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DEVOTIONS CONNECTING TEENS TO CHRIST

The one who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.

1 John 3:8

Best. Prayer. Ever. – Deliver us from dEvil

The devil has a way of twisting everything. And I mean everything. He has a way of calling good evil and evil good. Remember how he did that to Adam and Eve? He told them that the good thing that God had given them in his command to avoid the one tree, was actually evil. "God is holding out on you," he whispered.

And that's what he does to you too. He whispers in your ear, "God's way of sexual purity is actually evil. God is taking all the fun out of life. You should be able to enjoy sex." He tells you, "This trajectory that your life is on is all wrong. God doesn't know what he's doing. God's path for your life is evil." He leads you to question God's goodness and God's love for you. "God says he loves you and he is working all things for good, but is he really? How can all this suffering and hardship be good?" He shows us all the evil in the world and he taunts us to ask, "How can God say that he is in charge of all this? How can a good God allow such bad things to happen? Just look at what happened in Virginia!"

The truth is this: the devil is the source of all evil in this world. He is the father of lies. He is a murderer. There is no truth in him. And all he wants to do is to destroy you. He doesn't want good for you. He didn't want good for Adam and Eve. He wanted them to suffer. He wanted them to die. And that's what he wants for you too. He wants you to suffer. He wants you to die.

But that is not what your God wants for you. God wants you to live with him forever. God wants you to live and not die. That's why he sent Jesus for you. Jesus came with one purpose and for one reason alone: Destroy the Devil and all his Evil work. Paul wrote to the Galatians and told them that "Jesus gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father" (Galatians 1:4).

It is what God continues to do in your daily life. He wants to give you life. That's why he gives you his commands to guard you from evil and to show you how to live for him. He knows that sin leads to death. That's why God does what he does in your life. Evil may come to your life. Harm may happen to you. But know this. God rules over this evil and promises to deliver you from it both now in these days and in eternity to come.

Evil will not win. The Devil will not win. Jesus already has. And you will too.

Prayer: Father, I will not make it without your help. The Devil keeps coming after me like a lion in the tall grass, lurking and waiting to take me down. Deliver me from his evil plans. Deliver me from his evil works. Yes, Father, even use his evil and turn it for my eternal and saving good. Amen.