## Praying as families Day 12 to untie the cords of sexual temptations among God's people.

The enemy's tactics to tempt and lead astray God's people have been present since the garden of Eden. The very fruit that they knew will bring them death, was advertised as a fruit that will give them life. Eve was enticed by a forbidden fruit that appeared pleasing and promising, leading to the fall of humanity.

Throughout history, even great men of God, like David, succumbed to sexual temptations, bringing consequences of sin and guilt. He schemed to cover up his sin by setting up Uriah to take a break from his battle and lie with his wife, which failed, because of the loyalty that Uriah showed to his job. David went on to kill his devoted soldier by placing him right in front of the battle. The man after God's own heart slipped and displeased God greatly by this act (2 Samuel 11).

These cords of sexual temptation caused God's wrath to be poured on his people Israel while they travelled from Egypt to the promised land. Paul the apostle warned the New Testament church to learn from Israel's history where more than twentythree thousand people died when his people sinned enticed by the Moabite women (1 Corinthians 10:8).

In today's world, unhealthy sexual urges are fueled by various influences, including social media, making forbidden desires seem alluring. These uncontrolled urges can lead individuals to cross the boundaries set by God for sanctified living, resulting in sin, guilt, and shame. The cords of sexual temptation need to be untied and broken. It has destroyed many lives, families, and ministries.

We pray for our churches to address these powers of darkness and work towards delivering people from the bondage of



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sexual temptations. May God raise up a generation committed to living holy and sanctified lives against the schemes of the enemy. Let us intercede for those within the church, including leaders, who are struggling with these temptations, praying for their strength and victory to avoid causing others to stumble.

We also lift up ministries addressing sexual temptations, praising God for their work in bringing healing and deliverance. May God protect our generation, and may His Church be a shining example of victorious living.

## LET US PRAY

Lord God, you are Holy, and you have called us to live holy lives. We confess that we have strayed from your standards, influenced by the powers of darkness through sexual temptations. Only by your Spirit can we control these urges meant to be enjoyed within the context of sacred martimony. We pray for those within our church, including leaders, who are struggling. Untie the strong cords of temptation and replace them with your deep love and grace. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.



