

Holding On to What Hurts Us

Habakkuk 2:5; Colossians 3:5–6

Reflection

When we think about greed, we usually think about money and possessions. However, sometimes the things we cling to most tightly are our own sinful desires.

We may know that a particular attitude, habit, or behavior is contrary to God's Word, yet we continue holding on to it. We convince ourselves that it isn't really that serious or that we can address it sometime later.

In those moments, our personal desires have become more important to us than obedience to God.

Genuine faith requires a willingness to surrender even the things we desperately want to keep. Repentance isn't simply acknowledging that something is wrong. It involves turning away from that sin and submitting ourselves to God.

We will never achieve sinless perfection in this life, but we should never become comfortable defending the very things from which Christ came to save us.

Illustration

Imagine holding a rope so tightly that it begins cutting into your hands. You know that releasing it would stop the pain, but you refuse because you are afraid of losing what is attached to the other end.

Sometimes our relationship with sin looks remarkably similar. We cling to something that is hurting us because we are unwilling to let it go.

Application

Is there an attitude, habit, or desire that you have been unwilling to surrender to God? Bring it before Him honestly today. Ask Him for the strength and willingness to turn away from it.

Prayer

Lord, reveal the things in my life that I have placed above obedience to You. Give me a repentant heart and the courage to surrender whatever is keeping me from walking faithfully with You. Amen.