

# The Fight of Your Life

## In The Fight Against Sin, I Must Know the Enemy

<sup>14</sup> But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. <sup>15</sup> Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death. <sup>16</sup> Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers.  
- James 1:14-16

**How we think sin works:**

\_\_\_\_\_ → \_\_\_\_\_.

So, if we can just \_\_\_\_\_, then we won't \_\_\_\_.

But temptation cannot exist where \_\_\_\_\_ does not exist first.

All temptation can do is point out the \_\_\_\_\_ to fulfill desires I already have.

Consider Eve in the Garden of Eden ...

\_\_\_\_\_ → temptation → sin

But my real problem remains: I still \_\_\_\_\_ sin.

My \_\_\_\_\_ (what I love or what I hate) drive \_\_\_\_\_ I do. (I only ever \_\_\_\_ what I \_\_\_\_\_).

But desires only exist when we feel something is \_\_\_\_\_. Our desires come from a sense of \_\_\_\_\_ ... something could be better or more satisfying ...

\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_ desires → temptation → sin.

So, if I want to change an \_\_\_\_\_, I have to first change the \_\_\_\_\_ that drives it.

But the underlying cause of a misplaced affection goes still deeper. Its root is \_\_\_\_\_.

We wrongly believe that what \_\_\_\_\_ can provide what we want/need better than \_\_\_\_\_ can.

\_\_\_\_\_ → want/lack → desires → temptation → sin

Every sin – at its root – betrays some unbelief in God or His Word.

Every sin is \_\_\_\_\_ because it is an act of \_\_\_\_\_ against the King, as we crown some lust, desire, or pleasure the new king in our lives.

We become like Eve at the tree ...

**So, what do we do?**

\_\_\_\_\_ → want/lack → desires → opportunity → righteousness.

Only the power of Christ can \_\_\_\_\_ our hearts. What we need is more \_\_\_\_\_.

Whereas unbelief created a lack of \_\_\_\_\_ in God, faith creates a sense of \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ of Him!

It's not that we don't have Christ; it's that we don't have \_\_\_\_\_ of Him. The more we desire Christ – and \_\_\_\_\_ that desire – the more we will seize upon the opportunities to be/do \_\_\_\_\_.

**So, I kill sin by ....**

*What is it that my heart does not trust God to provide that I thought this sin would take care of?*

*Today's message owes much to the work of David Bowden in Rewire Your Heart:  
Replace Your Desire for Sin with Desire for God*

*Dr. Paul Thompson  
Calvary Baptist Church  
April 25, 2021*

## Baptism Sunday | May 2

If you have been considering baptism or would like to talk to a pastor or elder about baptism, please contact Angie in the church office.

## Women's Ministry Coffee & Connect

**Sunday, May 2 | 3:00 pm | Parlor**

Calvary ladies are invited to gather together for a fun time of coffee, conversation, and connection. There will be a discussion on "Everyday Faithfulness".

## American Red Cross Blood Drive

**Thursday, May 6 | 2:00-6:00 pm | Parlor**

Be the lifeline patients need by giving blood. To make an appointment to donate, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org), enter the code 36303 and then choose "Dothan Community-Calvary Baptist Church" for appointment times.

## Parent-Child Commitment Service

**Sunday, May 9 | 10:00 am Worship**

Please email [joyce@calvarydothan.com](mailto:joyce@calvarydothan.com) if you would like to be a part of this special commitment time with your new child.

## Joy Prom + enAble Ministry Presents Spring Fling

**Sunday, May 16 | 5:00-7:00 pm (Weather Permitting)**

In the Parking Lot of Calvary Baptist Church

Volunteers are needed. Contact [emily@calvarydothan.com](mailto:emily@calvarydothan.com) to see how you can help.

## Vacation Bible School Volunteers

There are many opportunities to make disciples of the boys and girls who will be attending this year's VBS, June 14-18! Please consider serving and join our team. For more information or to sign-up, visit [calvarydothan.com/vbs/](http://calvarydothan.com/vbs/).

## Student Summer Camp!

**Global Youth Camp | July 12-16 | Cost: \$299 | 6th-12th Grade**

Calvary Students are heading to Global Youth Camp this Summer! They will be attending the Blue Ridge Campus in Black Mountain, NC. There is something about pulling away from our normal environments and routine and focusing intensely on God and his Word that is simply transforming. This camp is a blast and full of activities, recreation, leadership development, unity building, and powerful moments of worship and study. We hope you will join us! Register online at [calvarydothan.com](http://calvarydothan.com).

## Registration for Men's Church League Softball is now open!

Men's Church League will play on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at Westgate Park.

Tentative league schedule: May 24 through July 15

Cost is \$25 per player and registration forms can be obtained at the church office. Registration **form and fee MUST** be turned in to the church office by April 30. Contact Tommy Perry at 792-5159 or [tommy@calvarydothan.com](mailto:tommy@calvarydothan.com) with any questions.

## Welcome to Dothan Bags

Help us welcome your new neighbors to Dothan and invite them to Calvary by picking up a "Welcome to Dothan" bag located in the foyer of the Fellowship Center. When someone moves in near you, go meet them and take them a bag filled with goodies and info about Dothan and Calvary.

## 35 Reasons Not To Sin

1. Because a little sin leads to more sin.
2. Because my sin invites the discipline of God.
3. Because the time spent in sin is forever wasted.
4. Because my sin never pleases but always grieves God who loves me.
5. Because my sin places a greater burden on my spiritual leaders.
6. Because in time my sin always brings heaviness to my heart.
7. Because I am doing what I do not have to do.
8. Because my sin always makes me less than what I could be.
9. Because others, including my family, suffer consequences due to my sin.
10. Because my sin saddens the godly.
11. Because my sin makes the enemies of God rejoice.
12. Because sin deceives me into believing I have gained when in reality I have lost.
13. Because sin may keep me from qualifying for spiritual leadership.
14. Because the supposed benefits of my sin will never outweigh the consequences of disobedience.
15. Because repenting of my sin is such a painful process, yet I must repent.
16. Because sin is a very brief pleasure for an eternal loss.
17. Because my sin may influence others to sin.
18. Because my sin may keep others from knowing Christ.
19. Because sin makes light of the cross, upon which Christ died for the very purpose of taking away my sin.
20. Because it is impossible to sin and follow the Spirit at the same time.
21. Because God chooses not to respect the prayers of those who cherish their sin.
22. Because sin steals my reputation and robs me of my testimony.
23. Because others once more earnest than I have been destroyed by just such sins.
24. Because the inhabitants of heaven and hell would all testify to the foolishness of this sin.
25. Because sin and guilt may harm both mind and body.
26. Because sins mixed with service make the things of God tasteless.
27. Because suffering for sin has no joy or reward, though suffering for righteousness has both.
28. Because my sin is adultery with the world.
29. Because, though forgiven, I will review this very sin at the Judgment Seat where loss and gain of eternal rewards are applied.
30. Because I can never really know ahead of time just how severe the discipline for my sin might be.
31. Because my sin may be an indication of a lost condition.
32. Because to sin is not to love Christ.
33. Because my unwillingness to reject this sin now grants it an authority over me greater than I wish to believe.
34. Because sin glorifies God only in His judgment of it and His turning of it to good use, never because it is worth anything on its own.
35. Because I promised God he would be Lord of my life.

Relinquish Your Rights – Reject the Sin

Renew the Mind – Rely on God

## I WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT:

### My Decision Today:

I trusted Jesus as Savior.

I'd like to join Calvary Baptist Church.

I believe God is calling me into ministry/mission.

Please have a pastor or elder contact me.

If you would like to speak with someone about one of the items noted above, please visit the Next Steps Kiosk before you leave today.

### PRAYER REQUESTS:

Pastors & Prayer Team Only

Churchwide

## Connect Card

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Please complete this tab, tear it off and drop it in an offering plate.

- Please update my information
- Please contact me about membership

### I am a:

- First Time Guest
- Guest
- Member

Name

Address

City

State/Zip

- Male
- Female

- Married
- Single

Birthdate (mm/dd/yy)

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Spouse

Spouse's Birthdate (mm/dd/yy)

### Children:

Name / Date of Birth

Please complete the additional information on the back of this tab, if applicable.

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### I'm New Here

To fill out a digital Connect Card or learn more about Calvary, please use your smartphone camera to scan the QR Code.

### Sunday Morning Call to Prayer

Every Sunday at 8:00-8:15 am in the Sanctuary, there is a time of prayer led by our pastors and elders. Everyone is invited to join in for part or all of the prayer time. Children are welcome to attend with their parents.

If you would like to view a pdf of today's sermon notes, go to [calvarydothan.com/podcast](http://calvarydothan.com/podcast) or use Calvary's MobileMission app.

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### FIRST TIME GUEST?

We're so glad you've joined us for worship today and would love to be able to share more with you about our church. Please fill out the Connect Card to the left and place it in one of the offering plates when they are passed. Be sure to stop by our Next Steps kiosk after the service for a gift from us!

### THE PEOPLE CAME...

April 18  
Life Groups: 443  
10:00 Worship: 494  
Hispanic Church: 114

### THE PEOPLE GAVE...

General Fund  
Given April 18: \$37,620  
Jan.-Mar. Budget Surplus: \$1,380.66

### DAILY SCRIPTURE READING

**Sunday, April 25:**  
Ex 26, Jn 5, Prv 2, Gal 1  
**Monday, April 26:**  
Ex 27, Jn 6, Prv 3, Gal 2  
**Tuesday, April 27:**  
Ex 28, Jn 7, Prv 4, Gal 3  
**Wednesday, April 28:**  
Ex 29, Jn 8, Prv 5, Gal 4  
**Thursday, April 29:**  
Ex 30, Jn 9, Prv 6, Gal 5  
**Friday, April 30:**  
Ex 31, Jn 10, Prv 7, Gal 6  
**Saturday, May 1:**  
Ex 32, Jn 11, Prv 8, Eph 1

### Midweek Schedule

6:00 pm Midweek Worship, Sanctuary  
Preschool, Birth-K5, Preschool Building (**Preregister at [calvarydothan.com](http://calvarydothan.com)**)  
Children, Grades 1-5, ROC  
Students, Grades 6-12, Student Room

### 4 Ways to Give

- Give online by using the MobileMission app for Apple or Android or go to [calvarydothan.com/GiveOnline](http://calvarydothan.com/GiveOnline).
- On Sundays, drop in the collection boxes near the Fellowship Center exit doors
- Mail to 901 Montezuma Avenue, Dothan, AL 36303
- Bring to the church office, M-F, 8am-12noon & 1-4:30pm

### UPDATED GUEST INFORMATION

In this interim period as we are trying to respond as responsibly as we can to the threat of Covid-19 around us, we are intentionally limiting up-close, face-to-face encounters where possible. Therefore, we are not passing offering plates for the time being. But if you are a guest, we still want to hear from you and meet you! So please complete the attached Connect Card and place in the offering collection boxes at the exits. Also, if you have prayer needs or personal needs, please share those with us as well. You may also email us at [info@CalvaryDothan.com](mailto:info@CalvaryDothan.com) or call or text anytime to (334) 708-0513. We'd love to hear from you, pray with you or for you, or talk with you about any spiritual questions you have or decisions you have made.

### STAFF ON CALL

**Sunday, April 25:**  
Dan Tankersley | 334-655-8765  
**Saturday, May 1:**  
Matthew Dorsey | 919-495-9483  
**Sunday, May 2:**  
Randy Hunt | 334-791-7986

### SERMON SCHEDULE

**Wednesday, April 28 | 6:00 pm**  
*Genesis - Where Grace Begins*  
Message by Paul Thompson

**Sunday, May 2 | 10:00 am**  
*The Fight of Your Life:*  
*Winning Against Sinning Won't Be Easy*  
*(But It Will Be Worth It!)*  
Message by Paul Thompson

**Wednesday, May 5 | 6:00 pm**  
*Genesis - Where Grace Begins*  
Message by Paul Thompson

**Sunday, May 9 | 10:00 am**  
*The Fight for Your Life:*  
*The Fight Against Sin is a Fight for Christ*  
Message by Paul Thompson

### Sunday Morning Schedule

8:00 am Call to Prayer, Sanctuary  
8:30 am Life Group  
10:00 am Worship, Fellowship Center  
Live Stream on Facebook & YouTube  
Kid's Worship, Grades 1-5, Chapel (except 1st Sunday)  
11:00 am Worship Broadcast on JoyFM 94.3/96.1 with a 1 wk delay.

*Above all else, guard your heart,  
for everything you do flows from it.*

## Proverbs 4:23



WELCOME TO  
**Calvary**  
BAPTIST CHURCH