

GO HOE NO MO'

Matthew 11:11-12

As we were encouraged by Pastor Carr, we must violently resist the tides of the world. When there is something we want, we pursue it. We'll do whatever it takes to get the thing we desire. We have to treat our walk with God like a prize. Desire it, and protect it, even violently! How you feel cannot be your guide. Emotions are fickle. We have to have the Word of God as our guide. Things will not always be this easy; will we be willing to fight against the sins that keep holding us down?

Judges 2:16, 8:33-34 (See Last Week's Message)

John 8:1-12

It hurts God when, having tasted His goodness, we go and betray Him. But even in that, He doesn't condemn us, but tells us to go and sin no more. Jesus's expectation of the woman was for her to destroy the desire for sin before it is even conceived. Jesus calls us to resist temptation, violently—to, "flee youthful lusts" (2 Timothy 2:22).

Luke 9:23

When we are tempted, place those struggles on the cross on our backs. Don't even let it get on you—put it on the cross!

Romans 8:13-14

In order to go and sin no more, we need help. We can't do it on our own. Often, we say, "let me get myself together; then, I'll go back to church." But our efforts fail without God! Submit yourself to Him and let Him change you from the inside out.

James 1:13-14

Plainly put, sin is bad. It leads to death if we don't nip it in the bud. This walk with Christ isn't just about what we can't do, but it's about what we can do: empowered by the love and power of Jesus, changing people for His glory!

Galatians 5:16-26

We have to start choosing God first, and over these other things that we often choose over Him. Idolatry isn't just bowing down before a wooden statue or worshipping with Buddhists; it is also prioritizing other things in our lives above God.

We must also fight jealousy. The person you covet may actually want what you have. You don't know what they had to go through to get that thing you want. Walk the path that *you're* on!

Dare to worship God! Dare to be kind where you normally wouldn't. Dare to go and hoe no mo'!