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How to Finally Quit Pornography for Good

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So many high-level functioning men, pastors, leaders, are bound in pornography. This is something that incapacitates us pretty much as believers really to step into the full calling that God has put in our life. Do you feel like that ultimately that's our problem is we're missing connection with God? You're not set apart.

You're just like the world, but you're going to church just like the world goes to church to make themselves feel better, but at the end of the day, God sees the secret. What we would call the shame cycle. So think about a wheel.

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What started my journey of breaking free is me coming to the end of myself saying, I can't do it. I need you to do it. I will align my life with what your scripture says. So my wife, when I told her, it broke her because it always does break the women.

That is a horrible, horrible thing to hear that I've been looking at other women because I was on a two-week cycle and I never broke it. My whole life two-week cycle, bro. And every time it was my last time, I'll never do it again. I hate who I am.

There was an event that happened in your life that became part of your significant secret sauce formula of getting out of pornography. So if you are watching this or listening to this online, wait till you get near the end because he's going to share that with you. I think it's going to be surprising what that is. I know the power that my father has to set people free and so that's why I can smile and talk about it because I get excited.

How many families and children generationally will be set free? Marriages will be restored just by simple testimony, conversation, and accountability? What if there's more to the Bible than what you see on the surface? For centuries, we've learned to read Scripture through a modern Western lens.

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Open your Bible and get ready, because the next discovery could change everything! If you are a man out there or you have a man or young man in your life that struggles with those inner thoughts, and I think you know what those inner thoughts I'm talking about are, about the opposite sex, this broadcast is for you. We're going to be diving into the topic of hitting your full potential by removing an obstacle that the enemy has been using for thousands of years to keep the men of God paralyzed from hitting every type of blessing and potential in full stride that God has been trying to get men to do.

It revolves around this topic of sexuality and specifically the topic of pornography. This is definitely going to be a PG-13 podcast, so if you have little ones in the room, we want to encourage you to just be aware of that. So let me just introduce myself. I'm Jim Staley with Passion for Truth Ministries, and today we're going to be diving into a topic that does not get enough attention in the church.

I don't know why, because statistics say over 80% of men are struggling with this, and we're going to dive into it head on. Today we have with us Aaron Corey from everywhere, really. Everywhere. So welcome to the broadcast.

Thank you for having me. I appreciate it. All right. So Aaron, we've known each other for several years.

God has intertwined our journeys. We've had, in some ways, similar journeys. God has now positioned you to help men get to a place where they get fully free of this addiction and really this stumbling block, as I like to call it, because we're running a race to win. And this is just hurdle after hurdle that men have a really hard time jumping over.

you've had phenomenal success at, uh, not only in your own personal life and journey, and I can't wait for them to hear the main reason or the place in your life where everything turned 180 degrees. There was an event that happened in your life that became part of your significant secret

sauce formula of getting out of pornography. So if you are watching this or listening to this online, wait till you get near the end, because he's going to share that with you. And I think it's going to be It's surprising what that is.

But you also now are helping hundreds of men everywhere get out of this pit that's in their life. Is that true? Yeah, that's correct. That's a great way to put it.

Yeah, we're going to get to the testimony, but that's absolutely what it is. This is something that incapacitates us pretty much as believers really to step into the full calling that God has put in our life. And really this ministry and my life and the way that I walk and live now. obviously wouldn't be true if I was still stuck in that place.

It really, it really muzzles us. So before we actually get to your testimony, I really want to kind of set the stage. This is not going to be like a regular podcast on pornography. There's a hundred out there that are out there and they're amazing ministries helping people and helping men get out of this incredibly helping women get out of this because that is now the number one target for the porn industry.

The fastest growing segment of it is with women. We can talk about that later. But really what I want to focus on is this concept of the light of God and desperation, the fear of God, the potential full stride of men, and what the motivation of the enemy is and why this is such a big deal. Why is the enemy going after this segment more than any other part of a man's life?

There's a lot of issues that he could deal with us on, and he does for some of us. I just made every mistake in the book. But why this issue? I think you'd be hard-pressed to find one sin that's so commonly talked about all throughout Scripture.

In New Testament alone, about 21 of the 27 books of the New Testament talks explicitly about immorality, and there's some other like ideas that are intertwined in the other book. So it's really

like it's a significant portion. Immorality, lust is not talked about a little. In fact, Apostle Paul says it's the only one that the sin is outside the body.

So even the Bible separates this as a major problem. And yet we look at that, and we've been so desensitized over the years, and the enemy's crafted a plan that has made our standard of holiness drop really, really low. And so I think that because the standard is so low, we just, everyone's doing it. We don't seem to take it as serious as maybe the Bible lays it out to be very serious.

Why do you think the Bible does talk about this subject in such serious manner? Like what is it that, I mean, God gave us this thing, right? Like how many times has a man said, well, like God did this to me. Like if he didn't want me to do this, he wouldn't have created me with this kind of hormonal intensity.

What's the deal? Marriage is our most beautiful example of covenantal marriage is the most beautiful example. Christ and the church. It's what we're called to.

It's literally the standard. And so he's coming for a pure bride. He calls into holiness and he wants to come for a bride that's without spot and blemish. And so we have this like, Even from the beginning, like the Father gives us the laws and he says, I want you to do this so you can be separate, so you can be holy, set apart unto me.

So everything is about, everything in the Bible, Genesis to Revelation is set apartness and holiness and purity. And that's the common theme throughout the whole thing. So I think when the enemy can undermine covenantal marriage in the context of purity, whether it's by thought or by action or by deed, Um, I believe it's just, he's looking to defame the father's name in the most way possible and to come into marriage and then to have secret sins and then be acting and carrying in his name, teaching and all, you know, we've got all these people that are falling into immorality.

It's, it's new stories every single week by the, by the tens or twenties or hundreds of pastors and leaders falling. I think it's a great way for him to kind of slap in the face. So you see, Your people are not set apart to you. So it matters for us that we raise the standard back up high because we are the representative to the world about what it looks like to walk in holiness as a people that honor the Father.

So I think that that's a start to that answer. Yeah. And a good, I think this is really a dialog and a discussion. If you're listening to this or watching this, I think it's important for the men to know that absolutely we are going to give you some incredible insights and some homework and some protocols and steps to help get you free and to set you free because the scriptures say

that the truth only knows how to do one thing, right? Set you free. I have always been a big believer as a Bible teacher and a dad of six daughters, raising them up over the last 27 years that people do what they believe. So if you believe that abortion's okay, you're likely either gonna have one or support one.

If you believe homosexuality is okay, you either will become one or you'll support it, right? People don't do what they don't believe. Like that's just not intuitive to do that, right? Unless it's extreme peer pressure and that type of thing.

And so I am a proponent of the idea that pornography, being the fact that I was in it for so many years in my own testimony, is that I had a wrong belief system. And I think it revolved around my identity, my representation of God, what my responsibility was as an ambassador, as a representative, the fear of God, right? And understanding my place in the kingdom and understanding his kingship, his sovereignty, and that he knew better than me. So ultimately for me, it was a golden calf.

This was idolatry. Absolutely. Well, we see in Scripture that Scripture says that covetousness is idolatry. In pornography and lust is covetousness.

It's wanting what's not yours by default. So we can define covetousness as idolatry. And I think that's a great point and an important point to understand that we are idolizing. We are making this thing an idol.

We are worshiping. these images and these scenes and maybe the women and all those things. We have put those in a space that we are bound to those things. So yeah, absolutely.

It is the golden calf. And we don't feel comfortable sitting with that. But you're exactly right. We need the truth to hit us like a ton of bricks.

What does Scripture say? Why is it extremely clear? Why is it talked about so much? And then we need to sit with the weight of that.

And then once we sit with the weight of that, so we do have to go to the Scripture, we have to see very clearly how much the Father hates this sin, how much Yeshua hates this sin. Then, if in His mercy, the best scenario is that we feel the weight of that. the weight of our failure, the weight of our inadequacies, and how much we need to rely and beg the Father, desperation, for Him to deliver us from this thing that has kept and is keeping many men in bondage in prison. Yeah, as a matter of fact, I just kind of feel really inclined to read this scripture.

Can I borrow the scriptures for just a second? And this scripture, guys, if you're out there right now and you feel this shame, this guilt, and like this constant cycle of, you know, guys feel the cycle of falling, you know, to get back up and like, it's just, they just, and sometimes the enemy just puts that shame and that guilt so heavy, it's like, don't even continue. You're not worth anything, right?

That's right. And I feel like when I came across this scripture, it encouraged me so much. It's Proverbs 24, verse 16. And it says, for the righteous fall seven times and rise again, but the wicked stumble in times of calamity.

And that really ministered to me because if you walk in any Christian church today and say, hey, the pastor has fallen six times, nobody's going to applaud him and say, what a righteous man, you know what I mean? But the Bible says that you're righteous falling seven times, you know why? Because you get up again, you're getting up again, you're not falling in the same place, you're falling forward, you're falling forward, right? And I think, do you find that a lot of men in your ministry, they struggle with this guilt and shame of like, man, I messed up again.

Like, do you find that? Oh yeah, this is what we would call the shame cycle. So think about a wheel and it's got maybe, I think it's five different areas of the wheel. I didn't make this up.

I kind of borrowed this from other people that use this, but it's addiction recovery. So insert any addiction in there. The way that I've kind of tweaked it to ours but we have our triggers right triggers would be anything that sets me off with a lot of minutes maybe failure or I let someone down or I lost a bid or work isn't going well relationships aren't going well or.

A trigger could be literally I just passed a girl jogging on the side of the street. A trigger could be I watched a movie I shouldn't have watched. So there are internal triggers that make me, that shame or boredom or loneliness, there are external triggers. Sometimes those are outside of our control.

So trigger then leads us to a craving, right? So that's the second part of the circle. The craving is I feel this thing, right? So it could be a bad feeling. Like again, I feel lonely. A lot of single guys deal with this. I'm lonely. Yes, I understand you're lonely. So that makes me want to go. find a thing that makes me not feel lonely, right? Or I even actually big successes can be a trigger for us. Like I just got a huge promotion.

I'm feeling good. Top of the world. I want to celebrate. So I want to, I want to feel good. nmUm, so again, it can be negative things. It can be positive things. It can be internal thing and external things, but the triggers turn us into a craving. And then the step after the craving is the acting out.

I go look at the porn, I go lust, I go do the thing that's attached to that. And then right after that comes shame. The shame, obviously, is with, again, the greatest tool of the enemy to push us into the last one, which is isolation. And then after isolation, we're back at the beginning, because in isolation, and we get triggered, then we're going through the whole circle again.

Now, what I want, I hope everybody can kind of visualize that. But what I want you to know is in between each one of those stages is a break in the action. It's an opportunity for us to exit the shame cycle, the shame circle, right? So if I get triggered and you and I are walking in accountability, so this is one of the big things we can talk about is why isolation is one of the greatest tools of the enemy.

In isolation, I don't have anybody to process through. I don't have anybody to build me up or hold me up, right? So when my triggers come, Like I saw a girl, I looked and I lusted in accountability. I call you up, Jim. Hey, listen, man, I saw something and it's tipping me off, bro. I just want you to know. Maybe a response to you is like, how are you? What do you need?

Let's pray together. That could be a very quick, like, If we're catching it on the front end and we're just dealing with it in the moment, that takes me to not feel like I need to crave anything because we're dealing with it in the moment. However, if I bypass that and my trigger goes to a craving, then I find myself in that space. But again, there's a gap between the craving and the acting out where I can, again, Lean into community.

I can seek the Lord for his help. These are our moments of exit. You know, the Father says, I will always with temptation make a way of escape. Sometimes the escape is our brothers. Sometimes the escape is get up and get out. But in between each one of those, again, we need to be looking for that way of escape. So I call you up. Hey, I am feeling the tension. I'm feeling the pool. This has been a bad week. I lost a bunch. I got a guy last week that lost \$20,000 in a bad deal. Someone stole \$20,000 from him. And we're all like, okay, brother, we're here for you. Let's talk about it. Don't dive in.

Right. Cause that's a massive trigger. And, and these things happen in our life, relational stress. But again, so between the craving and the acting out, there's an exit space. If however you do jump in and you look and you act out, we can still stop ourselves from moving into the shame aspect. That's why accountability and brotherhood is what we do at Release the Strongman, is provide high brotherhood, high accountability to be able to lift you up if you've fallen. We build up, we remove shame from the equation so they exit and say, hey, I fell. Let's walk out.

What happened? What was your trigger? craving. Why didn't you reach out before? Because we're looking at the enemy's game plan for your life. We're looking at the enemy's game plan for John's life. And it's the same but different. And if we can understand the game plan, then we can launch a counterattack to catch it before it goes into the full perversion.

So we're there to help. it not move into shame. So shame doesn't really exist if you're in good community of brotherhood, right? Because you're not going to be like, how dare you, you horrible person. That's not what we're called to the body of Christ. We're called to love and accept and build up and to pray over and lay hands on for healing and deliverance, right? But again, if I do go into shame, And I recognize it, there's still an exit point before I remove myself. So a lot of guys, there are a handful of guys that have come through the program, they've come into the guys, they've fallen, or maybe they've had a stint of good, and then they've fallen.

But the relationship's been built so much that they don't want to let us down, so they end up exiting into isolation. And now they're stuck in it completely again. So you see, in between each of those moments, there's an opportunity for connection. Because the opposite of addiction is connection. And in connection, brother, that's how we heal. That's how we build up. All right. So we've talked about the power of pornography.

We've talked about the power of God. We've talked about the healing and missing our potential. But all of that really begins with a testimony, right? By the word of God, by the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimonies.

So let's start there at the testimony because a testimony is inspiring. Inspiration can bring desperation. Desperation can bring new understanding. Understanding can bring a new direction and protocols that will bring about new life and transformation, which is what everyone's looking for.

So let's start there. Before I get started, I want to make sure that everyone understands that as I get into this stuff, I am so grateful for my childhood. I'm grateful for the church that I grew up in. I'm grateful for my parents. I'm grateful for the community I was around. But times have shifted from then to now. Our generation, Jim, we got overwhelmed and flooded by the digital screen.

And it was harder to find it back then, but we did find it, didn't we? For me, it was in my home, my dad's a photographer. And so he had this rack of, you know, magazines. They were all like photography magazines, like, you know, talked about like, you know, nature photography and all that stuff.

And maybe like some of the gear stuff. And, um, but, but I found the couple of ones that had some, some nudes in it. And that was all I needed for a 10, 11, 12 year old. I don't know exactly. It all got set off. I went to my neighbor's house one day. I probably was around 11 or so. And he was a nonbeliever. He had a Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Edition thing on there. And I saw that and spent the night there and my body did things. And I was like, wait, what? That's not bad.

So that started the trajectory for me. And then I found those magazines and you know, I, I just, I knew exactly where they were and I kept going back to those and back then TV was around and we had the scramble channel and I dove into that. And so all these things, I, when I talked to men, like, especially if they're my age, we, it's not, I'm not making light of it, but like we all chuckle because it's, we all did the same stuff. Almost like we all fell into the same trap, fell into the same trap.

And I, I, again, I'll never give the enemy credit, but I will say this, that he has been building a plan since the invention of the TV. And working the plan. And working the plan successfully. And he has started the process of desensitizing us to his holiness and our standard of holiness that we must strive to as set apart children of God.

And so we, our standard is so low for holiness now. And it started all back with, with this TV and these magazines, which were super hard to find. Like yours was there, but you knew what it wanted. And I talked to a lot of guys that it was a neighbor down the street, it was under a bush down the street, you know, and you would find those.

And once it was, you got hooked. And so then fast forward, right? We're just in that world. Internet comes around and every guy our age knows exactly what I'm going to say. It was just like freedom to be able to look and do and anything you want. I bought a house when I was 21 because I had a really good job and I rented it out to four guys and I stayed over the apartment garage. And so we were just in, I was just in isolation, bro. And honestly, I always say I could like, I can kind of fast forward my twenties, all of them.

Because I just, I was in church. I grew up in a Baptist church. Very grateful for my KJV foundation. I still, I still like quoting these in the vows. And I'm grateful that that foundation was built in me at a young age. I have so much scriptural knowledge from the foundation. So I'm very grateful for that. But, but there was a lot of secrecy in that world.

And it was as long as you present yourself righteous, then you can talk the talk and walk the walk. And I was on worship teams and all that stuff. No one really got below the surface there. And it wasn't a culture of visibility. And so, so I just, I, I could play the part very easily. And that was just really through my twenties. I left my small town in Ohio and went down to Atlanta when I was about 22 or 23. got into some kind of mega churchy places.

And again, it was just, it was easy to play the part. I had the foundation so I could encourage people and again, doing worship and helping plant small churches and house churches, but all that stuff, the whole time feeling like a phony because I was on a two week cycle and I never broke it. My whole life, two-week cycle, bro. I would, and every time it was my last time, I'll never do it again. I hate who I am. Three days later, I look, I let that in. I don't walk in confession or repentance. I barely even have a relationship with God, even if I have one.

The word isn't alive to me. My prayer life is non-existent outside of confessing my sin. So I'm not actually walking with the Lord. I just know a lot about it. I always say like, I was eating yesterday's manna. right? I wasn't eaten. I wasn't connected to the vine, I wasn't receiving from him on a daily basis. There's that word, connected. Like you weren't connected. You knew a lot.

Yeah. I knew a lot and played the part really, really well. You know, I always joke and say like, even to you, like if you knew me back then, we'd probably be good friends still. Like I didn't present any differently. I was just in bondage. So I don't believe that actually the spirit was working through me and the power in the way that I believe he does now because I know him. And I'm connected to the Father, and He's able to live and breathe and move through me in this moment, because I'm picking up the manna for the day. I'm connected to the vine and receiving His word for now.

And you mentioned the early men. Everyone says, like, I'm going to knock this out at 18. I'll never do it after 18, then 21, 25, these moments, 30, for sure, I'm done. Before I'm married, and then you meet your wife, and I'm married to an amazingly beautiful woman, Cleo who is South African who has just that accent that would just draw you in - it's very like and she was I would say like d visually, she was everything I would ever have wanted and looked for. And so she appealed to me in that visual sense.

But also, I was in such a state of brokenness when we met, and my spiritual life was broken. We met in church. We were kind of living parallel lives. She was on the worship team, and I was helping plant churches, like house churches, and train leaders to do that. And when I met her, she

was over here in an au pair program, going to be going home in like five or six months. And so when we met, I had come out of a bad relationship and was freshly broken. And really on my way exiting from church, I was not in a good place, man. I'd been church hurt.

And I wasn't walking really with the Lord. And I meet this girl who's gorgeous. And like, we started just hanging out as friends because there was no really opportunity. She was going home and I was broken. And so we started hanging out as friends, but she was like pouring into me. And so I fell in love with how beautiful she was, but also her love for the Lord. And I think there was something in me that was like, I need something like that. I need someone like that, which is so the opposite of the way that it should be, bro.

And we talked about this before, but I was desperate thinking that she would fix me. that marriage would fix me, that by falling in love, having sex, that would fix my brokenness for perversion. But we know, as single men, we think that that'll fix it, but you get in and then all of a sudden, There's tension in the marriage. And it doesn't quite go as you think. Or maybe sex doesn't look the way that it did on the screen. Or maybe things don't work out sometimes. And no one told me about that. And so now I'm like, well, I've got all these things.

And so it doesn't take long. for you to make that one decision, couple months, month in marriage, maybe weeks. And once that seal's broken, now you're into shame again. And the whole thing just starts again. And so I hate to say it, but like my wife asked me very early on if I looked at pornography and I, like so many men, yeah, yeah, yeah, I've dealt with that in the past, but I've got it under control. I'm dealing with that, I've got it under control. And women will leave us. And so my wife, as a woman of God who was seeking the Lord, said, okay, it's in your hands.

I don't know that I buy it, but it's in your hands, Father. So my wife, I think, knew, and she, my wife's a prayer warrior, and she started praying for me. Fast forward seven years of manipulation, lying, perversion, late nights, video game addiction, all of it. I was a successful photographer, successful at put me in any room with any type of person and I'm going to connect with them.

And people are going to be like, Aaron's awesome. Like life of the party, right? And he speaks about the Bible. He's encouraging broken, dark, in prison, misery, I know who I am. My wife knows there's something she can't put her finger on it. So really, I hate this. I feel like I don't have a lot of memories from my life because a lot of my memories were secrecy and manipulation. And I know there's guys out there right now that are like, bro, you're telling my story.

I hate who I am. And I think that's actually one of the ways that the enemy actually keeps us stuck in the sin for so long is the shame does breed the isolation. So for me, I never really had anybody that pursued me in this category. Um, so we'll catch up to kind of how, how thing changed for me.

Um, 2020 COVID, all the stuff that happened with that, my wife and I very much dove into like, what's, what's the truth, what's actually really happening here with COVID. And so we, we took 2020 and we spent a lot of time just researching a lot of things and diving into even like a lot of his conspiracy theory and all that stuff. That's neither here nor there. But I do believe that what happened in that moment is we started really begging God in that year to show us his truth at all costs. We wanted truth no matter what. We knew that there were all these differences of opinions, and we really were so frustrated with it that we started saying, okay, God, like your truth at all costs. I need it. We want it. We want to hear from you regardless of everybody else. Show us. And that started the trajectory.

So he actually answered our prayer, I believe. So end of 2020, Christmas Eve. We are wrapping presents. My daughter is two years old, so the first year that she's actually gonna actually recognize that we're doing this thing, and I'm very excited. And we're not doing any, again, I'm very inactive in my relationship with the Lord, but trying. So we're wrapping presents, and it's like 10 p.m., we put her to bed, and out of the blue, Cleo, my wife, looks at me, she says, I don't think we should be celebrating Christmas anymore. What? I think on Christmas Eve. Wow. Okay. Perfect time. And I'm mad because I'm very frugal.

So I'm just thinking, why not a couple of weeks ago? I wasn't even mad about the Christmas thing. I was like, I just spent all this money. We've been building up our daughter. She's excited. We just put her to bed, told her tomorrow's going to be amazing. We've done all this stuff. And the conviction that my wife felt, the father had been showing her things in the scripture, highlighting her eyes. She had heard, from something that like Christmas had pagan origins. And she was like, what? So she starts reading and then the father starts highlighting the feast days to her. And she starts seeing these words like perpetual and that it's for all your generations.

And she starts to get her mind blown. So she goes on this journey with the Lord. And she'd been on that journey for a couple months on her own. Like this happens so often with the women as they're reading. And the father convicts her. that we need to separate. She couldn't find Christmas in the Bible. And she's like, well, what's the response to Christmas? Like if we're not doing that, what do we do? That's how she kind of fell into the kind of space of like the Sabbath and the feasts. And so she just decided Christmas Eve was a great idea to tell me that we shouldn't be celebrating Christmas. like on your birthday, right before you're opening your presents. I don't think we should celebrate your birthday anymore. What? Tell me tomorrow. You know, and Christmas is tough, right?

Because you've done amazing teachings on Christmas, but one of the things that's hard about Christmas is the emotional memories and connections from childhood. And so you're asking me to sever these things that actually have happiness like attached to them. There's that word connection again. The connection, ooh, man, it keeps coming up, doesn't it?

I'm not even doing that on purpose. So that must be the word for the Lord for this podcast. So it's a hard conversation, but that really started a journey for us for about three months. Now, my wife and I are one of those couples where I know there are couples that fight, and they fight heavy and they love well and they make up, that's not us.

My wife and I are just like best friends. So, we don't fight a lot. We actually fight for the intimacy because we love each other so much and we connect so much and we laugh and joke so much that we have to fight for the intimacy. So, it's really rare that we have an argument, especially in a big way. But this thing set us off and we went through undoubtedly the most intense three months of our life. Part of it was because I was, we started talking about this and I was answering her questions with old knowledge, things that I'd been taught. And she was like, can we like open the Bible and look at it? And I'm like, and she's like, what about this?

Have you looked at this or talk about this context? And my wife is like, maybe you should have her on sometime. But because her response to a man who's stuck in a thing was so loving and gracious, begging the father for a change of heart. And that's the way she loved me through the process, through my angry questions and through my angry inadequacies, not knowing the answer to the question. So, every time I would say, yeah, well, what about this? The Galatians or whatever. She was like, have you thought about it in this context? It just made me so mad and put me in a space.

And I know you've heard many stories like this, like our insecurities as men to not be able to answer the question produces anger. Yeah. And it just resulted in a lot of conflict for us. We were arguing in front of our children, which is something that we had written down that we wouldn't do. And it was causing a lot of tension. And so, you know, I told I told my wife like one day, like I had gotten to the end of my knowledge. my Christian knowledge, and I said, I don't know, you sound like you're a Messianic Jew. Is that what you are? You're a Messianic Jew? And she said, I don't know what I am. I just want to follow what the Bible says. So, time out.

You're telling me... that like this entire time, like you're like a nominal Christian, you're worship team, you can play the part, you can talk the talk, you can sit down with the pastor, you can sit down with the janitor, you know, you're the life of the party, everything's going good, but deep down you've got this dark sin, this lustful spirit, pornography, you know, masturbation, lust, all this stuff on two-week cycle, you're saying, God, please take this away, and all of a sudden God

puts it in your wife's heart on Christmas Eve, okay, that, hey, like, I think you need to go in a different direction.

Like there's something not right about this. And I'm looking at the Bible going, hey, there's 10 commandments. Why aren't we keeping the fourth? And you're going, Why in the world would we do that? That's bondage and that's all this stuff. And your wife's like, well, man, I'm just feeling like Holy Spirit's wanting to go in this direction. This causes huge tension in your marriage, major arguments over this. You're feeling now more insecure because now your wife is going all biblical on you. Absolutely. Right. And she's using Bible verses. And I don't have an answer for it.

You don't have an answer for it, which makes you feel even worse. Is it possible that God was actually answering your prayer of get me out of this pornography stuff using your wife and saying, let's get out of Egypt first? Is there a connection? Absolutely. So, I actually didn't recognize this until a year later, until a year I was clean. But I look at the trajectory of what God did and how he helped me get set free. So Christmas Eve, And I'm using all my knowledge of the Galatians and all the scriptures that I know to try to refute it. She's coming back with it.

And I'm at the end of myself. And so for the first time in my life, I'm a very busy photographer, very successful business in Atlanta. I don't have time, so I start waking up at 5.30 AM for the first time in my life seeking God. My wife's going down a cult road and I have lost my family and it's all my fault. It's over. You need to show me how to get my wife back. So, I'm begging him. I'm desperate for the Lord. You're asking God for advice on how to defeat your wife in a debate. That's right. That's what I need. And you don't know the whole time God's on her side. That's right. I have no idea. Like I'm crying out. I'm scared that I actually like, in my failures, my inadequacy, my sin, my lukewarmness, I have lost my life. And so, I'm begging Him for that, and I'm praying. And so we're fighting, But I'm in tune and I'm seeking the Lord with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength. I think it's done.

I actually think my wife might leave me at this point. Like it's that, it's so bad. We eventually get to the point where I show up one day and I said, hey, I don't know, you sound like you're some messy energy. You're doing all this stuff. You're doing the feasts, you're doing the Sabbath, you're doing that. I think we went through Passover and I just, for the sake of like not wanting there to be tension, I ate the meal or whatever and did the thing, you know, and all that stuff. She said, again, I don't know what I am. I just want to follow the Lord.

I said, okay, I'll just disprove messianic Judaism. So, I started studying. And the one thing that I really leaned into was the Sabbath, because just like you said, like I was taught the 10 commandments are valid moral law. We should be doing these things, except this one. And why don't we do it? And why don't people tell me about it? And I've been around church my whole life. And yet this, this one thing, And so I started reading some Jewish messianic rabbis, and I wanted to kind of find holes in the theology that Sabbath was for now.

And the more I got into it, the more I realized that when God says it, He means it. And it doesn't go away. And then you start to see that we're going to be observing the Sabbath in future reign and it's like, wow, like why would there be a moment when there wouldn't be Sabbath? And it really started to challenge me. And again, I was in this beautiful space where I was begging God for truth. And so my heart was in a place where like, I don't like this and this goes against everything I've ever been taught. And if I believe this, this might even cause tension with my family and it might cause tension with my friends, but I really want truth. But now you have a tension in yourself. I have tension in myself. So, what's Aaron going to do? What am I going to do? I turned 40 that year.

So, this was in January, February, March is our intense season. I turned 40 and that messed me up in the best way possible. I looked at my life. Now we don't want to go down in the weeds in this too much, but like pornography isn't just you don't just deal with pornography it carries over and everything's right it was an addictive cycle for me so one of the things I was also addicted to his video games at my worst and that thirty nine year old year before I turned forty I was playing this game,

and up to eight hours a day, cause it was mobile. So, I wasn't sitting there for eight hours. I'd play for 20 minutes.

I'd play on my lunch break while I'm going to the bathroom. And like sometimes literally at a red light, like I was engulfed in this game and it was dopamine overload, right? Same thing that porn provides, dopamine overload, video games provide. When I turned 40, I had three children. We had a pretty newborn. And then I had like a one-year-old and a three-year-old at that point. And I looked at my life, I said, I'm a porn addict. I went away, by the way. I asked my wife, I need to get away. Things are hard here. I'm going to take a week. I'm going to go away to the mountains by myself, if you will let me do that.

She's like, yeah, do it. And I get into the woods. I go to solitude, which is different than isolation, by the way. I go to solitude and I am seeking the Lord. I say, my life is a mess. And I look at my life and I say, I can't quit porn. I don't know how to. I know I don't want it. I don't know what's happening with this faith walk that we're going through right now. That's out of my control. This is out of my control. And I looked at video games and I said, I can control that.

I'm 40. I'm done with video games forever. And so I made a hard step stamp that said, I will be done with video games forever. I didn't know the correlation, by the way, between the video games and porn, but I learned later that they go hand in hand. But what it did is it freed up my mind and my time, talking about eight hours a day, to be able to hear from the Lord, to receive from the Lord, to seek the Lord, have time for my family, to make real instant connection. And so I tell my wife one day, the Father highlights to me like, Sabbath hadn't gone away and it's relevant to today. And I was convinced of it. So I came to my wife in my humility.

And I say, don't get excited. I can't disprove the Sabbath and I don't know why it doesn't exist anymore. And I don't know why people don't do it. And so I'm willing, I'm going to try to do that with you. I'm going to observe Sabbath with you. She was already doing it by the way. So, here's the thing though, I'm a photographer, freelance photographer, and I work Saturdays and I make a lot

of money on Saturdays, right? This was almost eight years into the business at this point. So, I had a lot of clients and I was working with big name brands like Mercedes and Apple. And you know, we're hitting it out of the park. Like I was a successful photographer. And so that was fearful for me.

And so, I just, it wasn't even like a big prayer. I just remember one day when I came to the realization about Sabbath was for me. I told the Lord in a quick prayer, all right, God, if this Sabbath thing is real, you're going to have to do in six days what I can do in seven. And that's about the extent of the prayer. And Jim, wouldn't you know it? God's serious about his stuff and he's serious about his ways. And he's competitive. He's competitive, right?

He loves challenges. That's right. So at that point, we were doing pretty well. I was making about 10 grand a month doing photography. For the next two months, I landed some major contracts. And for the first time in my business, in all of 10 years that I was working, I pulled in 15 grand for the next two months, an extra five grand a month, which was like, it wouldn't fluctuate between like nine and 10, right? He's like, how about an extra five? And why don't you follow my ways?

Because it will bring you life and goodness. And for me, I had a poverty mentality. So, money mattered and frugality and all those things for him to come and do that thing. When I observed his ways and followed his, I was not working at all.

And I was focused. It was what Aaron Corey needed. Wow. I needed for him to do that thing. The above and beyond. The above and beyond. And so we set apart this day. And as best as we knew how, we watched your teachings, brother, which identity crisis played a huge role in our walk.

And so, we're so grateful. And I've told you that before. We're so grateful for your teachings. We watched some other things like truth and tradition. These things played a major role in our life and our walk. We found some other teachings that really helped us. Like, how do we start walking this out? And so, we really just did the Sabbath, and then we started kind of adding more things.

I threw Tzitzis on really quick because what I realized about two months in, and I wasn't even really asking God to take away pornography from me, but I was studying the word. The word had come alive. When I started observing Sabbath, the word came alive to me. Like I started to see things in a whole new light. And again, really identity crisis made a major impact. And I was like, all right, I started reading the scripture through all these different lenses. And what I didn't know is my pursuit of the Lord in that January, trying to prove my wife wrong, pulling things away from the world. We stopped watching a lot of movies and entertainment.

Video games went away. And so we were getting left. We were coming left with God, His ways, the Word. We were seeking Him. We were seeking Him together. We started observing His ways in the Sabbath, and I started hearing from the Lord. And I have a story that some guys want, like, tell me what to do to break free. I don't know.

Seek the Lord with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength. I know that's not what you want to hear, but that's kind of what started my journey of breaking free. is me coming to the end of myself saying, I can't do it. I need you to do it. I will align my life with what your scripture says. So we started following, aligning ourselves, doing the feasts and following like the Torah. And we, what I realized month two, that the pool that lust had on my life had kind of fallen off. When I observed Sabbath, I don't really know like the last time I looked at pornography, but I know that I never looked at it again after that.

And when I look back at that, like I said, there was a year long process where I didn't tell my wife right away. But it was like month after month, I almost couldn't even believe that the Father had broken me free from pornography. And so I was just like, I was almost like waiting for the fall, but I was pursuing Him so hard. We were like diving into His Word together and we were seeking Him with all, I mean, that's what He requires of us.

It's a laying down, it's a sacrifice of your life. We had cut so many things out that were hindering us. Us aligning ourselves with his way, he took away the one thing, crying for deliverance, the one thing that had held me in bondage my whole life. Wow.

I have to break in because you actually said the word that I wrote down. I didn't want to interrupt you, so I grabbed my iPad and wrote it down. I wrote the word sacrifice. As you know, as a Bible teacher, as a theology nerd, I see patterns really, really well in scripture.

And whenever you approach God in ancient Israel in this temple thing or this tabernacle thing, right, you come to the eastern gate and the priest or or are beginning the process of preparing the animals for sacrifice, then it comes to the brazen altar and the animals sacrifice there. No one comes any closer to the Lord until there's a sacrifice. Once there's a sacrifice, then they come over to the water, the brazen laver, and they see their reflection, that's the water of the word, and the water shows them the things that need to change. So in other words, you never get to the water to wash you without the sacrifice.

And then you're coming into the holy place where you eat from the unleavened bread and you get the light of God, which represent the menorah, Yeshua, the word of God. And then the intimacy. And what I heard in my spirit was sacrifice brings closeness, which brings connection. It's the sacrifice.

You have to. And what blew my mind is people would immediately think, oh, I need to sacrifice pornography. oftentimes the actual umbilical cord is coming from somewhere else. And for you as video games, that when you sacrificed the video games, you were telling God, I'm serious. And as a former full-time pastor and a guy that does this for a living and lives in the space and meets people from all over the world, I can tell you what we don't understand in Christianity is how to approach God. We don't understand the temple system. We don't understand that there is this thing called sacrifice, this thing called holy, like the two sons of Aaron, right? Abed, Adab, and Abihu.

These were priests that became crispy critters because they approached God in a way that was not the protocol, right? They thought, oh, God will accept us for doing this. They were trying to do the right thing and God killed them, period. Not because he wanted to, because God's a holy God. So, like we're asking, oh gosh, I feel like I'm hearing the Lord right now. We're wanting to be holy. We're asking God to be holy. But we don't know the protocol or the process of how to get there.

And the very first thing that happens is no priest is ever made holy without a sacrifice first. The sacrifice has to happen. And we don't want to do that. Because ultimately, at the end of the day, we like playing golf 12 times a week. We like playing video games. We like doing this. We like doing that. And we don't even know that the enemy is literally shackling us.

And then the pornography is being fed through a pipe that's built out of selfishness and those things that are making the pipe built or building the pipe, if we sacrifice those, it crumbles the pipe and the lust just goes away. And for you, It was, I'm 40 years old, I'm not a kid anymore, I'm done with this. You made the sacrifice. Then you went to the brazen labor and you started studying the word of God.

God showed you some things out of the word that needed to change. And then amazingly, closeness, connection, shackles fall. Absolutely, hearing the voice of the Lord for the first time, the word coming alive. Again, and you're right, it's that sacrifice. But the other thing, I love that. That's so beautiful. It was video games, but also my time. I had never given, I'd never sacrificed my time to the Lord.

Like, oh, when I hear your voice open up, what's the verse of the day on my home screen? Okay, good deal. Like read that. Oh yeah, that's a really good verse. I remember that one. And we move on, but there's no sacrifice, no study, no pursuing, no prayer, no listening to the voice of the Lord. In all of those, that time, that pursuit of the Lord with all our soul, mind, and strength, was the catalyst for the breakthrough. And man, God wants to speak to us.

He covets our time. He covets relationship and connection with us. But it doesn't come when we've got all this filth, lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, the pride of life, just we're disgusting with those things. And we're not willing to sacrifice some of these things.

And we've talked about this before. We don't always have to sacrifice everything forever, but if I wanna break free from pornography, and Instagram's a problem for me, because Instagram, I find girls that I find attractive on there, and I may go cruise on their profile a little bit, and it's not pornography, but I'm definitely lusting, then that baby needs to get cut off, like Yeshua would say, pluck the eye out, Cut the arm off, it offends you. Delete the app, I'm sorry that's offensive to you.

Like, do what we have to do. Sacrifice the thing, right? In order to create space and a moment for God to be able to speak to you, for you to be able to hear his voice. But we live in distraction and we're oftentimes so addicted to our phones that we're not willing to sacrifice that time that we spend on there.

And it requires it. for us to really have an intimate relationship with the Lord. Do you feel like what's crazy is as parents, that's exactly what we would do. We found out one of our kids was addicted to stuff on Instagram that was causing him to stumble. Simple. We're not asking a question. Son, do you think this might be a good idea? We're like, give me the dumb phone.

Give me the phone. I'm deleting this, and I'm putting all these restrictions on. A good parent protects his child. Yet we will make excuses. Can you imagine the child saying, well, dad, I need this for school. I need this for my work. He says, I don't care what you need it for, figure it out. It's 1985 again. There's no cell phone, figure it out. And you don't understand it now, but I am absolutely protecting you from massive harm. And I will do that at the cost of your liking me in this moment. You know what I think?

I thank God, there's so many men that are struggling with so many things, but pornography is at the top of the list, hands down. I feel like if I was God, I would be like, okay, whoever's the most

serious, I'm helping. I'm gonna put him in a logical order of priority. And I'm gonna help the ones that are like really truly seeking me and they've shown me, they put the money where their mouth is, right?

So, like all the ones are just like, God, please help me. Like they're at the bottom of the list, right? I'm not saying God's like this. I'm saying if I was God, this is what I would do. And I kind of feel like in some ways, because the pattern that I see amongst men is the ones that actually do something that's serious, right? What's the old phrase that like crazy moments require crazy actions, right? If you have a serious situation like this, it requires a serious response. And a serious response is not a prayer.

Hebrew thought, Bible thought is action. And I think that action is like, God, I'm willing to get rid of my phone, period. I'll do whatever it takes. So I think the question out there right now is, will you do whatever it takes? Because you can listen to this broadcast all you want, you can be inspired, but if you don't sacrifice, you're never going to get God's attention. Can you, in 30 seconds, can I just tee this up for you? I want you to tell me how fasting, why did Yeshua Jesus say sometimes they only come out through fasting? What is it about fasting that gets God's attention?

Man, honestly, and this is mind-blowing. I have walked with some hundreds of guys, and I've yet to meet a man who I've said, do you incorporate fasting to the Lord to help you overcome pornography? I've yet to meet one that said yes. Never. Wow. Never have I met a man that's like, I have fasted and begged God to take this from me. And that is crazy, by the way, because when we look at, like, we've got Yeshua, right? He goes into the wilderness. He's fasting for 40 days, and then the moment of temptation comes, and then He refutes it with the Word of God. He actually just gives us, how do we overcome temptation? Fasting and prayer, connection with the Lord, and the Word of God. There we go. That's how you overcome boredom. There you go. And what is fasting? It is the ultimate form of sacrifice.

Absolutely. Because if you keep it up, you're gonna die. That's right. And so we can talk about fasting food, which I believe is really good. And I think that sometimes it takes that extreme level of But even like, man, we could talk about these stupid devices for a minute. Like I have trouble getting guys to fast their devices or social media. Can you quit YouTube for 30 days? Oh no, but I watch teachings on it.

I listen to worship on it. Like, can you please quit YouTube for 30 days? Just see if it makes a difference. Like it's a fast to the Lord. Give it up. Seek the Lord. Stop inputting all these distractions. So fasting is absolutely necessary for us to get to the place where we are on our knees, crying out before the Lord for deliverance. Can I read the psalm? Psalm 107. This is something, again, I've been doing this for a couple of years now. My father highlighted this psalm to me actually just about two and a half months ago.

And I bless his name and I praise him for this psalm because if I were to write and pen down what it felt like for me when i was in my pornography addiction this is it this is what it felt like for me so it's psalm 107 starting in verse 10 and actually i would encourage anybody just to read the whole psalm because it really paints four different pictures of people who are in bondage and needing of the Lord's deliverance, and they end up crying out to the Lord for deliverance, and he saves them. But the second one is the one I want to focus on. So, it's in verse 10, we'll read through 16.

It says, and in the shadow of death, prisoners in affliction and in irons, for they had rebelled against the words of God. So I'll break that down for a second. In pornography, again, it breeds isolation. So, isolation is darkness.

And the shame then keeps our sins in hiddenness and in darkness. So, darkness is surrounded in in the addiction of pornography men keep it in secret because they're worried about what people are going to say to them so this is just already we're starting out like that was how i felt dark the heaviness of darkness and in the shadow of death prisoners in affliction and in iron. So really like

it was the thing that as a high level, because so many high-level functioning men, pastors, leaders are bound in pornography.

And it is the worst feeling when you can be successful in all areas of life except one. Makes you feel horrible, but I was chained up. They had rebelled against the words of God, which we knew as believers, this lust was against the word of God, but we still rebelled into that space. They had rebelled against the words of God and spurned the counsel of the Most High.

So, he bowed their hearts down with hard labor. This actually can mean like, like affliction or heaviness. It actually could mean like, like think stress, anxiety, depression, which I deal, a lot of men have those things because they hate themselves so much. And that's that, he's like, I will even give you that heaviness, that labor. Because I want you to feel the weight to run back to me. It's his goodness.

The labor is his goodness to draw us back to him. So, they fell down and there was none to help. Again, there's that isolation again. And here's the key guys. Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble and He delivered them from their distress. If you look up that word, cried, I don't have it right here, but the thing that stuck out to me was it says it's almost this idea of shrieking out in agony. So, we're at the edge of death, shadow of death. So, think you're in a prison. You're in shadow of death and you are like, there's nobody there, it says, no one there to help.

And you have no one left. You are desperate. So, you cry out to the Lord for deliverance. It's this anguish that comes from your gut that says, I need you, Lord. I am going to die without you. Will you please deliver me? You can kind of actually equate it to like, they didn't really know it at the time. They're like, when the children of Israel were laying down the palm branches, it's, Hosanna, salvation. We need you. We need a deliverer. Like, it's that same kind of like, help us.

Desperation precedes deliverance. That's why I want you guys to hear that we have to be desperate for deliverance. And our Father who loves you and made you and created you and calls

you sons of God, behold what manner of love that he would call us sons of God. That's our identity.

We have to understand our identity and then to cry out for deliverance. That's when He comes down. It says, He brought them out of their darkness in the shadow of death and burst their bonds apart. Let them thank the Lord. So, there's gratitude for his steadfast love, for his wondrous work to the children of man, for he shatters the doors of bronze and he cuts the bars of iron asunder. So that's the three things that he does. When he saves us and we're in prison in darkness and the shadow of death, he doesn't just come through and he's like, hey, I got in with the prison guard. I talked to the warden. You're good to go. Guard, unlock him. No, no, no, not this deliverer. He comes through, he literally breaks down the gates of bronze, shatters the gates of bronze, the doors of bronze. He cuts the bars asunder. He like gets out whatever his like, whatever it is that's cutting the bars and slices them. This is Jesse James breakout. Come on, think about the most.

Yeah. The most. Hook the horses up to the bar and pull it off. Pull it off. And then he breaks the bands that have held us in bondage. And he says, you're coming with me. Amen. And brings us out of darkness into His glorious light. That's true deliverance. Many men stay in this space. Yeah. I'm just always going to be stuck in the place of lust.

I'm like, then you haven't truly been delivered by the Father, because that's my deliverer. Yeah. He sets us free and destroys the prison. We look like, think about a bomb that drops on a nuclear plant that they're trying to destroy over there, right? Right. It's like, That's the destruction. You can't go back. You got to rebuild the prison. Someone's got to rebuild it for you to go back in. And we chain ourselves back up. Do you feel like sometimes the truth is we don't really want to get out? Yes.

Like we kind of like it in some ways. We feel like we can regulate it. We can control it. And we convince ourselves, well, I mean, this is just the way all men are. Where's the lie there? And Why is it that we don't want out of it? Here's the lie. Yeah, did God say?

Did God really say that? Do you really need to walk in that much purity? It's just this. At least you're not sleeping around with people. Thankfully, you're good. It's a secret. No one knows about it. It's not really affecting your wife or your children. Other people doing it. 70, what, 80% of the people? We're all struggling with it. Men are going to be men. We've got the desires he put in us. That's unfair. Everything I just said is the voice of the enemy. But we're comfortable there. And the church, unfortunately, don't have their megaphone out. And They're not saying, here's what the Bible says, be holy as I am holy. Be perfect as my father is. perfect. We have lowered the standard of holiness as men in this culture, in this day and age.

We don't have the fear of the Lord. Maybe we don't really understand what it's like to walk in the tabernacle with gunk on us that we would be consumed if we got close. What is the fear of the Lord like? I mean, people talk about that. What is the fear of the Lord? Because it seems to me that That's a major component to we're bought with a price, right? So like we're walking around as if we own the place. We own this temple and we can kind of decide who to open up, not to open up.

Hey, I'll let the enemy in for a minute because it feels good, but I can always kick him back out. How does the fear of the Lord, and what is it? Well, I think, again, we can, I don't know who coined the term greasy grace, but it's a dangerous place to say I can act and live and do as much as I want, and there will always be forgiveness from now to forever for that space. I see something different when I look at Scripture.

Like, actually, it's cool that you brought that up. I just want to read one more Scripture in 1 Thessalonians 4, and we'll let the Word of God speak on this, and I'll come back to the fear of the Lord. 1 Thessalonians 4 says, You want to know the will of God? Here it is. It's right here. Your sanctification. This is the will of God. Your sanctification.

That you abstain from sexual immorality. Wow. So, the first thing it says? The first thing it says, this is the will of God that you abstain from sexual immorality. That applies to all of us. That each of

you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God. This is our calling as set apart believers. and that no one transgress or wrong his brother in this matter, because the Lord is the avenger of all, in all these things, as we told you beforehand and solemnly warned you.

For God has not called us to impurity, which again is like a lustful, like unadulterated, I can't handle myself sexual immorality person. Right? Unclean, but in holiness. We want to skip this next verse. But listen up, therefore, whoever disregards this, disregards not man, but God, who gives His Holy Spirit to you. Wow. You don't have to like what I'm saying. I'm just asking you to look at how serious it is right here.

It's not an option. The Apostle Paul goes off on immorality all throughout his letters. Go read the letters to the Revelation churches. I think it's four of them out of seven talk about staying clean from immorality, walking in purity, staying away from a woman of Jezebel. It's all over. It's written down as like, hey, just so you know, this matters. The end of Revelation says, effeminate, idolaters, immorality, they're outside the kingdom of God. Paul says it all.

Those who practice immorality will have no inheritance of the kingdom of God. We've got to put all these scriptures on the table. And then we've got to look at the consequences of it. And we've got to say, how serious is this to God? Now, if this is what he says about it, and he's that serious about it, we're not even getting into like Leviticus 18 and how serious he is about possessing your vessel and holiness back there. We must take that and say, okay, he's saying things like we'll be outside the kingdom. We'll not inherit the kingdom of God. Now what does that do?

Now we've got to come back to the fear of the Lord. Do we believe what he says? Wow. And if so, like I remember there was a time where I said, God, I don't think I understand the fear of the Lord teach me the fear of the Lord. The reverence for holiness. If we haven't really delved into that space, I think the most beautiful place to understand reverence and fear of the Lord is at the bottom of Mount Sinai. Thundering, quaking, thick, dark clouds, the blast of shofar, like quaking.

And he calls the children of Israel up and he's speaking to them in a thunderous voice. And they're like, nah. It's all you Moses, I'm legit gonna die if he keeps speaking at me like this. Why don't you go do the thing and you just let us know what he says. They experienced a fear of the Lord out of holiness and reverence and power that we just don't really have to do. Listen, this is what you read was so powerful. I haven't read that verse in so long, but it says, this is the will of God. that you be sanctified, right?

So, like in the Hebrew, that would have been set apart. Like the will of God is lots of details, but here's the overall umbrella point, be set apart. And then he defines that as stay away from sexual immorality and don't be like the Gentiles, and this is scary, who don't know God. So if you're operating in sexual immorality, this is what I do, it's like a theological mathematician is just reverse engineering.

We have to. If you are operating in sexual immorality, then you are operating like a Gentile and you don't know God. So, stop playing the game. Stop pretending that you know God because you might find yourself like Matthew 7 at the end of the chapter where he says, depart from me. I don't even know you. That's right. You worker of lawlessness. So you're breaking my law.

You're not set apart. You're just like the world, but you're going to church just like the world goes to church to make themselves feel better. But at the end of the day, God sees the secret And you're defined by that. God who sees in secret will reward you and openly, but he also sees what's in secret. Wow. Wow. So, there's this like, we have like, I don't know, man, we're like, our eyes, my eyes were glazed over. to the truth.

I thought that I could had my cake and eat it too. And like, I thought I could just do whatever I want and then pray the quick prayer of forgiveness. And I just don't, since I've been free and studying this and walking men through this, I don't see that. In fact, I'm more convinced now than I've ever been that if churches don't wake up to this, and start preaching that we must be clean from sexual immorality.

And there is a heavy, strong, dangerous warning that those who practice those things will not inherit the kingdom of God, and they will be outside the kingdom of God. My goodness. Why aren't we preaching this with a megaphone? And why are we okay with the numbers and statistics in the church to be exactly the same as in the outside world? Nobody wants to talk about this. Here's my presupposition on why this Sabbath thing was such a big deal. Because I was thinking about this. When you told me this the first time off air, I was like, what?

That's crazy. But then when you just read that verse, it all comes together. Because the Bible says that the Sabbath was made for man. actually, before the fall, right?

So, like if Adam doesn't screw up, nobody's discussing whether or not we should keep the Sabbath because we're doing it, right? It was made for man. The Sabbath automatically makes you, it's separate. It's what it is. It separates the rest of the days, right? So it's holy. It's set apart. If you keep it, especially in a society that doesn't, you're set apart. You're sanctified. you're walking in a rhythm, you're floating in a river that's going in a completely different direction, and it changes your mentality that it's okay to be sanctified. I can do this. And that pervades and actually moves and bleeds into every area of your life.

So now with this whole lust thing, I can actually be set apart because every week I'm practicing on being different. Every week I'm practicing on being set apart. Every week for a single 24-hour period from Friday night to Saturday night, I'm telling my flesh, you don't get to do what you want to do. You're spending time with God. You're spending time with your family. You are investing in kingdom, culture, biblical, ancient pathways that are then producing the fruit that is now affecting the other area of your lives. What do you think? Is this a connection?

I mean, listen, like, I think so. And I don't know that I've really dug into it as much as we're going to right now, but yeah, absolutely. Without the Sabbath, that 24 hour period, like, so a lot of times we our family, we're not chilling on social media, you know, we're not doing a lot of that stuff. It's a set apart day.

So, it's one day where I'm not ingesting all the things we don't. Saturday's sports day, you know, you're watching your favorite team, you're doing all this stuff, and it's all our own pleasure. But for us to set aside all of our things to give God a day that actually He's set apart for connection with us. It is kind of fasting.

You're doing a 24-hour fast of the things of this world to listen to the voice of God. You don't tell me that doesn't have compounding effects in every other area of your life. I can't imagine being without it. I can't imagine going back to that world where I don't get to just exhale on that day, where I'm just like going about my daily life and my daily business.

And I receive so much from the Lord and from the community in that space that it absolutely does carry over into my Sunday and Monday and Tuesday in my time with the Lord. you start to crave less of things of the world. Okay. So, we've established, I love the testimony.

I love how God brought you out and he used like the most unorthodox way subconsciously. One, he uses your wife, which so many wives get used by God. And if I would have just listened to my wife, you know, just one time out of so many times, hundreds of times, maybe thousands of times of her giving, I probably wouldn't have gone through a lot of the mistakes and violence that I went through. But one of the things that I see here is that one, to break an addiction, to break a chain, requires a sacrifice.

There's just no other way to go any further. In ancient Israel, if the goal was to get into the Holy of Holies, which I would say every Christian today would say the same goal, I want to get into the Holy of Holies. I want to press in, brother. We sing it, show me your glory, show me your grace.

God's like, don't show my glory, I'll kill every one of them. because they're not in a sanctified holy place to take the glory and absorb it, right? Because there's so much sin in our lives, the fire of God burns out sin. Well, the more sin we have, the more we're burning up, right? And I feel like sacrifice is it, that is the moment, right? Because many people don't know that the altar of

incense, which Revelation calls the prayers of the saints, the coals from that altar come from the altar that you sacrifice the animal on. So if there's no sacrifice, you can't take the coal and bring it into the holy of holies and put it on that altar of incense, which means your prayers don't get heard. And I think God's showing us the temple pattern for a reason.

Like you want your prayers to be heard, but you don't want any sacrifice. You don't want to do the sacrifice. Oh, but when you do bring a sacrifice, you're going to bring me a three-legged lamp. Yeah. No. So we have to have sacrifice. I'm hearing that. We talked about the fear of God. We talked about a sacrifice being even time, right? And for me, it's sleep. I love sleep. Like getting up, and the other day I got up at 4.45 to go play golf, all right?

Not a hard sacrifice. Not a hard sacrifice, right? But to get up at 4.45 to pray for two hours, like that's a sacrifice. That's right. So, one, I've never, ever, ever met a man that went 30 days and got up super early, spent two hours with the Lord, that didn't get set for it. Never met him. You know why? Because nobody does it. So that's a challenge out there. Get up for 30 days at 4.30 in the morning, spend two hours with the Lord, okay, and see what happens in your life. Make a sacrifice, and we're not talking a sacrifice of praise. The greatest praise is not a musical note.

The greatest praise is when you unshackle yourself because here's the truth. God already gave you the keys. We're waiting for the keys. We have them in our hands. Yeah, dude. We give the enemy so much credit. Like we're waiting for something we already have. It's not a fair war. We just, we have chained ourselves up and we stay chained up. But like one of my favorite scriptures right now I love to quote is, you know, everybody quotes this one, no weapon formed against you prosper as I'm chained up to addiction, pornography, right? But we don't understand. Except for the ones where we use ourselves, the weapons we shoot ourselves with.

Yeah. But the verse that precedes that is God says, listen, Don't you know who made the man who made the weapon for war? It's me. Like, I made the man that made the weapon for war. And we're all, no weapon for him against me or prosper. He's like, I made the man. It's not even about even

the weapon. So let's look at the enemy, Lucifer, Satan. Right? We want to give the demons so much power. And listen, we can talk about that another time, but don't forget they're created beings made by our Father in heaven with all authority. And in a second, He can smash them.

It's not fair. We are way outnumbered. He has the keys to the kingdom. Yeshua defeated sin and death. And we're like, I just can't break free. It's like, you're not desperate enough. if you seek me with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength. When do you find that desperation comes? Well, thank God, in his grace and mercy, it's not the same for everybody, but I've seen extreme cases. Sometimes it just takes me saying to you, brother, You actually really need to seek the Lord with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength. And I'm telling you, you can't stay in that place. And that may seem, that's enough to break someone free.

Darkness came into the light. When the scripture says, when dark things come into the light, they become visible. now the light is shining on them. They hold more power when the dark things are brought into the light. Sometimes it's just walking with someone in a regular space. They already have the relationship with the Lord. They just needed someone to call them up higher and say, you can't do that anymore. And then there's other cases which are more sad that take a wife leaving, take a divorce, that take jail that take, like I've got a guy going on trial next month and I'm driving up to Nashville to say he's clean 18 months, he's been walking in holiness, he's been showing up to the meetings, like I'm going to go to bat for him and then it's up to the law of whether he goes to prison or not. Right? So, you're saying that desperation can come from a brother intervening, intercession. That's right.

But oftentimes, men being men, the desperation comes when pain comes. Yes. When we lose something. We don't want to get to that point. That's really hard. But man, with my children, if it takes pain for them to learn their lesson. I want them to have pain now, not later. Because how many years of pain, like all that sin is going to happen in between now and then, like God in His rich love and mercy will allow us the pain. But all of the things that He does are to shake us awake, to make us return to Him. So, we can understand our identity and His great love for us. You know,

you're reminding me when I was sitting in a prison cell many years ago, I had this really small book. It was called Shemoti.

And it was written by a Rabbi Yehuda Ashlag, if I recall, back in 1948, 49. And he had this incredible statement that just literally blew my mind. And he said, if you want intimacy, I'm paraphrasing, if you want intimacy with God, if you want to be close to God and set free of all things, there's two ways that you can have intimacy with God. You can have it through prayer or pain.

And then he was a dot, dot, dot. And you get to choose. And that really hit me hard because I found in 51 years that to be very true, that there's only two roads to God. It's through prayer, which is, I honestly just look at it as a portal in a different realm. That if you enter into the kingdom of heaven through this portal called prayer, because it's not of this earth. then you can experience the blessing and the will of God and the change that God wants to make in you without pain. But if you don't choose prayer, he's a good dad. He's a good dad.

There's only one other way to do it. He's pulling the belt out. That's right. Or he's allowing the enemy to chastise you for a purpose. That's right. Exactly. And it brings about the same result, which is why many men have to go to prison. Many men have to go through pain.

Pharaoh is a great example, right? God said, I'm going to harden his heart. I'm going to give him what he already wants because he won't back down. So he's gonna get more pain and more pain and more pain.

And on a side note, I believe that the 10 plagues were for Pharaoh. It was giving him 10 chances. And he chose the ultimate pain, which is death. And he still didn't back down. Death of his love, of his firstborn. And I feel like, do you feel like, do you see patterns in your own ministry with all the hundreds of men that you work with that it's kind, do you ever met the Pharaoh man where like

things just keep getting worse and worse and like they're just not catching it, they're not getting it, there's not enough pain, and then finally there's a moment where they break? Do you see that?

Yeah, I'm walking through it right now with a guy that is in just his addiction was very bad it was very often and completely enslaved and we walked through the program and you know I've been humbled by doing this ministry because I've had to come to the end of myself and realize that this comes down to whether a man is willing to have a soft heart before the Lord and to be humble. And no amount of words, talent, giftings, communication can make someone go there. And so I believe that I've been walking with this guy for three months, and we've tried everything.

Honestly, I've tried every angle and tactic and even calling every single day. and it just wouldn't get through his head into his heart. Because he, like you said earlier, he kind of liked it. It feels good. And it actually does. It actually does make us feel good for a moment. All sin does, right? Like, I'm going to eat the whole cheesecake, not one slice. And it tastes really good. And I'm destroyed later. You know, that is sin for us. And so we couldn't break through. And last week, his family packed up and left while he was away on work. And he's experiencing the real depth of pain and desperation right now. And when I say he has had the most beautiful, humble response, And I'm talking low of low, three in the morning on his face, staring up at the sky, like begging God to change me. He says, I've been asking God to get an ice cream scoop and scoop out my old heart and replace it with a new heart.

I want everything gone. I said, I think you're actually just getting to know him for the first time. You know what's crazy? He's actually following exactly what this rabbi said, right? He's experiencing the intimacy with God, getting set free from the pain. But the pain is only the instrument that God uses to bring you right back to the temple system of you got to make a sacrifice. Now he's getting up early and seeking God. Now he's desperate. Now he's going into the word of God and embracing labor and looking into it and saying, God, I want you to change me. Now he's taking the coal. The angel can take the coal from the sacrifice and bring it into the holy place and put it on the altar of incense. And his prayers are actually manifesting something because now he's

becoming a righteous man and his prayers avail of much because the righteous man falls and gets up And now he's operating in holiness, setting apart the time.

If only he would have done that before. We are believing and hoping and praying for reconciliation because nothing's too far gone for him. We hope that that's true. But it's back to that again. You want deliverance from the thing, but you're not willing to dive into desperation. And so I guess like a rhetorical question for any man listening out there, what does desperation look like for you? what does sacrifice look like for you? Right now, you know, there's a couple acts that need to go or your whole phone needs to go.

The computer needs to go into a family room or you got to start setting up some things. You got to get desperate before the Lord. You got to bring the dark things in the light with your brothers, with your wife and all this. Uh-oh, I know. The wife seems to always be in the dark. Yeah. But she always knows. She always knows, but she's in the dark. And I've worked with men, you've worked with men. Talk to me about, should a man confess his sins to his wife? Isn't God enough? I'm going to say sometimes.

My wife... When I told her, she had an amazing relationship with the Lord. My wife's not like up and down like so many of us are. My wife is steady. She knew the Lord. She was seeking the Lord. She was praying for me. My wife, when I told her, it broke her because it always does break the women.

That is a horrible, horrible thing to hear that I've been looking at other women and all the things that go with that consistently for our whole marriage. I told my wife like, I've cheated on you for seven years. If it takes you seven years or 10 years to heal, I'm here to walk with you through that space. And praise God, she went into a good space.

About a year really of like struggling and fighting. And obviously there's still things that come up. But I would say that not every woman is at the place that they need to be. Nor do they have the

support system or the relationship with God that's able to hand the full disclosure. And I know if anybody that's in the addiction space hears this, I may get lit on fire right now. But I've seen, I know three couples right now, that the guy went and just unloaded on a woman who couldn't handle it. She wasn't at the place or there was so much pain already in the relationship that it was a straw and they're done. Divorce, they're not having intimacy anymore for like two years now, like it just shut the door down and so there's wisdom to be said.

Now with that being said, with that being said, there is no better person in the world than to hold you accountable than your wife. It's literally his design. It's literally his design. She doesn't know, but she does because we're God, we're one. My wife said, I never knew what it was, but I knew it was something that was off. I think she knew every time I did it. Part of it is because I carried shame into it and she's like, something's off, right? But man, I have seen, there's a guy in Arizona, three months ago he reached out to me watched another podcast i was on and he reached out and he said I'm a mess i have three old laptops in my attic and that's where i go to do the things. He said i need help. I start walking through it. This guy was ready for the fear of the Lord, he just needed to watch that to be like I'm done and he broke free he's never gone back to porn since then. But he said, there's a time coming where I need to talk to my wife. And so we talked about that in the addiction space. It's called disclosure.

Go through a mode of disclosure with your wife. And you disclose everything. His wife, beautiful woman of God, he said, OK, we're going to do it. They did the thing. They had the conversation. They started a journey that was like, we are desperate for the Lord. And they were laying hands on each other. He was praying over her for God to heal her. She was praying over him for God to break the addiction. And they've never stopped that in three months. It transformed their life. And that is your, they're my trophy.

If you want to learn how to do it, go talk to this guy. But that takes a strong man and a strong woman with the fear of the Lord to dive in completely. Some women will do it and they'll go through pain. They'll be okay. Pain, pain. So, we need people, more men. What the women are not

supposed to be, is a dump so I can feel better, which is what a lot of men do. And then we get mad at them because now they have to deal with the throw up and we can't handle that they're upset.

Yeah, get over it. Or I get guys that have broken free for six months, a year, and they tell their wives, Hey, just so you know, I was looking at porn, but I'm free now. And now she's like, it's supposed to be a shame transfer. And she's like, what? And then she goes into a state of pain and trauma. And he's like, what's your deal? Like, we're good. You've been lying to me for, I mean, I remember those days.

So, there's so much wisdom to be surrounded by this conversation. There's no one size fits all for that answer, unfortunately. You have to know your wife. Yeah. You have to seek wisdom and discernment and seek the spirit of God to know how and then how to support your wife. Just so you know, when you're doing that, you're signing up to walk with your wife into healing. Yeah. You know, when it was for me, My wife, I wouldn't have been set free for pornography if it wasn't for Cheryl, because we created a protocol where if I fell, and we knew I was going to, because I was addicted hours a day, it was bad, that I had 24 hours to confess it. That was our rule. We had 24 hours to confess it, no matter what. And she came to a point where she's like, I don't even care.

What I care about is the confession. She wasn't like, I can't wait for you to fall. It was like, I care more about the confession. And so what happened to me was I began to wean myself unintentionally off of it because the fear of Cheryl was more than the fear of God. It might've been the fear of God. And so I began to confess this and then it was less porn. And then it got into, I'm confessing, I looked too long at this swimsuit model. Pretty soon it was Google images and pretty soon it was like once every three weeks. And then it was like, just didn't happen. But for me, it was the confession. It was constantly bringing it into the light. The Bible says when we confess our sins one through another, we're healed.

And I'll tell the guys like, I don't have the power to forgive you of your sins, obviously. But when you confess your sins to me or you confess your sins to your wife and your wife as a woman of God or

me as a man of God says to you, brother, I forgive you. Have you sought the Lord? He forgives you. He loves you. That shame element literally disappears and goes away. There's healing in the confessional because I've not been rejected in the way that the enemy would say I'm going to be rejected. I'm not a broken piece that gets shoved off to not get used.

And this is why having people in your life, accountability, brotherhood, I'm going to use a big word, is imperative for breaking free. I'm not saying God can't do it. My story, you may say, oh, he's a hypocrite. That didn't happen for him. It didn't happen for me. God did something what I would say miraculous in my life, and I'm very grateful for that. And there's other people that have gotten broken free, but it's not the majority. Most men need someone, especially when you're in a daily addiction or even a weekly or bi-weekly situation for someone to be like, hey, brother, number one, I'm praying for you.

Number one, remember who you are as your identity. Please reach out to me if you need anything. I want to support you. I want to encourage you. I want to challenge you. We're in this together. You're not the only one dealing with this. We're all in this together.

So that's what we have at [Release the Strongman](#). I've got about 45 guys in this community, and it's in an app called **Discord**, and we stay in contact all day. We do one-on-one calls. We do group calls. And it's just to provide support for the men while they pursue the heart of God with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength.

I love the name of your ministry, **Release the Strongman**, because in typical Christian nomenclature, when we hear strongman, we think of the enemy, right? You know, release the strongman. That's right.

But the truth is, is we're the strongman. That's correct. Because we have Christ in us is the hope of glory. So like we are strong, but we need to release that.

So one of the things I've found over time, and you mentioned it multiple times, is isolation really creates a lot of the problems that we have, is we're isolated, we're not connected with other men, we're not connected in the community, and we don't want anybody to know that we've got problems, even though everyone has problems, right? So they connect with your ministry, what does that look like as far as not being isolated anymore? Yeah, well, again, we've mentioned it a few times already, but one of the biggest things is bringing our dark things into the light.

And then again, when men respond the right way, and they show you, they respond out of love and bringing you in. Again, not being okay with the sin, but calling you up higher. One of the things we have is, we have about 45 guys right now in our discord community. That fluctuates up and down.

Some guys leave because they're set free. We got new guys coming in all the time. Again, a couple more coming next week. But you're going to be inserted in the community with guys that are all at different levels of their walk.

I'm six years free. I've got a guy who helps me in Kentucky, an amazing brother who has a huge heart for this ministry and for men. Ben absolutely really helped shift the ministry in a beautiful way. You're going to get introduced to him. You can do one-on-ones and calls with us, which is going to help us get to know each other a little bit more. But then we have group calls both on Sunday and on Thursday night, and that's a great chance to get to know other men, to start building relationships and community. Because a lot of guys, we actually don't know that we have anybody. That's set free.

So, I always say that someone that's in a pit can't help someone who's also in a pit. It needs someone that's outside the pit to reach down and pull you out of the pit. And so, as an overcomer, as someone who's overcome pornography, I have the, I would actually call *spiritual mantle* even, the authority to be able to help walk you out of that space. Because I understand what it's like to be in it and I know what it takes to get out of it.

Obviously, the power comes through the blood of Yeshua and your intimacy with Him. But walking with men who are familiar with the struggle, familiar with the triggers, and that is super key. So, you're going to be surrounded by all kinds of men. Again, some are clean for a year, some are two years, five years, some are 30 days clean.

And we're all kind of forging this way together as a band of brothers, a brotherhood, holding each other's arms up when we feel weak. on a weekly basis, we're doing check-ins. How did you do this week? We're checking in to see if you've checked out. If I don't see somebody for a couple of days, are you good? Are you slinking into isolation? Why? What's going on?

It's calling people into that space of connection and just saying, I'm not going to let you go back to that place. Some people still do, but generally the guys are like, ah, and these are habits we have to break. And I hate to say it, like for a lot of guys, this is a long process. But today's the day. Today's the day to start the journey. And we're going to do this together. I always tell guys like, here's what I promise you. I'm not leaving you. You're going to leave me. I'm not leaving you. I'm going to help you and walk with you until the heat gets too hot. Or you walk away. Or you're totally set free. That's right. Totally set free. And you move on to the next thing. You don't need anymore. Wow. That's right. So if somebody wants to get started in this journey, where do they go? What do they do? What's the first step? Yeah. First step is to go to releasethestrongman.com.

And you can go to the schedule tab and there's an intro call that I would want you to click on and just get on my schedule. And we're just going to pop on. I really like to do video calls just to do a face-to-face, get to know each other a little bit more. It's a heavy topic, but I find that even in the heaviness, if we can, we can smile a little bit and, have a little, have a little bit of like, bring the, bring the heaviness down a little bit.

It's just a way for us to make a connection on the front end. So, I also like the reason, it's not like people will be like, oh, it's such a hard, heavy ministry. Yeah, there are moments of that, but also know whose side I'm on.

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I know the power that my father has to set people free. And so that's why I can smile and talk about it because I get excited. Even this opportunity, which again, I'm so grateful for the opportunity because the reach to be able to reach as many men as possible, and that how many families and children, generationally, will be set free, marriages will be restored, just by simple testimony, conversation, and accountability, and pointing them to the feet of Yeshua like that.

I get so excited about that. So, the first step is to reach out. Let's get to know each other a little bit. Let's get on a call. Let's see if we're a good fit. You honestly might not like the way that I talk or might not like the way I communicate. And I don't get my feelings hurt by that. I'm not for everybody. No one is for everybody. But if it's a good fit, we're going to bring you into the fold. You as far as fees go, like we are full-time. This is our full-time support saying last year we we bought the field.

And so, I asked for guys to give a donation on a monthly basis. And that's dependent a little bit on their circumstance. I don't ever want to be a price point that would not keep someone from being able to get help. But I do like, and believe that there should be skin in the game for people to pay and, and say, okay, I'm serious about this.

Like my money is making me serious. Hey, if, if you already, if your wife already knows about it, it's like, we're going to pay for this and we're going to do this. So yeah, there is some fees that are associated with it, but again, I'm flexible in that space. And then I ask when we go through the intro course, I ask for another fee on top of that because that requires daily phone calls and a lot more attention on my end.

So again, the more you get of my time, the higher the fee goes. Yeah, you know, the reality is that we don't have any problem in paying for fees for everything, for our sports channels, to our internet, the things that we're addicted to, more gigabyte space, everything we have as a fee and we're totally fine with it because we see value in it. The way I look at it is how much do you value your marriage?

How much do you value your children? How much do you value your family? And how much do you value yourself? If you could pay to get from here to here, how many of us would just say, write the check?

That's right. How many wives would write the check for their husbands, right? Of course, yeah. If you knew it. Yeah. And so for me, I really wish that I had this 20 years ago. Oh my goodness, Jim, me too, man. It would have radically made a difference in my life. I would have paid the money, bro. And again, my fees aren't even big. I probably need to up my fees at some point because I just want the church needs to wake up. They just need to.

And there's only so much of you to go around. That's right. I mean, to be able to have personal one-on-one with you is amazing. So let me just talk to you guys right now that are listening or watching online.

If you have had any kind of resonance with this broadcast and you can feel kind of that burning inside of you, the Holy Spirit say, man, this is for you. You need to go further. If you feel like there needs to be a next step in your life and you need that camaraderie is really what it is, then I encourage you to go to releasethestrongman.com and start your journey today to recovery, to healing, and to restoration. Your wife deserves it.

You deserve it because you've not even hit your full potential. You've not even begun to have the cascading of the blessings in your life. And so, if you're willing to do the work and you're ready for the sacrifice and God's sparked something of your spiritual attention to this, go over to releaseastrongman.com. Also, if you are in a position where you're maybe not struggling with this or you feel like you would love to support their ministry and undergird this as an offering to release the **Strongman Ministries**, I encourage you to go there as well so that you can fund this on the back end. They need more coaches that they need to be able to bring on staff. And so, God is doing an amazing thing through this ministry and through this amazing man and his wife. And so, if that's you and you're feeling that calling, go there as well.

For the rest of you, thank you so much for spending time with us here at Passion for Truth Ministries in our podcast today. We're so grateful that you hung on so long. I pray that this has been a blessing to you. Please do us a favor, two things.

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All right. As for now, we're going to say goodbye, but not for long, because I'm Jim Staley with Passion for Truth Podcast. We'll see you in the next episode.

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