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If your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell" (Mt. 5:30).

I do not believe I've ever seen someone walking around without a hand who claimed they cut it off to save their soul. Most who read these verses in Matthew 5 lean more toward hyperbole interpretation and less to a literal one. In other words, Jesus isn't really telling us to cut off our hands, because if he were, we'd have a bunch of people running around missing their hands. So if Jesus is not literally telling us to cut off our hands when we sin, what is he trying to tell us?

The Sermon on the Mount is Matthew 5-7, and many believe that these chapters comprise the essence or core of discipleship. I tend to agree with that assessment. I've also seen how moments in these chapters resurface later in Matthew's gospel. In other words, these chapters are both key to Matthew's gospel and to the Christian faith.

Matthew 5:30 is part of five illustrations where Jesus exposes the unrighteous behavior of the Pharisees' so-called "righteousness" (5:20). The Pharisees may not have broken the 6th Commandment, but the hatred filling their hearts could have led to murder (5:21-26). They may not have physically broken the 7th Commandment, but they wanted to (5:27-32). They created acceptable rules and reasons for breaking one's promise (5:33-37). They advocated personal revenge (5:38-42). And they justified hating their enemies (5:38-48). Jesus wasn't attacking the Law, but he was attacking the way they bent the Law to excuse their sinful behavior.

So as Jesus addresses adultery (5:27-32), he is combatting a twisted view of Scripture that rationalizes lust as long as one never physically commits adultery. Nowhere in the Old Testament was God's intent to create a venue for sin. That in and of itself stands against his own nature. Moses never told Israel that it was ok with God for you to be driven by lustful desires as long as you never act on them. For those who actually believed and/or taught such a premise, they neither knew nor understood God.

Some two thousand years have passed since Jesus gave these instructions, and we find ourselves almost a world away from his original audience. If we compare modern American society to ancient Palestine, the moral decline is shocking. Redefining modesty, marketing products with sex, lewd images at our fingertips and an entire industry driven by pornography produces millions of dollars a year. No wonder lust is a losing battle. That said, compared to some ancient Gecko-Roman cities, America's battle with the explicit sexual images might still be seen as tame. Either way, it's still a temptation to battle.

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Prayer Requests

Penny Ball Please pray that the A-fib symptoms will soon be resolved.

Vanessa Coriell Diagnosed with POTS. This is an ongoing problem for her. Please keep her in your prayers.

Andy Dettwiller (Friend of Dale Kuhn) He is battling cancer. Please pray for him..

Jean & Greg Ferrell Thankfully they are feeling much better.

Phyllis Glauder (PJ Glauder's Wife) Please pray she has a speedy recovery and returns to better health soon.

Bobbie Havens Please pray for Bobbie, Rose and family.

Peggy Hollback Continue prayers for her health to improve and God's blessings on her.

Gene Kuhn (Dale Kuhn's Dad) Please continue to pray for him and his family.

Janine Morris Please pray she will receive the medication that will be most effective for her treatment to continue making progress to heal this disease.

Joe Preston Please pray he has a complete recovery from recent heart surgery.

Kim Woods (Gary Glispie's Sister) Please pray for strength and courage as she goes through chemo. Please bless her family with comfort during her illness.

Judi Allison Elbrooke Room#535

Esther & Gene Crisp Riverbend Room#123

Sarah Gilliland Hillview Room#213

Helen Hayward Homebound

Ruth Morris Best Care Room#10

Please pray that God will heal our country.



Sunday Morning Worship

Sunday Morning Live Streaming Links:

<https://sunshinecofc.church/sermon-media>
<https://sunshinecofc.sermon.net>

Welcome To All of Our Guests

We give a special welcome to all of our guests today. If this is your first time to visit with us, please stop by the Welcome Center in the foyer at the conclusion of services, pick up your gift just for being our guests today.

Thank you for coming. Please come back!

Gluten Free Communion Available

We have gluten free communion bread available for anyone who needs it. It can be found at the Welcome Center. You may simply pick it up before the services on your way into the auditorium.

Elders Meeting Together

Prayer Session: October 22



Good Morning Sunshine! WELCOME!

We also invite you to join us for on-line services.

Sunday Morning @ 10:00 AM

Sunday Eve. Class @ 6:30 PM

Wednesday Eve. Class @ 7:30 PM

If you'd like to follow along during the service, today's lesson comes from:

Sunday AM Hosea 1:1-3

Sunday PM Luke 5:1-11

Wednesday Eve Matt. 5:1-12

Sunday Morning Worship Service
will continue here at the building,
with **Sunday Evening & Wednesday**
Evening lessons presented on line.

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We extend our deepest sympathy  
to the **Ed McLaughlin Family**.  
Ed was a true friend and treasure to  
all that knew him. He will certainly  
be missed at Sunshine.

God's peace and comfort to all his  
family and friends.

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Bridal Shower Today

Please join us for a bridal shower honoring

Kathleen Kuhn & Wesley Book

Sunday, October 11, 2020 @ 1:00-3:00

Porter Township Community Center

408 Bulwer Street

Wheelersburg, Ohio 45694

RSVP to: Tonya Coriell 740-285-2780 or
June Book 740-727-2689

Kathleen is registered at Amazon, Walmart,
Belk, Target, and Williams Sonoma

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**Please pray for the safety of all our kids.**

## No Neutrality

Pilate could wash his hands, but he could not wash Jesus' blood off his conscience.

We cannot be neutral about Christ. We are either for or against Him. There is no middle ground.

Jesus said: "He who is not with Me is against Me" (Matthew 12:30)

Jesus is God's spokesman to man today: God has "in these last days spoken to us by His Son" (Hebrews 1:1-2) He is the only mediator between God and man (1 Timothy 2:5)

He is our perfect example. Christ left us an example, that you should follow His steps:

"Who committed no sin, nor was deceit found in His mouth (1 Peter 2:21-22)

He is man's only Savior. (Matthew 1:21)

When a man like that stands before you, you do not just pass Him off with a shrug of the shoulders. No, you have to make a decision—a decision that affects your soul, judgement and eternity. Jesus said: "He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has one that judges him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day. (John 12:48)

Someday this will be reversed. Jesus now stands before us, and we have the right to decide what we will do with Him. But, the day is coming when we will stand before Him, and He will decide what to do with us: "We will all appear before the judgement seat of Christ, that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad." (2 Corinthians 5:10)

Do unto Christ today as you would have Him do unto you in the last day.

-Anonymous

## Family Bible Time

### Week 94 Text:

Oct. 11 Lesson 395 2 Kings 14-15

Oct. 14 Lesson 396 Jonah 1-2

### Week 95 Text:

Oct. 18 Lesson 397 Jonah 3-4

Oct. 21 Lesson 398 Amos & Hosea

# Those Who Serve

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| <b>Sunday Morning</b> | <b>10/11/2020</b> | <b>10/18/2020</b> | <b>10/25/2020</b> |
| Welcome               | Jon Coriell       | Wayne Gamp        | Shaun McCray      |
| Midservice Prayer     |                   |                   |                   |
| Communion             |                   |                   |                   |
| Reading               |                   |                   |                   |
| Closing Prayer        |                   |                   |                   |
| <b>Sun. Evening</b>   | <b>10/11/2020</b> | <b>10/18/2020</b> | <b>10/25/2020</b> |
| Song Leader           | Service Online    | Service Online    | Service Online    |
| Reading               |                   |                   |                   |
| Communion             |                   |                   |                   |
| Assist                |                   |                   |                   |
| Prayer                |                   |                   |                   |
| <b>Wed. Evening</b>   | <b>10/14/2020</b> | <b>10/21/2020</b> | <b>10/28/2020</b> |
| Song Leader           | Service Online    | Service Online    | Service Online    |
| Prayer                |                   |                   |                   |



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Bible Study - 6:30 pm

**Wednesday** Bible Study - 7:30 pm

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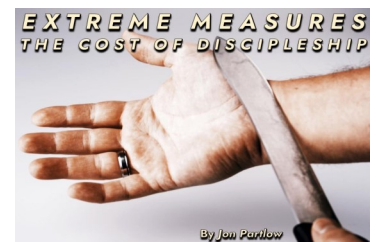
Jesus' teaching on lust includes two strong messages often glossed over. First, lust has eternal consequences. The call to gouge out an eye or to cut off a hand is clearly hyperbole, though the damage lust does to the mind and heart cannot be understated. Studies are confirming that the dehumanization of women through pornography deteriorates the relationship between the husband and wife. By continually going into such a dark place creates a foothold for darker thoughts to prevail. So Jesus says to take extreme measures to ensure your heart remains pure, because more is at stake than a moment of pleasure: your very soul is at stake.

Secondly, take responsibility for your thoughts. Jesus clearly puts the burden of purity, not on the women, but on the men, ". . . anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart" (Mt. 5:28). While modesty, as well as the messaging sent through dress, is an important discussion to have, the focus of this text is on the man. We have the power to look away and to stop the fantasy before it even starts.

I don't believe I've ever seen an eye gouged out or a hand cut off as a preventive measure of stopping lust from taking hold. I did hear about Billy Graham ripping the cable cord from his hotel room to prevent him from succumbing to temptation. He confessed that he'd rather pay for the remodel job on the room than to discredit his ministry and vow to his wife. Maybe that's the extreme measures Jesus had in mind.

*Soli Deo Gloria!*

(i.e., only God is glorified!)



Have a wonderful day!