

YOUTH *beat*

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Impurity vs. Purity

Impurity is only a few seconds away in our daily lives. Our phones, our friends, and media remind us of that constantly. It's one of the areas that proves we must be in the right mindset to fight back evil temptations at any moment. A huge piece of having Bold Faith is fighting these spiritual battles. Purity not only keeps us from walking down a variety of wrong paths but helps us to gain spiritual discipline. Purity is much more than just how we act towards the opposite sex with our speech, appearance and lifestyle choices; it is also a part of our relationship with God. Back during biblical times, believers would do things like take off their shoes in holy temples because their shoes were dirty. They would clean themselves before going before the Lord. My parents taught me this by making sure we looked our best on Sunday mornings; because it was a way to clean ourselves and bring God our best.

You know that scripture we have up on the main wall in the youth house? 1 Timothy 4:12. Here's what I think it means for us in this context: "Just because the culture around us is impure doesn't mean we have to follow their lead because they think we are too immature to do so or because our elders are doing it so that makes it okay. Step out in Faith, be the person that makes others rethink their actions because of the way you speak to them and how you speak to yourself, because of the godly way you love them and yourself, because of your faith in God, and because you REFUSE to get sucked into the ways of the enemy." Trust me, I struggle fighting this battle daily, just like you all. Yes, I do get frustrated with God that I am not married yet or even dating anyone currently. I am impatient to have a family of my own.

Some of you know when we are traveling, I wear a band on my left ring finger because of safety statistics. You may also have seen me wearing a ring on that finger in my daily life. Growing up, some of my friends wore theirs constantly as a purity ring. A sign that they are waiting to share themselves fully with their future spouse. While I appreciate and applaud that perspective, the reason I wear one every now and then is a bit different. When I'm having a lonely day(s) or frustrated that I'm watching all my closest friends begin Godly marriages, I put on 3 rings with different words on them: Faith, Hope & Love. To me... (cont. on back page)

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity.

1 Timothy 4:12

HS Events

- **Feb 11th** - St. Valentine & Game Night!
6pm @ Youth House
- **Feb 18th** - Bible Study
Manasseh & Amon
6pm @ Youth House
- **Feb 25th** - Bible Study
Josiah, Jehoahaz,
Jehoiakim, & Jeconiah/
Jehoiachin
6pm @ Youth House

- **Every Wednesday** -

Fill Out Survey Monkey
Bible Study Quiz

asks God for sign

God shows me a sign

Me: wait...but like...r u sure. send me another one so i know EXACTLY what u tryna say



When you tell someone about Jesus and they start to get mad at you



"Hi. Did it hurt?"

"What?"

"When you fell from Heaven"

"Did you just call me Satan??"

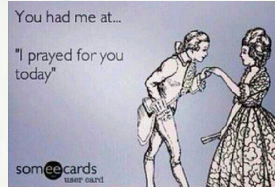
I've been reading Joshua, but how many times do I have to walk around you before you fall for me?

#ChristianPickUpLines

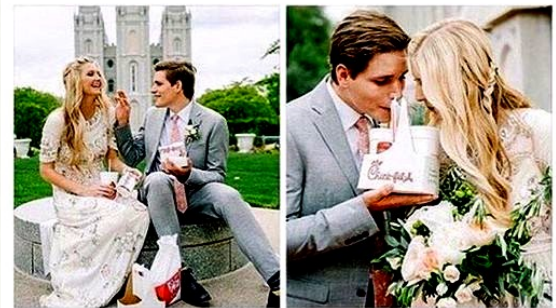
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Holding Coffee During Worship? Which one are you?



actual goals 🍷🍷



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... it means that I have Faith that God hears my cries and frustration, I hold on to Hope that He has a love story out there for me somewhere that He will bring to me when His timing says so, and I KNOW that God loves me deeply, not because of anything I do, but because he formed me with His hands and chose me before I ever chose Him. (cont. on back page)

So, my encouragement to you this month is:

- 1) Have Faith that you do not fight this battle alone. God is always with you, even when you can't feel Him.
- 2) Hold on to the Hope that God has a plan for your life. A Good pleasing and perfect plan.
- 3) Know that God loves you more than anyone ever could; more than your family, more than your church family, more than your youth group leaders, and more than the world.

In the world, we will struggle with this all our lives. But the sooner we champion this battle, the easier it will become at fighting those impure actions and thoughts.

If you are struggling with any battle, talk to your parents or to any of us leaders. I think it's a safe guess to say we have all struggled with this at some point, and we want to help in any way we can.

We can do it!! Go Get 'em!

Super Bowl Sub Fundraiser Notes

Awesome job, everyone!!

We sold 488 subs! We raised \$1,060.53 towards our summer trips!

JrYouth Event

Feb 18th

Valentine's Day Theme

We will be talking about how we should be loving others and how we can show that love through our actions.

Meet at the Youth House @ 3pm