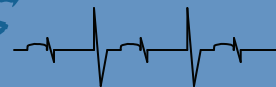


# LYFE *line*



**The God led kind-of stuff. It's true lyfe.**

September 2011

## → → Uncovering hidden *Sin*

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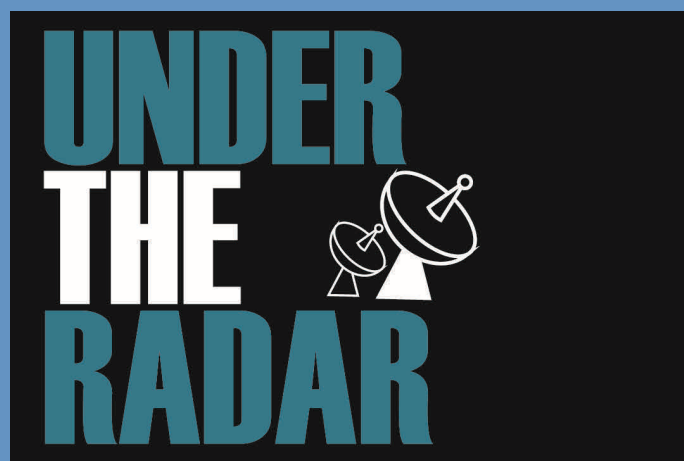
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**What do you know about sin?**

**Where does sin come from?**

**How do you think sin came about?**

**Why do we as Christians struggle with it so much?**



**This month, we'll answer questions while we talk about the deadly sins more in Sunday School and we'll spend time revealing hidden sin during Youth Fellowship.**

### **Kick Off Celebration: the who, what, when, where and why?**

The kick off [in NFL terms] is one very intense moment. Likewise, kicking off the school and Bible study year is just as exciting. And, this year, we'll be kicking things off at the Peter's Property on September 18, 2011 from 6pm-8pm. More information can be found on page 6.

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## Lewinsville Sluggers

Like it says, we're more than just a cool name. We're Lewinsville Sluggers; your recreational church Softball team. We will be kicking off (or throwing?) our Softball season soon so be on the lookout for when our first game is—you can come cheer us on!

You'll see sights you've never seen; especially the men being humbled beyond belief for striking out in slow pitch Softball... It's quite hilarious!

You may also see Siobhan take someone out!



## We're headed back to two worship services on Festival Sun.

This schedule includes two services, with the first at 8:30am in the morning for you early birds and another at 11:00am for those who like to exercise in the morning or sleep in later than usual.

Sunday School starts back up at 9:45am as well! Invite your friends and family to come worship with us! All are welcome!



## ...the BBQ!!

Also on Festival Sunday, there will be a barbeque outside the church on the Peter's Property (after the 11am service). A tent will be set up with tables and chairs (with also the option to bring a blanket to picnic or lawn chairs to sit and collect some sun while you eat lunch).

We hope to see you there!

# “Come, taste and see.”

Chewing on sin as if the cup of life doesn't exist.



Jeremiah 29:13 says that when we seek God we will find Him but we must seek Him with all our heart otherwise, we're drowning in our spiritual journey and, therefore, do not find God.

But that isn't what Jeremiah wants us to take away from this verse. God says, in fact, that we will find Him and that he will bring us out of captivity. Other scripture translations say that God will restore our fortunes; yet, what fortunes is God talking about?

In many ways, sin is something Christ followers try to stray from; they think that if they hide from it that it won't find them. Discouragingly enough, sin finds us—it always has a way of doing so. But why hide from sin? God adopted sin as a part of our life when Adam and Eve failed to uphold the one original command. Eve fell into the temptation of eating the apple and encouraged her counterpart to do the same resulting in God's rage.

Still, though, the question remains: Why do Christians think sin is not a part of life? Why do believers duck for cover when sin roots its evilness about? The answer is that Christians haven't embraced their sin. Christ followers aren't necessarily stepping up to the plate and owning the fact that sin is present and essential to our spiritual walk and faith in Jesus Christ. Huh?

Ponder this. Why was God so furious with Adam and Eve? They sinned. They made their own decisions based on what they thought was okay to do or not okay to do and resulted in God growing angry with them. So what happened? Well, in Genesis, to paraphrase, God says we will have confrontation with the opposite sex, with our children and others. He then says that women will have increased pains in giving birth and that man will rule over her. God then cursed man and forced the male species to work the

land where man was formed.

Here's what's next. Instead of arguing back, angry, mistreated and hurt, Adam and Eve accept that they sinned against God and therefore conceive a child (Cain). It isn't clear how much pleading they may have done or how much anguish they were in after sinning but they moved on; accepting that sin is a part of their life now, grab the reigns and hold on type of thing.

There is no doubt that this life is hard but we make it ten times harder when we don't embrace that sin is our nature. We aren't sinners because we sin, we sin because we are sinners. Embrace that truth and then you will be able to fully live life; the life God wants us to live. It's the life that is completely sold out to Him through our successes, failures and everything in between.

This month at Youth Fellowship, we're going to be studying sin and what effect is really has on our lives. We'll focus on the hidden sins like lust, slander and stealing and what each really say about us. After all, we're sinners—it's our nature to sin. But, we must use that as the start for our faith. We must not deny sin in our lives; it must be the engine that drives us toward our conversations with God about who we are and who we are going to become.

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## upcoming events

→ **September 11:** HS Sr meeting in YC after church at 11:30.

- Alleluia ringers and Westminster choir first rehearsal (4:30/5:15)
- Info meeting includes CE details, schedules and more 6pm in FH

→ **September 16 & 17:** Mentor meeting (16 @ 7:30pm, 17 @ 10am[with confirmands])

→ **September 18:** Program Year Begins; Festival Sunday (Westminster choir 11am)

- CE Module 1: The Seven Deadly Sins (am)
- Kick off Celebration on the Peter's Property behind the church from 6-8pm
- Youth Fellowship series #1 Under The Radar (pm)

→ **September 24:** Good Samaritan Day begins at 8am and last until 1pm (with lunch at noon)

→ **September 25:** Youth Fellowship at 6pm (Under The Radar study #2)

## Class dismissed..

Director David Yates and screenwriter Steve Kloves confidently put all the pieces of the unfinished puzzle together as we see the destiny of characters (living and dead) played out in front of our eyes. A pop cultural happening extraordinaire, the Potter movies took uncertain flight in 2001 with Harry, then an orphan of 11, home alone with his grotesquely unloving relatives. Times were grim, at least off screen — the first opened in November of that year — but Chris Columbus's directorial touch was insistently light as Harry was initiated into a world alive with odd doings, strange creatures and the evil that would almost consume it.



[www.thenewyorktimes.com](http://www.thenewyorktimes.com)

## YOUTH WALK devo

Youth Walk magazine believe that God has invited us to press in and know Him, to discover who He is through the bible, and to awaken us into real life. This adventure of faith, according to Youth Walk magazine, is pioneered by Jesus Christ and powered by the Holy Spirit, is dangerous yet wonderful. It's day-to-day yet eternal, ordinary yet Holy.



[www.ywspace.org](http://www.ywspace.org)

The latest issue, titled *God School*, talked forever about how God is the ultimate teacher and that class is always in session. God wants us to be faithful followers and that isn't limited to our spiritual lives. God also wants us to be faithful in our academic lives.

For a copy of the Youth Walk magazine, check the youth bulletin board, find them in the Youth Center or go online and read their devotional yourself. Stay tuned for next month's issue.

## Aaron Shust—This is what we believe

This Is What We Believe retains a poetic simplicity, even amidst a warm and sometimes adventurous sound architecture. It's vintage Aaron Shust, to be sure, but with Cash at the helm, the familiar textures seem to fall together in new ways. The dynamic of chemistry seems to have yielded Aaron's strongest collection of songs to date. The entire project feels seamless and intentional, including standout recordings like the hauntingly accessible "My Hope Is In You" and the lose-yourself-in-the-moment singability of "Your Majesty".

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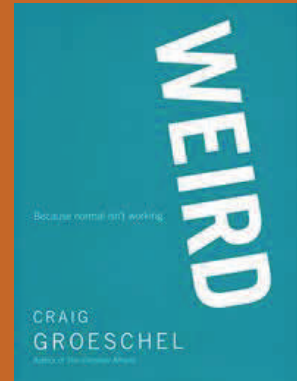


# Jesus was WEIRD.

Feeling a little bit of stress? Are you overwhelmed? Maybe exhausted? Normal people, those whose relationships are just barely surviving, are all of those things. Normal, according to Craig Groeschel and his new book *Weird*, is living paycheck to paycheck and never getting ahead! In a world where premarital sex, guilt, shame, and lust are more common than purity, virginity, and a healthy married sex life. When it comes to God, the majority believe in Him but the teachings of Scripture rarely make it into their everyday lives.

Simply put, normal isn't working.

Being weird is where you want to be. Being weird means you're setting the standard of how to live by paving your own path instead of following suit of what others do. Being weird is what God wants you to be.



## It's Good to be a Samaritan for a day!

The Parable of the Good Samaritan is the perfect parable to show us who we are in response to God and who God is in dedication to us as believers and as sinners. It is a powerful story of grace and love but is also viewed through two different lenses.

The first lens is the one where Jesus is the Good Samaritan and we are the poor man that has been beaten, robbed, stripped of everything and humiliated. We are first passed by a priest who crosses the path to the other side to be furthest from us. Then a Levite, (a Levite is a religious Hebrew of the tribe of Levi; the tribe in which John the Baptist, Matthew and Mark were all involved) passed by the

poor man and had no mercy or love for him. Then Jesus passes and the rest is in God's hands.

The second lens is told where Jesus is the man who was beaten and bruised and embarrassed and we are the Good Samaritan. The particular reasoning for this view is Jesus urging and pointing us toward God's unending love and mercy. In the Message version, Luke 10:33 says, "When [the Good Samaritan] saw the man's condition, his heart went out to him. He gave him first aid, disinfecting and bandaging his wounds."

The parable ends with the Samaritan taking this poor man to an inn, making him comfortable and paying for any charges he accrues.

Thus, the moral of the story asks: Which of the three (the Priest, the Levite or the Samaritan) became a neighbor to the man attacked by robbers?

Go and do the same.

It's not difficult to reach out to someone. Nor should it be any harder for, as Christ followers, our hearts to go out to those who suffer. All over the world people are beaten, raped, or hurt. This one day, Good Samaritan Day, is set aside for all those people. Let's come together as the body of Christ and shine God's light on those who need lifted up.

Good Samaritan Day  
September 24, 2011 from  
8-noon with lunch until 1pm.

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# 2011-2012 CE AND LYFE INFORMATIONAL MEETING

SUNDAY SEP 11, 2011  
BEGINS IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

## 6pm

There is no better way to start the school year than to have an informational meeting discussing all of the crazy schedules, curriculum and other material for Sunday school and for the youth fellowship program. This means that you, parents, will be given everything that you need and need to know from September all the way into June!

We will first meet down in Fellowship Hall at 6pm to discuss Sunday school for the children, youth, and the adult age. There will be talk about expectations, discussion

about all of the detail to the SS modules and who will be teaching. Allison Lineberger will be leading this discussion.

Once all of the info for Sunday school is covered, those parents of youth and any youth who attend will be directed upstairs to the youth center. Here, each family will receive a folder with their name on it and inside will be all information for the year. This meeting will be held during the dinner hour so food and drink will be available for you.

## Kick Off Celebration

**6pm-8pm**

On the Peter's Property

Dinner right at 6pm with our first study and activities to follow until 8pm.



This meeting is very important for all Seniors to attend. As your last year begins to unfold, it will turn out whatever you make it and we youth programs wants you to go out with a bang! Please mark your calendars of this meeting and after church on the 11th, head up to the Youth Center. See you there!

# [Reflections] of a leader



## How do you manage your ministry?

By Douglas Miller

One of the first of many questions I asked my professors at college was how they, before they were professors, managed the ministry that they were doing. I just figured it was a fair question; I mean, there I was a twenty year old junior in college trying to figure out what it took to do ministry in working for God. I was interested because I wanted to do the same ministry that they had previously done.

The answer I received was long and drawn out but to sum up what they shared, it goes a little something like this: *Get connected to God, buckle your seatbelt and hold on tight.* For the rest of my junior year and all of my senior year I had no clue what they were talking about. This past summer I realized what they meant.

June wasn't a real special month, but it did include being a part of the team that went to SC for the mission trip. God had prepared a way for all of us before we had arrived, and when we got there, we put on our construction belts, grabbed nails and our hammers and went to work. God was pleased, I am sure, and the experience is one you'll have to see through your own eyes.

July was full of friends' weddings, Mini Golf and 30 hours of a family vacation. Both weddings were beautiful and God's glory was shown in the love that was shared between couples. My time with family was short lived, but again, God's kingdom is so amazing and He always shines through hurts and joys. August wasn't too eventful though with the unfortunate cancellation of the Student Takeover event, I still was able to compete in a Triathlon back home. So how does all of this relate to managing my ministry?

It's the ministry that one is talking about. The ministry that I am talking about is not the ministry I do in a church. I'm talking about God's ministry. God is omnipresent meaning He is everywhere at the same time. Because of this, I realize so often how small I am when God does huge things for me and in my life for His

glory and for the growth of His Kingdom. God uses all of us in unique ways. The way He is using Francis Chan isn't the same way that He is using Tenth Avenue North. The way He plans to use you isn't the same way He wants to use your friend. No two uses for God's ministry is managed the same.

That's what is so great about God. He has one specific way to use you and me and it's completely different from everyone else. We're the only ones with one specific job that God has planned for us. That's how God manages His ministry. He takes little old you and little old me and uses us to expand and glorify His Kingdom. Sometimes, though, we struggle to do so. That is when we should turn back to God with seeking hearts searching for answers and help. That is when we should let go of everything we have here on earth and grab hold of Heaven because if we do what God says—if we live obedient lives of outreach, service and love—we will inherit the gift of eternal life.

I pray that you be so focused on God that you fulfill your job in His ministry. May you be blessed in all the things you will endure and may you endure them for the Kingdom of God. ✠✠✠



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This month, we have a few birthdays within our Youth and College Ministry programs.

Susan Guth celebrates her 21st birthday on September 8.

Alex Hinton turns 18 on September 22.

Lindsay Bell celebrates her 14th birthday on September 27.

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