

## **Sunday Morning**

**March 15, 2015**

### The Shade of the Cross Power for Sexual Purity

#### **I THESSALONIANS 4:3, 7 (NASV, ESV)**

**INSIGHT:** The pathway to moral purity is to insulate our lives not isolate our lives.

#### **HOW TO INSULATE OUR LIVES:**

##### **I. COMMIT TO GOD'S STANDARD OF MORAL PURITY (*Psalms 119:9*).**

**QUESTION:** When what God says about sex goes against what society says, what will you do?

**INSIGHT:** Until you commit to God's standard for sex, you can't live pure in an impure world.

**INSIGHT:** Sex is a gift that can bless you or hurt you.

##### **II. RECEIVE THE POWER OF GOD.**

**INSIGHT:** The power of God insulates us from being run over by temptation.

**INSIGHT:** Temptation is inevitable but power to resist is available (*1 Corinthians 10:13, TEV*).

**INSIGHT:** There is always a way out but it is not automatic.

The Bible pathway to the power of God:

1. Confess your own weakness.

**INSIGHT:** When we pretend to be self-sufficient, we short circuit God's power for our lives (*Proverbs 29:23, NLT*).

2. Stay hooked to Jesus.

**INSIGHT:** If you lack power to resist temptation it's because you're unplugged.

**INSIGHT:** I can have God's power to resist temptation today and lose it tomorrow. It's not permanent (*John 15:5, NLT*).

3. Obey and He will show up for you.

**INSIGHT:** God's power and my faith are connected (*Hebrews 11:1*).

**INSIGHT:** The Bible teaches that God grants power along the way according to our faith.