



SOUTH JACKSON BEACON

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Weaknesses ***Sam Wilcut***

Life is tough. Temptations are difficult. It goes without saying that Satan, the great tempter, knows our weaknesses, for he knows that "... all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23). Yet, just as he knew that Jesus had fasted for forty days and nights and immediately hit Him with his first temptation to attack Him there, he knows our greatest weaknesses and hits us there. We do not like to think about our weaknesses—we accentuate our strengths and diminish our weaknesses. In a certain sense, this is not a bad thing; it is only human of us to do so. However, the difference is whether we are diminishing our weaknesses publicly while striving to deal with them, overcome and solve them, or whether we are simply hiding them while privately reveling in them. Consider how the Bible describes our weaknesses. What is your forbidden fruit? The weakness for Eve was that fruit: "And when [Eve] saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat..." (Gen. 3:6). For her, it became a tremendous temptation.

What is your forbidden fruit? Is it cigarettes? Is it alcohol? Is it money? Is it cars? What is your forbidden fruit? Where is your Sodom and Gomorrah? When Lot and Abraham separated, Lot saw the well-watered plains of the Jordan River Valley and moved his family "in the cities of the plain, and pitched his tent toward Sodom" (Gen. 13:12). Yet, the very next verse states, "But the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the Lord exceedingly" (Gen. 13:13). Later, God told Abraham of what he would do to the cities of Sodom. Knowing that his nephew lived there, he pleaded with God to spare them if he could find ten righteous souls. Yet, it was to no avail. As Genesis 19 describes, Lot and his family fled from their home before God destroyed those wicked cities with fire and brimstone. By

inspiration, Peter commented,

For if God...spared not the old world... and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly, and delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked: (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;) the Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished. (2 Pet. 2:4-9)

Where is your Sodom and Gomorrah? Is it the casinos? Is the bar to meet singles? Is it your girlfriend's bedroom or the back of your car in a dimly lit area? Where is your Sodom and Gomorrah?

Who is your Goliath? We all remember him—in First Samuel 17, he was the champion of the Philistines that harassed the Israelites every morning and every night. In fact, he would not give up—he did so for forty days (1 Sam. 17:16). He was relentless. He was merciless. He struck fear in them all, including the mighty king, Saul—the one who stood head and shoulders above all other Israelites (1 Sam. 9:2). Among the enemies of God, there was no one more ruthless. He was a thorn in their side until a young boy named David came with complete faith and trust in God and killed him. Who is your Goliath? Is it your spouse who abuses you mentally and berates you emotionally? Is it your coworker who laughs at you because you are a Christian and ignores your feelings with crude language? Who is your Goliath?

Therefore, you may need to avoid some things (forbidden fruit). You may need to avoid some places (Sodom and Gomorrah). You may need to avoid some people (Goliath). The prayer that ought to be on our lips is the one Jesus taught us: "And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil" (Matt. 6:13).

Congregational News & Notes

Prayer Requested

Members

Mary Bolen, Luther & Jo Merritt
Nadine McDonald,
Sandra Epperson, Sue Harris
Freddie Stewart, Cindy Kidder,
Lisa Dukes, Doug Crouse,
Freddie Callis, Betty Mosely,
Teriyaki Anderson,
James Morris, Troyce Taylor,
Pearl Johnson, Paula Wadley,
Judy Ellis, Jerry Crabb,
Karen Chance
Gaylon & Betty Cooper,
Sammy & Shirley Puckett,

Friends & Family

Horace Yearwood,
Beverly Martindale,
Diane Hubbard,
Brandi Rogers, Corey Allen
Kenton Lancaster,
Ruby Malone, Melissa Henson
Caraline Rogers, Justin Puckett,
Jane Washington, Joyce Pack

Today's Sermons

AM - Jeff Dove Speaking
The Attitude of An Unbeliever
Matthew 9:16-18

PM - Sermon in Song - Heaven

Happenings

South Jackson

Today

5th Sunday Fellowship Meal

June 19-20

Work Days at the Building
Friday - 6:30 PM
Saturday - 9 AM

Cookout will take place at 1 PM
on Saturday

See bulletin Board for
Area Events

Cards to Send

Donald Compton
PO Box 72
Henderson, TN 38340

Doug Crouse
68 Scotland Drive Drive
Jackson, TN 38301

Weekly Record

Bible Class	36/9
AM Worship	72/6
PM Worship	44/0
Wed Bible Study	44/7
Contribution	4205
Budget	3600

Those Privileged to Serve

May 31 - AM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Ray Pack
Read Scripture:
Costel Ghimpu
Opening Prayer:
Joe Venable
Sermon: Jeff Dove
Closing Prayer: Ronald Clouse
Communion: Greg Long
Contribution:
Louie LeRoux

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Various
Opening Prayer:
Greg Long
Sermon: Sermon in Song
Closing Prayer: Jerry Butcher
Communion: Greg Long

June 3 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher
Opening Prayer:
Greg Long
Devo - Ray Pack

June 7 - AM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: John Smith
Read Scripture:
Jeff Bliss
Opening Prayer:
Marion Thomas
Sermon: Ray Pack
Closing Prayer: Carleton Kidder
Communion: Paul Hatcher
Contribution:
Van McConnell

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher
Opening Prayer:
Mike Wages
Sermon: Ian SHOemate
Closing Prayer: Ronald Clouse
Communion: Greg Long

June 10 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher
Opening Prayer:
Mike Wages
Devo - Marion Thomas

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Service Tim

Gospel of Christ - WBBJ	5:00 AM
Sunday Bible Class	9:30 AM
Sunday AM Worship	10:30 AM
Sunday PM Worship	5:00 PM
Midweek Bible Study	6:30 PM