

Written in Red: Hard Things Jesus Said

Whatever it takes to fight temptation

Matthew 5:29-30

Lies we believe about sin

1. This sin won't hurt me; I'm just having some fun
2. Sin won't cost me anything
3. My sin won't affect anyone else
4. I can quit any time I want
5. God has already forgiven me, so what's the big deal?

Why Jesus is so hard on sin

1. Sin wants to consume us
2. We must deal ruthlessly with our own sin
3. The stakes are exceedingly high
4. If we fail it is our own fault

Jesus did more than just talk against sin

1. He experienced humanity fully
2. He was tempted like we are
3. He lived without sin
4. He is powerful to help us

Resources

Food/overeating: www.oa.org

Gambling: www.gaphoenix.org

Spending/debt: www.crown.org

Sex: www.sexaa.org; www.sexaddict.com

Pornography: www.xxxchurch.com

Drug/Alcohol: www.drug-addiction.com; www.na.org;
www.azteenchallenge.org

Celebrate Recovery: www.celebraterecovery.com

If you need help getting help, contact Linda Whipple, Director of Caring Ministries (lwhipple@bethanycc.com or 480-831-5005).