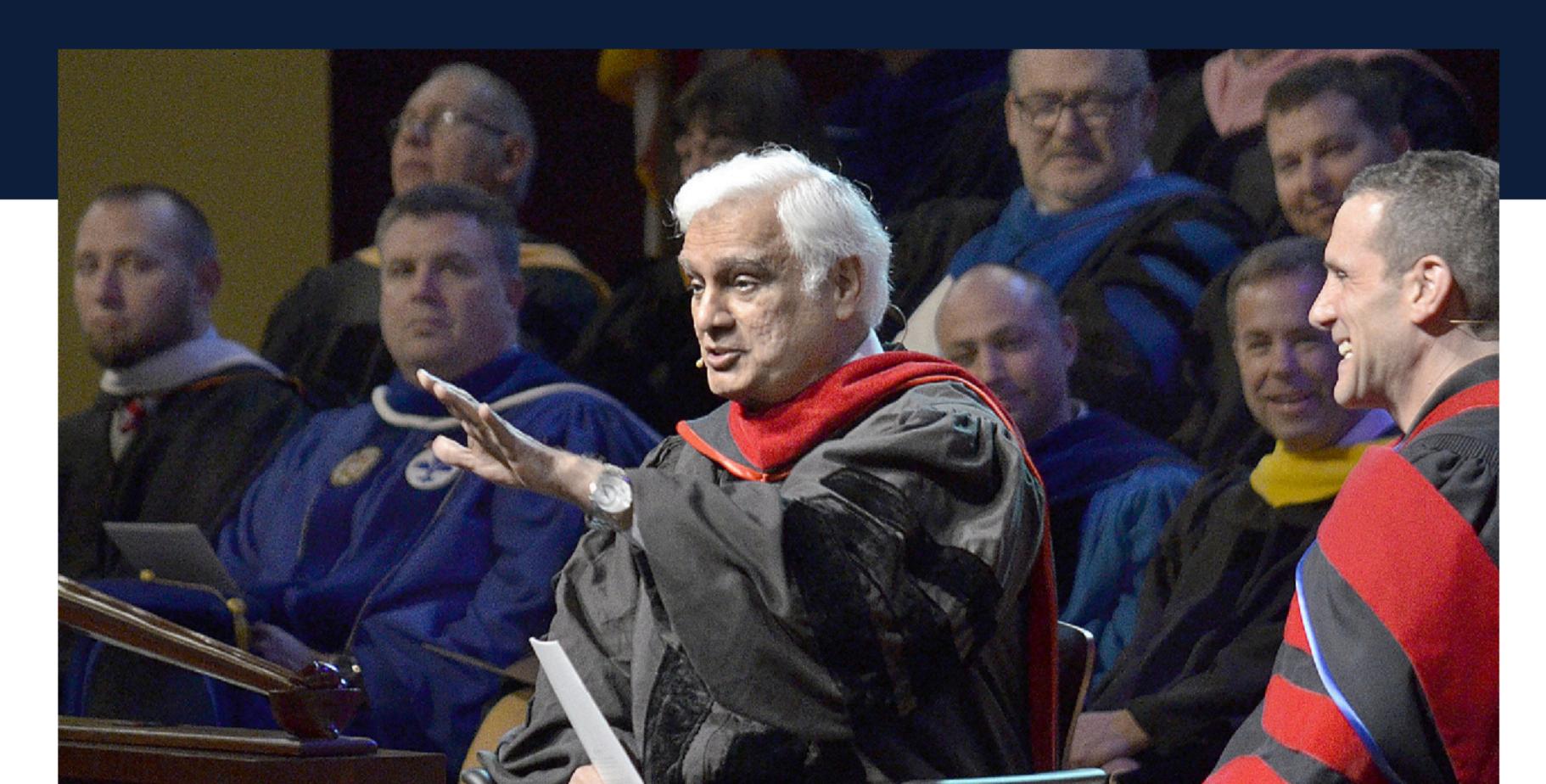




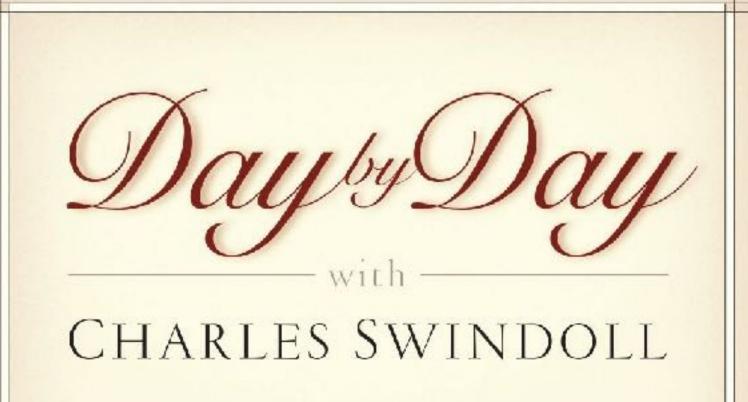
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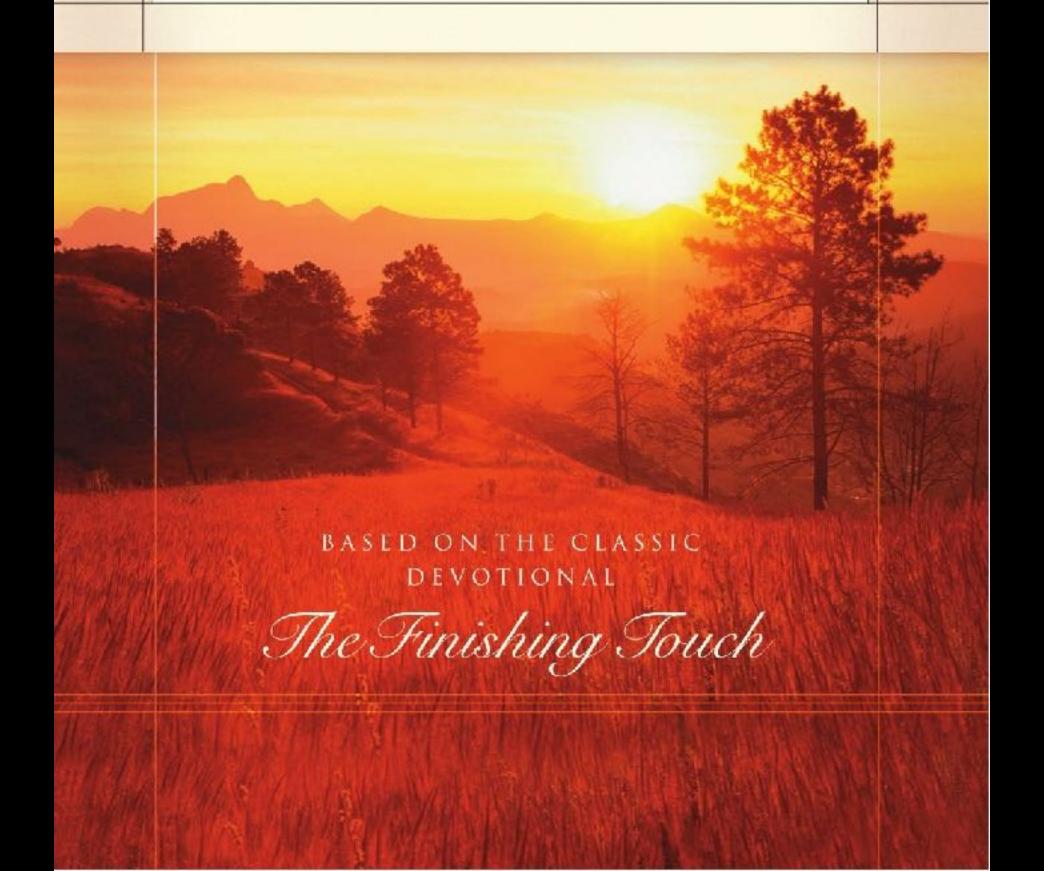
Law firm details sexual misconduct by global ministry leader Ravi Zacharias

"We are devastated by what the investigation has shown and are filled with sorrow for the women who were hurt by this terrible abuse," the ministry said.



Are we drifting now? De GET**DEBUNKED**.ORG





"One year a large section of a tree fell not far from where we had lived for over twenty-two years. Within minutes several of us had gathered to grieve the loss. As I stood there staring in disbelief, the thought struck me, This happened only minutes ago . . . but it's been in the process of happening for a long, long time. No tree just suddenly breaks apart. Once we were able to see beneath the thick bark at the break, it was obvious that some kind of killer disease had been at work for years . . .

Chuck Swindoll

... The city was notified, and within an hour or two they came in their orange trucks with heavy equipment, chain saws, rakes and brooms, and had everything whisked away in no time. Not so with a fallen life. Unlike trees, people don't grow up all alone or exist in a world of stoic and hard independence. We mingle and we merge into one another's lives. All the while there is appropriate respect for each other—and for one another's privacy. So we back off, trusting one another in realms too personal and intimate to share...

... But herein lies "the rub." A core disease in the thoughtlife goes unnoticed and untreated. No one knows that the pulp behind our healthy looking bark is neither wholesome nor healthy. And so the erosion continues its slow, silent, secret process. And then one day there is a sudden collapse, a terrible break, that allows everyone to see what no one expected. But because fallen people are not like fallen trees, many around the fallen one are always injured."

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What Can We Learn?

- First: A good start doesn't necessarily assure us of a strong finish.
- Second: Erosion could be at work, even though the bark looks healthy and the fruit tastes good.
- Third: Strength comes from deep within. Invite a few to keep watch over your pulp.
- Fourth: Never try to convince yourself that your fall won't hurt anyone all that much.

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Here's how science agrees with the Bible;

Things in motion...

Things at rest...

Here are five keys to getting back to the solid rock:

1) Repent, or Turn Around!

Acts 3:19 Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord,

1 John 1:9-10 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

2) Be In Fellowship With Others!

Proverbs 18:1 A man who isolates himself seeks his own desire; He rages against all wise judgment.

Hebrews 10:24-27 And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

3) Be In The Word!

Psalm 119:9-16 How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word. With my whole heart I have sought You; Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments! Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You. Blessed are You, O LORD! Teach me Your statutes. With my lips I have declared All the judgments of Your mouth. I have rejoiced in the way of Your testimonies, As much as in all riches. I will meditate on Your precepts, And contemplate Your ways. I will delight myself in Your statutes; I will not forget Your word.

4) Be Prepared!

Ephesians 6:13-18 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints

5) Fear Drifting Away And Stay On The Solid Rock!

Hebrews 4:1-2 Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it. For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it.

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1 Peter 2:11

Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul,

There are two primary truths to this passage:

· We are in a spiritual war!

· The enemy is ourselves!

"Unless we really know the character of our own heart, we will never value the gospel as we ought."

J. C. Ryle

One of the most tragic examples of this reality is what happened to

Pit Dernitz

(This video is old but graphically illustrates the lure and consequences to drifting away . . .)

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Pit Dernitz made 3 tragic mistakes:

- He was attracted to something that would kill him.
 - · He underestimated the power of the lion.
 - He overestimated his power to get away.

"We need to be killing sin, or it will be killing us."



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