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## A Word from Our President

### How You View Life Depends On How You View God

Fear can rob us of great opportunities, but it can also rob us of what God has for us. Whether we are afraid of bears, failure, being hurt, the unknown, or anything, fear can often keep us from the best God has for us.

Numbers 13-14 has been on my mind a lot over the past few days. If you're not familiar with the story (or if you need a quick refresher), let me sum it up for you:

The Israelites are standing on the edge of Canaan, the land that God had promised to give them years before. The key thought here is that he had already GIVEN them the land. It was theirs for the taking! In Numbers 13, they finally stood at what could have been the end of their long journey. God commanded Moses to send some men out ahead of them to spy out the land. It wasn't like God didn't already know who inhabited the land and what it was going to take to defeat their armies so He needed to send out some spies. I think God sent spies because He wanted to test the Israelites' faith. God wanted the Israelites to know what they were up against and to choose to move forward in faith. Apart from God choosing to fight for them, they were sure to lose.

So Moses sends out twelve spies. The spies were gone for forty days, and while there they observed two things. First, the land was beautiful and fruitful! Second, the people who inhabited the land were huge and powerful. One of these observations, and their response to it, would change their lives forever. When they came back with their report to give to Moses and the people, ten of the spies, **in fear**, said that the Israelites would be foolish to try and go up against the strong armies that inhabited the land. However, two of the spies (Joshua and Caleb), **in faith**, said they'd be foolish not to go up **and take what God had promised to give them**.

**I repeat. It was theirs for the taking. But that was not how they viewed it!** As a result, that generation of Israelites didn't inherit what God had promised. Their lack of faith completely shaped the history of Israel. They spent the next forty years wandering in the desert instead of experiencing the power and faithfulness of God in the Promised Land. A reminder that fear does not advance the kingdom of God, but faith does.

As I've reflected on this, I notice some things about Joshua and Caleb that made them stand out from the others. Things that cause me to want to be like them. First of all, Caleb and Joshua were aggressive. Caleb said, "Let us go up at once..." He was aggressively engaged in the mission of God. Caleb's aggressiveness was not based on what he thought they could do but on what he knew God could and had promised to do. We need to, in faith, be aggressive. God wants us to take ground for His kingdom, not sit back and be satisfied with what we have. God wants us to see the "big armies" and get excited about how He will move them out of the way. Secondly, Caleb and Joshua remembered all of the miraculous things God had done right before their eyes. We are prone to forgetfulness. We need to intentionally keep track of what God is doing around us and constantly remind ourselves of what God has done in the past. God's assignments are always too big for us to handle but, as Scripture and history shows us, God always empowers us to complete His assignments. Thirdly, Caleb and Joshua stood their ground. Nobody around them believed it could be done, but that didn't change Caleb and Joshua's conviction to move forward. Again, fear does not advance the kingdom of God, but faith does. Way too often we make decisions out of fear instead of in faith. We need to learn to stand our ground in faith.

Ask yourself, what's my Canaan? What giants do I have in my life that seem insurmountable? Is there anything that I'm backing down from in fear when God is challenging me to step up in faith and trust His power and faithfulness?

Remember this: **God is bigger than whatever you are facing!**



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***On the Cover:*** The Martin family with their fleet at the Make-A-Wish convoy in 2017. See story on page 10.

# *Introducing the Gateway to Freedom Foundation*

## ***A True Underdog Story***

***By Derek Thompson***



As I reflect on the mission of ending the demand for commercial sex it's hard not to be cognizant of the challenge. The commercial sex industry is a multi-billion dollar industry around the world. It's rich and powerful. It's well marketed and established. It's equipped with an army of lobbyists and attorneys to fight and protect its interests.

In light of that, it's hard not to feel small and inconsequential. What can a single person or organization do to combat that? Why even dare attempt to confront it? In accepting the position to be the Director of the Gateway to Freedom Foundation I feel very much like David, holding a sling shot and a few rocks, stepping out to face Goliath. What can I do with a handful of resources and vision do to end this? What gives me the audacity to even try?

As big and intimidating as the commercial sex industry is, it also has a glaring weakness. A vulnerability that can bring it down. The commercial sex industry harms the well-being of people and is dependent upon the exploitation of children. No matter how much money it has or how many

lawyers it employs it can't hide this reality. The best it can do is obfuscate the truth to keep the status quo.

That weakness is why I step out in confidence to combat the demand. Because once you see it, it changes everything. You no longer see how big and intimidating the giant is, but just how giant the weakness is. The commercial sex industry is built on a shaky foundation. All it takes is a little wind, a push, one well-placed sling shot to bring it down.

As I work with TFC Global to launch the Gateway to Freedom Foundation I look forward to helping more people see the weakness of the commercial sex industry, develop resources and tools to help people combat it, and work with others to leverage the impact.

Thank you for being part of our underdog story!

***Derek Thompson***

Gateway to Freedom Foundation  
Director



# Trucking with Women in Mind

By Ellen Voie, President & CEO, Women in Trucking

## Truck Parking and the Invisible Gorilla

Have you ever watched the YouTube video about the invisible gorilla? If not, check it out and count how many times the ball is passed between the players in the white shirts. As you focus on the basketballs and their handlers, a gorilla walks through the middle of the activity and when the video is over, most people never noticed him (or her!).

Christopher Chabris and Daniel Simons, authors of the book *The Invisible Gorilla*, explain that our minds are susceptible to everyday illusions because of our faulty intuitions. They describe the way we “misperceive” our world because of our own perceptions.

For those of us who have worked in the trucking industry for decades, it sometimes feels as if we are missing something crucial in how we see the world. For example, the issue of truck parking has been a top concern for more than four decades. Recently the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) held a session to provide an update on what is being done to solve this issue. A legislation enacted in 2012 called “Jason’s Law” required the government to make the truck parking issue a national priority. Do we really think the government will provide areas for truck parking when they haven’t passed a transportation bill since 2015?

### Why are we missing the invisible gorilla?

You’ve heard the expression, “timing is everything.” When you go to a concert, a parking spot near the entrance is valued. However, hours after the last fan has left and the lot is empty, who wants a spot near the door? No one. The concert is over, and everyone has gone home.

What about the parking lots at a carrier’s operating center? How much room is available when most drivers are on the road delivering loads? Have you ever driven past a carrier’s facility between Christmas and New Year? The lot is full because (most) drivers are home. After the first of the year, the lots empty out as the drivers leave to go back to work.

What if the trucking industry took it upon itself to provide parking? What if a carrier allowed ANY driver to park in their lot? Charge a small fee and then let them into your operating center to use your showers, your driver’s lounge, food service and fitness area. There are apps available that require a driver to schedule a spot and pay in advance for

a safe, secure parking spot. Wouldn’t it make sense to allow a tractor trailer to park at a facility designed for professional drivers? Think about the recruiting aspect of allowing a driver from company X to park at company Z and see how the carrier treats its own drivers. The app records the driver’s name, truck and credit card information, and if you have problems with a driver, then you block them through the use of technology.

If you’re a trucking company with a huge truck parking area and you’re keeping drivers away because they don’t work for you, then you are missing a great opportunity to treat a potential driver well and possibly recruit them. Even if you have ten spaces available and you allow a driver to use your restroom and offer them a cup of coffee, it could be the difference between a good night’s sleep or parking on an off ramp on the interstate.

The FMCSA reported that **98% of drivers have a problem finding safe parking** in every state and region and the most frequent period for shortages is from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. I’d be willing to bet that even the corporate headquarters of trucking companies have parking spaces vacated by salaried employees during those hours.

Instead of passing the ball to next player, what if you stopped and addressed the invisible gorilla and invited him to be on the team? I reached out to Anthony Petitte, CEO of TruckPark Inc. to ask him how technology can resolve the issue of truck parking. Their app allows a driver to reserve and pay for secure parking. This was his answer:

“Without drivers, you cannot operate. Without drivers, we cannot be economically sustainable. Want to be an agent of change? Put your drivers first and hear their outcries. Pay for parking, fuel, maintenance and give them the best health care benefits. This is a simple request and will save companies millions. Stop focusing on the money and worry about the people who built it. That will make you truly successful.”

Every trucking company has a place for their own drivers to park. Why not open those spots to your competitor’s drivers? Stop passing the ball off while you ignore the invisible gorilla. Let’s work together as an industry and solve this without waiting for the government.

# ON THE HOMEFRONT

## TFC Global Accredited by National Financial Accountability Organization

MARIETTA, PA, February 19, 2021 – The ECFA (Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability) announced today the accreditation of TFC Global of Marietta, PA. ECFA accreditation is based on the ECFA Seven Standards of Responsible Stewardship™, including financial accountability, transparency, sound board governance and ethical fundraising.

TFC Global joins a growing number of Christ-centered churches and ministries across America, supported by over 14.6 million donors that have earned the right to display the ECFA seal. When an organization is accredited by ECFA, it demonstrates its willingness to follow the model of biblical accountability.

“We are pleased to accredit a ministry committed to lead truck drivers as well as the trucking community to Jesus Christ and help them grow in their faith,” said Michael Martin, president of ECFA.

Founded in 1951, TFC Global’s vision is to develop a comprehensive biblically based ministry network that provides evangelistic outreach, discipleship, personal coaching, and wellness resources for truckers across America and around the world.

ECFA, founded in 1979, provides accreditation to leading Christian nonprofit organizations that faithfully demonstrate compliance with the ECFA Standards pertaining to financial accountability, fundraising and board governance. For more information about ECFA, including information about accreditation and a listing of ECFA-accredited members, visit [www.ECFA.org](http://www.ECFA.org) or call 1-800-323-9473.

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## HIGHWAY NATIONAL EVENTS & NEWS

**Correcting errors with DataQs: How they can happen, how they hurt**—Simple data mistakes aren’t always simple to fix through the DataQs system. One-truck independents and mega-fleets do particularly well working that system, regardless. *February 18*

**Owner-operators and small fleets remain in crosshairs of DOT’s offsite audits**—In a trend that exploded in 2020, the U.S. DOT and its enforcement partners are continuing to leverage new authority amid the pandemic to perform off-site, remote safety audits and compliance reviews of trucking companies in lieu of onsite reviews. *February 17*

**Burnout: How to recognize it's stoking and steer yourself toward greener pastures**—It could manifest in added responsibilities you find yourself no longer able to keep up with, much less enjoy. Clifford Petersen here details the signs, how drivers' work can compound the issues, and how to get out of them with your sanity intact *February 16*

**In a COVID-stressed world, quarantine your anger during inspections**—What's behind an apparent uptick in roadside violations and citations? In this month's Trucking Law segment, attorney Brad Klepper says it might be due to more tense interactions between drivers and officers. Here's his advice on what to avoid. *February 5*

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# Walk the Walk

By Mike McGough

James 1:19-20 – *In your relations with everyone you meet, listen quickly and earnestly, speak sincerely, and be slow to anger.*

## Living at 211

He was known for his angry outbursts. It happened yet again, when he and three of his colleagues decided to go out for lunch. Even though he had called in a reservation for 11:30 a.m., no table was available when they arrived. “That’s it, we’re leaving,” he announced. He stormed out of the restaurant and the others followed. They finally found a place that could seat them immediately. They all tried to make light of his outburst, but the luncheon ambiance was seriously compromised.

The day after the restaurant tirade someone had accidentally parked in his spot. A co-worker, an older woman everyone called Aunt Mae, had pulled in at the same time. She saw that his parking spot had been taken. From past experiences she knew some unpleasant reaction was on the way. Quietly she approached him, took his arm and said, “Now before you lose it over a parking spot, take a minute and think about what you’re getting so upset about.”

“You’re right and I know it, but Aunt Mae, there are times I just can’t seem to help it. Everyone gets mad, but I seem to be mad all the time.”

Thanks to Aunt Mae’s intervention, he calmed down enough to begin his day. At lunch, it was obvious he was

still more than a little angry. She purposefully sat with him at a table in the breakroom where they could have some privacy.

“You know,” she said, “I think your problem is that you live your life at 211 degrees, just one degree below boiling. You let so many little things bother you, and they build up over time. It never seems to take much to really anger you, then you boil over. A little tolerance, some empathy, and a dose of compassion can make a big difference in how you treat others and how you live your life. As long as you continue to live on the verge of boiling all the time, little things are going to keep causing you to, well, you know, get steamed and bubble over.”

Aunt Mae’s advice is as powerful as it is straightforward. If you want to gain more control over your anger, try showing more patience, being more understanding, and offering more love to others. Doing so will surely put much greater distance between you and your boiling point!

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*Walk the Walk: A Daily Guide to a More Christlike Life* is the daily devotional guide from which the New Testament passage that inspired this article is drawn. Copies of that devotional are available at [Leadershipmrm.com](http://Leadershipmrm.com) under the Books/Publications tab.

## GET THE WORD OUT!

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# TFC GLOBAL PARTNERS WITH



As a new partner with TFC Global, Midwest Food Bank seeks to provide team-building opportunities for staff and other community groups. The organization has just opened a Pennsylvania Division in Middletown, Pennsylvania. In addition to volunteers in the warehouse, TFC Global will work to pair drivers in our network with needs in the MFB network to get food supplies to areas of the country that are in urgent need.

Midwest Food Bank ("MFB") is a private, non-profit 501(c)(3) charity started in 2003 by David Kieser in Bloomington, Illinois. He turned a barn on their family farm into a distribution site for local food pantries. Soon they realized the need was greater and there was room for growth.

With the guidance of God and the commitment of their partners and volunteers, amazing results have been achieved, preparing them for continued service as worldwide demand continues. MFB is engaged in alleviating hunger and poverty by being able to efficiently gather and distribute excess food. This food is then given to feeding agencies including food pantries, soup kitchens, and other non-profits at no cost so they can in turn feed those suffering from food insecurity in their neighborhoods.

They acknowledge the vital role of volunteers to fulfill their mission. MFB gets about 800 volunteers for one paid staff member. From administrative support to warehouse help to volunteer truck drivers who use their trucks to rescue food and bring it to their warehouse in Middletown, Pennsylvania, their volunteer network is what they define as their "secret sauce" in their ability to give 99% of every dollar donated directly to serve those in need.

Charity Navigator, America's premier independent charity evaluator, has designated Midwest Food Bank as a "4-Star Charity" (its highest rating) for the last eight years due to their ability to be good stewards of the money and food they have been blessed with.





Midwest Food Bank Pennsylvania, located at 2700 Commerce Drive in Middletown, will distribute over \$35 million of food annually. “We will not only serve alongside other agencies here in the Midstate,” they state in a recent press release, “but also serve surrounding states thanks to our efficient transportation system—making

this location an epicenter of help. In addition to serving Pennsylvania and surrounding states with food supply, we are also positioned to help with disaster relief services for the Eastern Seaboard.”

It is important to note that food needs are not going away or diminishing; they will continue even after the current pandemic is over. Since the trucking industry is our passion, TFC Global sees a great potential in this partnership for future care for our drivers. The recent inclement weather that debilitated the Texas region would have been a great opportunity for the work of our two organizations. (Actually, at the time this magazine goes to press, MFB was in the process of sending disaster relief to help victims of the rare winter storm in Texas, in



response to a request from the Salvation Army.)

MFB lists three ways in which you can assist them in their mission: with your time, your financial support, and/or your prayers.

Do you have time to volunteer to package food boxes to be shipped out from the Middletown warehouse? Do you have a CDL and could drive a truck across the state or country to deliver supplies? Email our office at [info@tfcglobal.org](mailto:info@tfcglobal.org). We will match your gifts with their needs.

For more information on Midwest Food Bank, visit [midwestfoodbank.org](http://midwestfoodbank.org) or email Lori Renne, Executive Director, at [L.Renne@midwestfoodbank.org](mailto:L.Renne@midwestfoodbank.org).



**By Donald Hollinger**



## New Creation Transport: A Four-Generation Trucking Family

Scott Martin, who along with his wife, Jenny, owns New Creation Transport, Inc., comes from a long line of truckers. In fact, on his mother's side, his great-grandfather owned a fleet of cattle trucks, his grandfather a fleet of mostly dump trucks, and his father a fleet of flatbeds hauling mostly what Scott hauls today. On his father's side, his grandfather owned a fleet of flatbeds hauling lumber. So I guess it would be safe to say there is trucking in his blood.

Asked how he came up with the name New Creation, Scott explained that he wanted a name that had something that reflected his Christian faith, and since the business was new he thought New Creation would fit.

They own a fleet of 16 trucks hauling mostly roofing materials, which require a hazmat license. They run up and down the East Coast within a 500-mile radius between North Carolina and Massachusetts from their terminal in Ephrata, Pennsylvania. Like most trucking companies today, their biggest problem is hiring drivers. Asked if the pandemic has caused them





problems, Scott said the only problems they've had at times was not getting enough return loads. Scott has two full-time mechanics who, in addition to serving his trucks, also help to fix up the older trucks he likes to buy; he runs mostly Cat engines.

Scott told me of an experience he had as a young boy that left a lasting impression and that he will never forget. He and his brother Kevin went along with their parents, Dale and Mary Ann, on a run to Oregon. They were heading west on I-80 and were near Rawlins, Wyoming. They were running with Dave, a Christian brother from West Virginia that they had just met at a truck stop the night before and who was hauling 25-foot pipe.

Dave had just pulled out to pass when his left front tire blew. As he left the road, the tractor broke loose from the trailer and tumbled over three times. As Dale hurried to the wreck, he found Dave lying between the drive axle that had broken loose and one of the pipes. He remained conscious throughout the whole thing, although he was badly cut (his foot was nearly severed). What shocked them was that the Bible Dave carried with him was lying right there beside him, without any diesel fuel or dirt or any torn pages, while all his

other papers were scattered around him, torn, and covered with diesel. Dave did survive, but he did lose his foot.

The Martins are a busy family. Their two sons—Trenton, a senior, and Travis, a sophomore—play on the same high school football team and Jenny is president of the football booster club. Even though they don't live on a farm, they are involved with 4-H and FFA and have raised steers at their country property. The whole family—which also includes 12-year-old Angela—ride motorcycles and enjoy participating in Motocross for Christ events (see Jason Shelly's article in the January 2020 issue of this magazine).



## LOOKING BACK

This is not the first time Scott and Jenny Martin have been featured in the pages of *Highway News*. Their first appearance was in the June 2004 edition (along with brother Kevin and his wife, Janelle) under the heading "Tying the Knot, Trucker Style."

Both Scott and Kevin were working for the family business, so it was appropriate that in both cases the wedding "limo" was... a truck. On the right, Scott and Jenny with their festively-outfitted truck on their wedding day in December of 2000.







TFC Global has become increasingly aware that our brothers and sisters in Christ who are professional drivers and those who are part of the trucking industry along with their families have a strong need and desire to be able to build Biblical community among their peers. Although TFC Global has also done a fairly good job at providing scriptural engagement, we have done a poor job at providing growth opportunities for the trucking industry. In light of that fact we have taken a page out of our past and created the International Christian Trucking Association. This group has been created to provide a way for the trucking industry and their families to know Christ and grow in their Christian life through discipleship opportunities, educational resources and seminars as well as a future national convention. Fellowship and Bible study meetings will be provided through our regional chapters and at our monthly ICTA prayer breakfasts. We would also like to hold a members-only job fair at locations across the country. This allows us to connect Christian drivers with Christian trucking companies.

Our desire is to connect drivers, employed or retired, trucking company owners and other Christian trucking-related individuals in supporting and encouraging one another. I once had a driver tell me that he did not go to college but the trucking community was his fraternity. If there is going to be a movement of God in the trucking industry it will begin with brothers and sisters in Christ who call the trucking community their family, coming together to pray and support one another while working to build the kingdom of God through evangelism and discipleship. Come join us!

To become a member of the ICTA visit our website or email us at [info@tfcglobal.org](mailto:info@tfcglobal.org). Your membership fees help fund the TruckersLife Foundation which provides resources for professional drivers and their families in an emergency.

## TFC GLOBAL CHAPLAINS PROVIDE

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## ***Our Bright Future – Part 1: What I Have Been Learning About God***

A few weeks ago, I was burdened by the state of our nation. I needed time alone with God to process and pray. As I was seeking Him, He brought this phrase to my mind: “The future is as bright as the promises of God.” A little research revealed that it was uttered by either William Carey or Adoniram Judson, both distinguished men of God who lived over 150 years ago.

What makes the promises of God so powerful and full of hope is that they are inextricably tied to the nature and integrity of God. God’s promises are an extension of His person. God never changes and therefore neither does His Word. Both are eternal and unchangeable.

When I am facing a math problem with an unknown, the first step is to identify what I know. The only thing I know about the unknown future is God. I know that He is faithful. I am convinced He is good. I believe He is full of unfailing love, and nothing can separate me from His love and affection. He is merciful and slow to anger. Best of all, He doesn’t change. While the world in which we live is changing so rapidly, I have found peace and hope in focusing on the unchanging attributes of God. The more I know Him, the more I trust Him. The more I trust Him, the more my faith is increased and the greater hope I possess moving into the future. Here are several “knowns” about God that have encouraged my faith.

### **God Is Great**

“Great is the LORD! He is most worthy of praise! He is to be feared above all gods” (Psalm 96:4).

“LORD, there is no one like You! For You are great, and Your name is full of power” (Jeremiah 10:6).

“Yours, O LORD, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. Everything in the heavens and on earth is Yours, O LORD, and this is Your kingdom. We adore You as the One Who is over all things” (1 Chronicles 29:11).

### **God Is Faithful**

“I will proclaim the name of the LORD; ascribe greatness to our God! The Rock, His work is perfect, for all His ways are justice. A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and upright is He” (Deuteronomy 32:4).

### **God Is Our Refuge and Strength**

“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea” (Psalm 46:1-2).

### **God Is Our Redeemer**

Many times I sensed that the god of this world was planning evil against the people of God. However, as the dust settled and perspective returned I observed that God was taking the best shots of our enemy, redoing them, and bringing good out of them.

“You meant evil against me, but God meant it for good” (Genesis 50:20).

“For those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose” (Romans 8:28).

### **God Is Good**

“The LORD is good to all, and His mercy is over all that He has made” (Psalm 145:9).

“Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!” (Psalm 34:8).

“The LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations” (Psalm 100:5).

### **God Is Patient**

I am not naturally patient. But God is. He can afford to be because everything, everything, is under His control. He is great, and He is good, and He is orchestrating events to draw people to Himself.

“The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance” (2 Peter 3:9).

“The earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD as the waters cover the sea” (Habakkuk 2:14).

### **God Never Changes**

“I, the LORD, do not change” (Malachi 3:6).

“Of old You laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of Your hands. They will perish, but

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# Overcoming Any Temptation: The Solution, Part 4 - Fifth in a Five-Part Series -

**By Steve Etner**

To overcome any temptation, you must first *read your Bible daily*. Second, *memorize God's Word faithfully*. Third, *talk with God consistently*. The fourth step toward spiritual victory over any temptation is to *meet with an accountability partner regularly*.

Today's technology has removed all excuses for not meeting with an accountability partner (AP). No matter where you may be in the world, you have access to your AP. And yet many of us struggle with the concept of accountability. We know we need it. We may even want it. But most of us tend to shy away from it. Why?

Unfortunately, many Christians think of accountability as being in a small group, sitting in a tight circle, ashamedly airing all their dirty laundry; sharing all their flops and failures during the week. Or they picture a late-night phone call to their AP confessing their latest disgrace. While that is certainly a part of accountability, it is still only just a part.

The problem is that we tend to think of accountability strictly as confrontation. We see it as someone getting in your face regarding your choice to sin. Let's face it, most of us don't like confrontation. Listen carefully: Confrontation is not what accountability is all about. Or at least it shouldn't be.

Accountability must never be about fear or shame-based change. It's not about staying away from certain sins just so you can avoid having that awkward and uncomfort-

able conversation. The point of accountability isn't just opening up to another person about your sin.

Accountability should be a time of building each other up and encouraging each other to grow in Christ. Yes, deal with the sin. But then press on toward godliness. In other words: Discipleship.

Think of accountability as having someone help you think through the ramifications of your choices and decisions. Someone who helps you navigate the potholes and caverns of life. Someone who helps you chip away at the rough edges of your life so you can become more like Christ. "As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend" (Proverbs 27:17 NLT). That is accountability at its best!

Well, there you have it. To overcome any temptation, you must first *read your Bible daily*. Second, *memorize God's Word faithfully*. Third, *talk with God consistently*. And fourth, *meet with an accountability partner regularly*. To learn more and go deeper, be sure to visit my website ([www.ThePurityCoach.com](http://www.ThePurityCoach.com)) and purchase my book *Overcoming Temptation: 4 Steps to Spiritual Victory*.

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You will remain; they will all wear out like a garment. You will change them like a robe, and they will pass away, but You are the same, and Your years have no end" (Psalm 102:25-27).

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