



# National Coalition For Purity

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Purifying the Bride of Christ, One Church at a Time

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## Sarge Speaks

by Irv "Sarge" Woolf

We live in a culture of convenience. We don't like to be inconvenienced ever for anything any time. Whether it's the convenience of getting our morning coffee from Starbucks via the drive-through lane so we don't have to park and go inside to refusing to wait in line to be seated in a restaurant, we don't like to be inconvenienced. Churches, like the rest of society, cater to our demand for convenience as well. It's inconvenient to hold worship services in the summer because people like to use their weekends to go to their cabins or on vacation and it's inconvenient to go to church, so we cancel or scale back worship. Convenience thinking pushes leaders to want everything to be easy for their people: easy worship, easy bible study, easy ministry, easy Christianity.

I especially see this in how the church ministers to men. "Don't expect too much from men," "make it convenient for men because we can't ask too much from them" are the mottos of Convenience Christianity. This forces me to ask, "when are men ever taught to sacrifice for a cause greater than the accumulation of money and things?" "When are men ever taught to sacrifice for something greater than themselves?" I am

convinced that **convenience is the ENEMY of sacrifice!** It was not convenient for Jesus to die on the cross. It was a sacrifice. Writing of Jesus, the author of Hebrews declares, "because by one **sacrifice** he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy" (Hebrews 10:14-emphasis mine). Had He wanted the convenient life, Jesus would have listened to the devil (Matthew 4:9), bowed down to him, and avoided the cross completely. The devil loves Convenience Christianity but hates sacrifice!

We cannot be holy and pure without sacrifice. It will never be convenient to live a life of purity. It will always be a sacrifice. In the purity ministry, men arrive at Purity Boot Camp at 6:00 a.m. Why so early? Because men do not need Purity Boot Camp to be convenient for them. Men need to sacrifice some sleep and pay a price for their purity. Why is it required of men that they hold one another accountable daily in the Purity Platoons? Men need to sacrifice their isolation and lack of accountability. Beloved, do the hard thing! Sacrifice builds character. Sacrifice produces spiritual depth and maturity. Sacrifice makes the prize valuable. Convenience is the ENEMY of sacrifice!

Easter has power and significance because of the sacrifice of Jesus on Good Friday. He IS risen! He IS risen indeed! Happy

Easter! *Sarge*



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*Beginning Again*  
by Elsie Woolf

Women of Truth Session One on Tuesday evenings has just completed the 12 week study entitled “Healing Your Heart.” We will be studying *Breaking Free* by Beth Moore beginning March 4<sup>th</sup> and continuing through May. Our final lesson in Session One, dealt with the topic of “Beginning Again.” I would like to share some thoughts on this subject.

As wives take steps along their healing journey and their husbands complete the various stages of their purity journey, it is important to consider beginning again in a new and healthy way. Obviously, husbands and wives will want to avoid going back to their previous way of relating to each other. Because . . . “If we always do what we have always done, we’ll always get what we always got.” It is true. Count on it. You cannot go back to the way things were before the crisis in your marriage and expect everything to be OK. God will provide you with another opportunity to learn the lesson you missed the previous time. Don’t waste the pain you have just come through. Trust the Lord to help you move forward in a new marriage relationship.

Here are some things to consider as you begin again.

1. Your marriage is more about God than it is about either you or your spouse. God is most glorified by healthy and pure marriages.
2. The husband and wife relationship is a picture of Christ and the church. (Ephesians 5:22--33) As Christ is head of the church, so a husband is to be the head of his family. He is to be a servant leader and his model is Christ.
3. A healthy marriage is a good testimony to others including, and especially, our children.
4. Consistently treating each other with love and respect is of supreme importance. Love must include both grace and accountability. Both love and respect need to be unconditional.
5. Establishing boundaries will protect your values and the integrity of your marriage.
6. Practicing repentance and forgiveness is the oxygen essential to the life of all relationships.
7. Rebuilding trust takes time—up to two years according to Dr. Gary and Barbara Rosberg.
8. Open communication requires speaking and active listening.

9. Problem solving together can be fun.
10. Setting goals and planning to grow old together keeps your marriage moving forward and is also fun!

Please call Elsie at 612-210-0777 if you would like to register to be part of a future WOT group.

## Worship with Integrity

By Dan Adler

### Preface

Last quarter’s newsletter contained part one of this article and in this quarter’s newsletter, we present the conclusion .

### Part II

God wants integrity in our worship. We put so much time, money and energy into great equipment, sound systems and in being cutting edge in our music. But if we don’t have integrity, God hates it. We’re wasting our time, money and energy. Let’s ask ourselves the question, are we as willing to put time, energy and money into living lives of integrity so that we can, as Romans 12 says, present our bodies as a living sacrifice to God as an act of worship?

But maybe you’re not someone who is immersing yourself in garbage for entertainment, but have nonetheless found yourself struggling with besetting sins and addictions that have caused you not to live in integrity. It seems that everyone I know struggles with something. It might be materialism, overspending and greed. It might be food addictions. It might be alcohol and drug addictions. It might be homosexuality, pornography or sexual addictions. It might be gossip and slander and self-righteousness. Or maybe it’s several of those things. Whatever your struggles, are you willing to do what it takes to get your life to a place of integrity?

Several years ago, I got to a place where I realized that, as a man, I couldn’t walk in integrity on my own. On several occasions, I found myself in hotel rooms while traveling doing ministry, being hugely tempted by what came on cable TV. I also found myself having a whole alluring world at my fingertips on my personal computer through the internet in my home and office



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### Worship with Integrity, Part II

By Dan Adler (continued)

that was never available before and I saw my integrity beginning to crumble. But being a pastor and worship leader and teacher and up-front guy, I was supposed to have it all together. So to talk out loud about it was a difficult decision. But I didn't want to continue to fight this struggle alone. So I joined a men's group, I put an accountability program on my computer and I began meeting weekly with another pastor friend of mine who shared in these struggles. We began to be completely honest with each other and to hold each other accountable and pray for each other so that our lives would be a reflection of our songs and sermons and values. These were embarrassing, frightening, humbling, vulnerable and intimidating steps to make. But I wanted and want, at all costs, to have my life be a life of integrity so that my worship would be true and pleasing to the Lord. It has been one of the most rewarding choices that both of us have ever made in our lives.

Let me ask you, are you willing to do what it takes to have integrity in your worship? God's not interested in anything less. If you're entertaining yourself with things that grieve the Lord, I want to challenge you to read Ephesians chapter 5 and repent of the choices you've made and change your habits. Let the Word of God and the Spirit of God direct your choices instead of the evil world around you. I also recommend that every Christian finds at least one other Christian that they can meet regularly with to confess with, pray with and hold each other accountable. And if you are someone who has struggled specifically like I have, I highly recommend an internet accountability program called "Covenant Eyes" [www.covenanteyes.com](http://www.covenanteyes.com), as well as a ministry called the National Coalition For Purity that has been transforming thousands of men's lives and marriages. [www.puritycoalition.org](http://www.puritycoalition.org)

Let's be worshippers with more than our songs, and then watch the Holy Spirit be poured out in our congregations and the fruit of the Spirit be manifest in all that we do.



### Theatre of Operations

## Packing our Duffel Bag

Upcoming events

#### Sergeant, Lieutenant Training (RFEFC)

**March 29, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

Redwood Falls Evangelical Free Church  
243 E 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Redwood Falls, MN 56283  
(507) 627-3222  
Pastor Tom Latterell

#### Platoon Freedom Appointment (MGEFC)

**March 29, 2008 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

Maple Grove Evangelical Free Church  
8585 Rice Lake Road  
Maple Grove, MN 55369  
(763) 420-6485  
<http://www.mgefrc.org/index.htm>  
Brian McCormack

#### Purity Boot Camp (RFEFC)

**March 31 - April 4, 2008 from 6:00 a.m. to 7:30 a.m.**

Redwood Falls Evangelical Free Church  
243 E 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Redwood Falls, MN 56283  
(507) 627-3222  
Pastor Tom Latterell

#### Men's Breakfast - (NPAC)

**April 5, 2008 from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.**

New Prague Alliance Church  
830 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Southwest  
New Prague, MN 56071  
(952) 758-2800  
<http://www.npac.net/default.aspx>  
Pastor Steve O'Dell

#### Sergeant, Lieutenant Training - (NPAC)

**April 5, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

New Prague Alliance Church  
830 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Southwest  
New Prague, MN 56071  
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<http://www.npac.net/default.aspx>  
Pastor Steve O'Dell



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**Purity Boot Camp (NPAC)**

**April 7 - 11, 2008 from 5:30 a.m. to 7:00 a.m.**

New Prague Alliance Church  
 830 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Southwest  
 New Prague, MN 56071  
 (952) 758-2800

<http://www.npac.net/default.aspx>

Pastor Steve O'Dell

**Sergeant's Briefing (MGEFC)**

**April 12, 2008 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.**

Maple Grove Evangelical Free Church  
 8585 Rice Lake Road  
 Maple Grove, MN 55369  
 (763) 420-6485

<http://www.mgefbc.org/index.htm>

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**Platoon Freedom Appointment (CoHLC)**

**April 26, 2008 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

Community of Hope Lutheran Church  
 14401 Biscayne Avenue W  
 Rosemount, MN 55068  
 (651) 322-5679

<http://www.cohlc.org/>

Pastor Per Nilsen

**Platoon Awards Breakfast (NHLC)**

**May 31, 2008 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

North Heights Lutheran Church (NHLC)  
 1700 W. Hwy 96  
 Arden Hills, MN 55112  
 (651) 797-7851

<http://www.nhlc.org/>

Irv Woolf

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