

# The Fight of Your Life

## Developing a Godward Heart

<sup>15</sup> *Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.* <sup>16</sup> *For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world.* <sup>17</sup> *And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.*  
- 1 John 2:15-17

### 2 Ways to Displace the Love of the World

(Adapted from *The Expulsive Power of a New Affection* by Thomas Chalmers)

1. Demonstrate the \_\_\_\_\_ of the wrong desire ...
2. Set forth a more \_\_\_\_\_ object of affection or desire ...

*“The ascendant power of a second affection will do, what no exposition however forcible, of the folly and worthlessness of the first, ever could effectuate.” (Chalmers)*

The first step in developing a Godward heart is to \_\_\_\_\_ God in the \_\_\_\_\_ so that you \_\_\_\_\_ God!

*We love because he first loved us. (1 John 4:19)*

*“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.” (Matthew 13:44)*

Is Christ my treasure? My joy?

### I was created to desire, but ...

Do I desire \_\_\_\_\_ things \_\_\_\_\_?

*Does the desire rule over me?*

*Does my desire for \_\_\_\_\_ exceed my desire for Christ?*

*If I lose, or can't have, this desire, will I lose my FAITH in God?*

Do I go to \_\_\_\_\_ means to fulfill \_\_\_\_\_ desires?

Do I desire \_\_\_\_\_ things?

### What do I do with my (wrong) desires?

I could just \_\_\_\_\_ them ...

I could \_\_\_\_\_ them ...

I could \_\_\_\_\_ them ...

I could try to \_\_\_\_\_ them ...

I could \_\_\_\_\_ them ...

### Or I can ...

\_\_\_\_\_ any inordinate or inappropriate desires ...

\_\_\_\_\_ ...

\_\_\_\_\_ ...

\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ wrong desires with right ones ...

\_\_\_\_\_ as the ultimate means of \_\_\_\_\_ ...

And, I can know that good and godly desires will \_\_\_\_\_ ...

*Dr. Paul Thompson  
Calvary Baptist Church  
May 9, 2021*

### 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 to see how you can help.

### College and Post-Grads

Let us know by Sunday, May 16 if you (or one of your kids) graduated from college or postgraduate school in the Fall or this Spring. Email your name, a photo, where you graduated from, and your degree/future plans to brooke@calvarydothan.com.

### Community Ministry Opportunity

Love Dothan Initiative | Saturday, May 22 | 8am-12noon

As the body of Christ, we have another opportunity to serve the Selma Street neighborhood of our city through the Love Dothan initiative. The coordination point for volunteers will be Selma Street Elementary School, 1501 W. Selma St. Work hours are 8:00-12:00. Cleanup will be the primary focus of our service to the residents of this neighborhood. Bring useful tools such as chainsaws, pole saws, lawn mowers, string trimmers, hedge trimmers, pruning shears, rakes, and work gloves. If you are interested in volunteering, email tommy@calvarydothan.com or call the church office.

### Baby Bottle Boomerang Benefitting Wiregrass Hope Group

Pick up location: Fellowship Center Foyer

Return Date: Sunday, May 30

Wiregrass Hope Group is one of our Community Ministry Partners. They provide free pregnancy resources, free parenting programs, and a free fatherhood program. Their mission is to share the hope of Jesus Christ, promote human life, and care for people through pregnancy resources, biblical counseling, and relationship education. Grab a bottle today and fill it with your loose change as a way to support this ministry.

### Dinner with the Pastor

Tuesday, June 1 | 6:15 pm | Parlor

### Membership Matters

Sunday, June 13 | 8:30 am | Office Conference Room

If you are considering membership at Calvary, please join us for Dinner with the Pastor and the Membership Matters class. Contact Angie Tice in the church office or email angie@calvarydothan to RSVP for the dinner and childcare. Childcare will be provided for 6-week-olds through 5th grade.

### Vacation Bible School 2021

June 15-18 | 8:30am-12:00 noon

Online registration is now open. Volunteers are also still needed. To register your child for VBS and/or sign up to volunteer, go to [calvarydothan.com/vbs/](http://calvarydothan.com/vbs/).

### Senior Adult Mid-Month Worship and Lunch

Thursday, May 20 | 11:00 am | Sanctuary

Pastor Paul will be preaching the worship service this month. Box lunches will be available for pick-up in the Fellowship Center Foyer immediately following the service. Sign up for the lunch through your Life Group.

### 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.

### Second Sunday Night in May Schedule Change

There will not be a Second Sunday Night Prayer Service in May. Please join us on Sunday night, May 16, by volunteering at the enAble Ministry Spring Fling.

Over the last few weeks, I've included lists, practical steps, and biblical encouragements in your fight against sin. Today's list is part two of last week's: *Practical Steps to Kill Sin* (by John Piper). I hope you'll consider these challenges and take them to heart.

7. Know the spirit of the age and consciously resist conformity to it (Romans 12:2). As D.L. Moody said, "The ship belongs in the water of the world, but if the water gets in the ship, it sinks."

8. Develop mental habits that continually renew the mind in God-centeredness (Romans 12:2; 2 Corinthians 4:16). Fix attention daily on "the things of the Spirit" (Romans 8:5), the "things that are above" (Colossians 3:2). Let your mind dwell on whatever is true, honorable, just, pure, lovely, gracious, excellent, and worthy of praise (Philippians 4:8).

9. Admit failure and confess all known sin every day (1 John 1:9). Ask God for forgiveness (Matthew 6:12).

10. Ask for the Spirit's help and power in all these things. "By the Spirit . . . put to death the deeds of the body" (Romans 8:13). All that is good in us is a "fruit of the Spirit" (Galatians 5:22). He causes us to walk as we should (Ezekiel 36:27; Isaiah 26:12).

11. Be part of a larger and a smaller fellowship where you are exhorted often to beware of the deceitfulness of sin (Hebrews 3:13). Perseverance in faith is a community project. We have no warrant to think we will make it to heaven if we neglect the appointed means of mutual encouragement and warning.

12. Fight your sinful impulses with all your might as a boxer fights an opponent and as a marathon runner fights fatigue (1 Corinthians 9:27; 2 Timothy 4:7).

13. Beware of "works of the law" (Galatians 3:2, 5), but let all your warfare be the "work of faith" (2 Thessalonians 1:11). That is, let your fight against sin spring from your confidence in the superior pleasures of all God promises to be for you in Christ.

So far in our series, we've learned about the need to fight sin – we are called to be holy as God is holy, where the fight takes place – inside of us where our desires dominate, not outside of us where temptation offers opportunities to meet those desires, and we've talked about the need to change those deepest desires – really to change our very hearts – if we want to win this fight.

In today's message, we'll look at the most important condition in the fight against sin - **A Godward heart**. It's not enough to fight *against* sin, we have to fight *for* Godliness and faithfulness to Christ. As we run *from* one, we run to another. As we take the old *off*, we put the new *on*.

I pray that God will speak to you personally, specifically, and redemptively today as you worship with us!

- Pastor Paul

### 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)

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Spouse

Spouse's Birthdate (mm/dd/yy)

### Children:

Name / Date of Birth

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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.

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...

May 2

Life Groups: 493  
10:00 Worship: 525  
Hispanic Church: 125

### THE PEOPLE GAVE...

General Fund

Given May 2: \$37,930  
Jan.-Mar. Budget Surplus: \$1,380.66

### DAILY SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday, May 9:

Ex 40, Jn 19, Prv 16, Phil 3

Monday, May 10:

Lev 1, Jn 20, Prv 17, Phil 4

Tuesday, May 11:

Lev 2-3, Jn 21, Prv 18, Col 1

Wednesday, May 12:

Lev 4, Ps 1-2, Prv 19, Col 2

Thursday, May 13:

Lev 5, Ps 3-4, Prv 20, Col 3

Friday, May 14:

Lev 6, Ps 5-6, Prv 21, Col 4

Saturday, May 15:

Lev 7, Ps 7-8, Prv 22, 1 Thes 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, May 9:

Reagan Farris | 504-319-6986

Saturday, May 15:

Joyce Alexander | 334-798-4791

Sunday, May 16:

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### SERMON SCHEDULE

Wednesday, May 12 | 6:00 pm

Genesis - Where Grace Begins

Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday, May 16 | 10:00 am

Jesus: God's Final Word

The Supremacy of Christ

Hebrews 1:1-3

Message by Paul Thompson

Wednesday, May 19 | 6:00 pm

Genesis - Where Grace Begins

Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday, May 23 | 10:00 am

Jesus: God's Final Word

Jesus Is Our King Forever

Hebrews 1:4-14

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

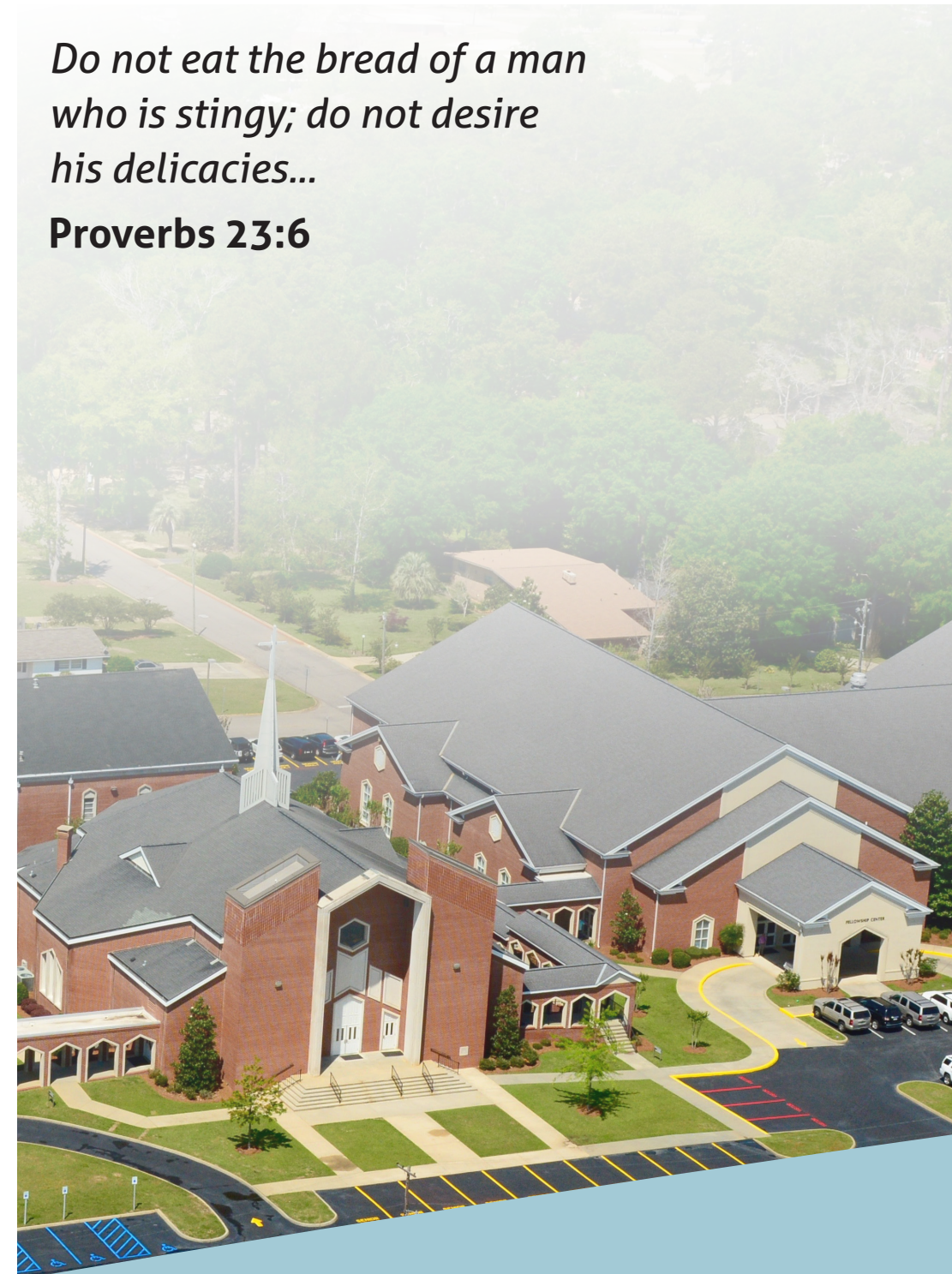
Live Stream on Facebook & YouTube

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.

Do not eat the bread of a man who is stingy; do not desire his delicacies...

Proverbs 23:6



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