



**Why Do**

**?**

**We Sin?**



# Making Horrible Trades

- Adam and Eve
  - Genesis 2:15-3:7
- Joseph and Potiphar's Wife
  - Genesis 39:6-10



# The Root of The Problem

- **Identifying the real problem**
  - **Pornography is a problem, but not THE problem**
  - **Lying and Gossip are problems, but not THE Problem**
  - **Adultery is a problem, but it is not THE Problem.**



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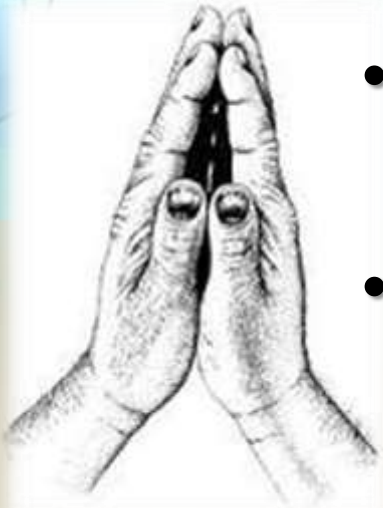
- **THE** problem is treasuring other things, other people, and other pleasures more than we treasure God.



# The Root of The Problem

- **Psalm 51**

- Notice what isn't in the psalm
- Everything that David had done isn't in there
- His sins were serious symptoms of a greater ailment – not treasuring God above everything else.



# I Sin Because of Me

- **James 1:13-15; 4:1-4, 8-10**
  - **Someone has suggested that the whole person is involved in committing sin: intellect, emotions, and will. Intellectually, there is deception. Emotionally, there is desire. And volitionally, there is disobedience.”**



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# IS: Because of Me

Lust (Evil  
Desire)

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**Us**

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**God**

# What Are We To Do?

- **Make up our minds now!**
- **Realize That “Some Things Don’t Belong to Me”**
- **“This is a Sin Against God”**
- **Sometimes We Must Run!**
  - **Genesis 39:11-12**



# What Are We To Do?

- **Achieve a Broken and Contrite Heart.**

- **Psalm 51:7**

**“I have made a  
horrible Trade.”**

**Acknowledgement of  
my Separation**

**Desperate desire for  
Reconciliation**

**Godly Sorrow**

**Genuine Repentance**

**Forgiveness**

# **Walk Down Another Street**

## **Chapter 1**

**I walk down the street.**

**There is a deep hole in the sidewalk.**

**I fall in.**

**I am lost.**

**I am helpless.**

**It isn't my fault.**

**It takes forever to find a way out.**

# **Walk Down Another Street**

## **Chapter 2**

**I walk down the same street.**

**There is a deep hole in the sidewalk.**

**I pretend I don't see it.**

**I fall in again.**

**I can't believe I am in this same place.**

**But it isn't my fault.**

**It still takes a long time to get out.**

# Walk Down Another Street

## Chapter 3

I walk down the same street.

There is a deep hole in the sidewalk.

I see it is there.

I still fall in ... It's a habit.

But my eyes are open.

I know where I am.

It is my fault

I get out immediately.

# **Walk Down Another Street**

## **Chapter 4**

**I walk down the same street.**

**There is a deep hole in the sidewalk.**

**I walk around it.**

# **Walk Down Another Street**

## **Chapter 5**

**I walk down another street.**

# We Look To Jesus

- Jesus can sympathize
- He knew and used the scriptures
- Engaged himself in God's work
- Prayed often
- Never lost sight of the goal.



# forgiven

'Come now, let us reason together,' says the Lord,  
'Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow;  
though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.'

- Isaiah 1:18

*...they shall be as white as snow!*

