

Cuddling with Sin

By Barb Cash



HAVE YOU EVER FELT like you are not even sure that your prayers are heard, much less answered by the Lord? I know I have had more of those times than I care to count!

I think one of the things that can squelch our ability to commune with the Lord is knowing we have sin in our lives and not doing anything about it! Scripture says it does...

Psalm 66:18

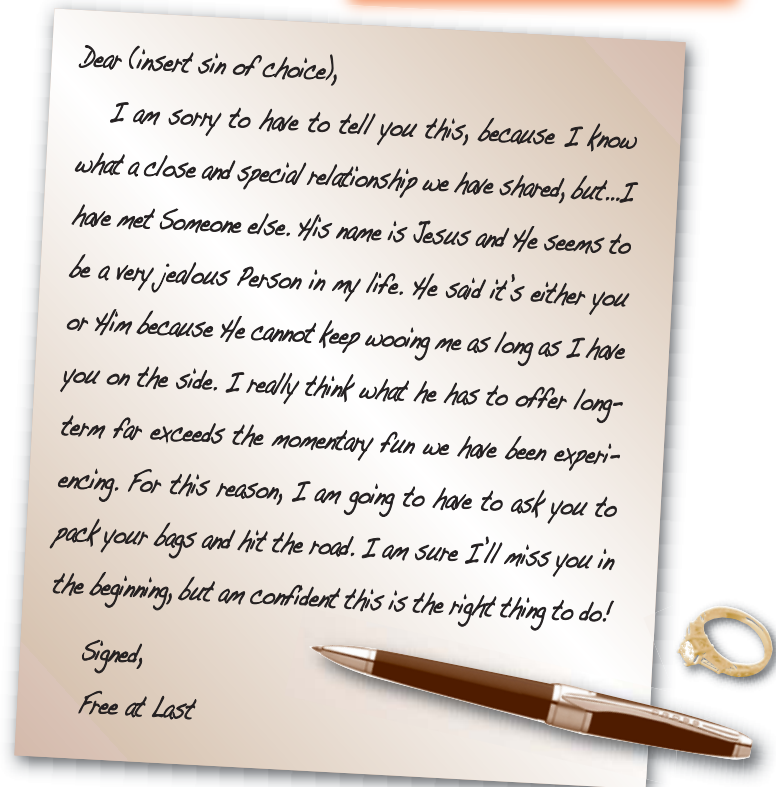
If I had been cozy with evil, the Lord would never have listened.

Another version talks about *cherishing* sin in our heart. When I cherish something, I spend a lot of time focusing on it, nurturing it, feeding it, etc. Think about what it is you cherish. The Lord says that if we are not careful, **sin** can become an object of our affection.

Our friend, Joel, was praying a few weeks ago and he said in his prayer that we need to quit “cuddling” with sin! I loved it because that is a great portrait of what it looks like when we allow ourselves to *cherish* sin. We can often times treat sin as a relationship, an unhealthy one at best, and we need to get to the point where we “break up with sin”!

We should each do some personal inventory in our hearts and ask Abba if there are any areas of sin that we need to hand a “Dear John” letter to!

I think it would read something like this...



I know I do not want to have any areas of my heart in which there is anything I cherish more than Jesus!

Psalm 139:23-24

Investigate my life, O God, find out everything about me; Cross-examine and test me, get a clear picture of what I'm about; See for yourself whether I've done anything wrong—then guide me on the road to eternal life.

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Scripture

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- Oct. 3*Mickey* - White Sox in Detroit
- Oct. 4*Tim* – Chapel – Nationals/Braves
- Oct. 4-5*Mickey* - Seattle for PAO Transition Team
- Oct. 11-12*Tom* – Speaking at Grace College - Winona Lake, IN
- Oct. 13-16*Mickey* - Puerto Rico trip meeting w/ local pastors
- Oct. 23-25*Arizona Wives Retreat*
- Oct. 28- Nov. 3*Mickey* - Nicaragua trip

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Prayer... Praises

PRAYER

- Off-season bible studies in AZ and ATL.
- Details to be finalized for each of UPI's International Trips.
- Players to get locked into their churches this off-season to continue growing in Christ.
- Smith and Julie Peck as they go full time with the JSP grief ministry.
- For the final edit and printing of the UPI book.

PRAISE

- For the health and safety of our staff as we traveled throughout the summer.
- Great year of growth in lives of White Sox players and wives.
- Several players have committed for UPI's off-season International Trips.

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