

## **Sin- A Designer's Nightmare**

Imagine this. You get this great idea to build a car for children to ride in. You know the ins and the outs, and you get to work on your idea. And it comes out looking great. You put your little three-year-old in the car, and he's driving around and it's operating the way it's supposed to operate. One day, one of the neighbor's kids comes over and in his envy-fueled state, he tells your son that he can make his little car can drive on highways, just like Daddy's car. But, he has to cut out a few wires first. And without a thought, your son does it. When you peep out the window, suddenly, you see his car is moving around awkwardly. It's putt-putting around now and tossing your son all around the place! You come outside to confront him, and he runs and hides in the bushes. Later, after confronting him, he confesses to cutting the wires in the car because the neighbor told him that he would be able to drive on the big highway, just like you. He wouldn't need to ride in the car with you anymore, strapped in that car seat. He could be independent of you.

Now, you're hurt and angered for two reasons. One is your son did not respect what you'd given him, and he chose to listen to the neighbor over you. Next, you designed that car to operate a certain way, and now it's not working properly. It still cranks and it still moves, but the design has been altered. When God created Adam and Eve, HE created them to operate a certain way. The knowledge of good and evil was like that big ole dangerous highway that HE wanted to protect them from. However, they allowed a moment's temptation to cause them to lust after independence from God. And this is how sin entered into man and man got the chance to drive along on this dangerous highway that he thought he wanted.

Nowadays, we still have the same design, but sin has altered the way in which we operate. It's like having a virus on your computer. Your computer is supposed to operate a certain way, but instead, that virus causes the computer to move slowly, pop-ups to invade your screen and so on. And when it's not operating properly, it's frustrating to the operator.

We know that God is our Operator. HE created us to be blessed. This is something that we often-times overlook. We were truly created to be blessed! However, sin is a curse and sin introduces an idea to the mind and promises to deliver this idea if you would only engage in it. Problem is, you were created to operate a certain way and when you operate against your design, you operate against your Designer. Let's take it a step further. You go to the store and purchase a DVD. You come home and pop it in. You have been anticipating seeing this movie for a long time. It's about time it came to DVD! You even stopped and grabbed your favorite meal and now, you and your family are sitting down to enjoy family time. The movie comes on, and you're loving it! How funny is this movie?! Then, halfway through the movie, it freezes up. No way! You've paid for that movie! You do everything you can, but every time that movie gets to that particular spot; it freezes. Now, you have to take it back to the store and

exchange it, and you're not happy about that because it ruined family day. You exchange the movie and bring the new one home. Again, all of you sit down to enjoy the rest of the movie, but it's scratched up too! So, you have to go back to the store and exchange this one?! That's time and gas! And quite understandably, you're frustrated!

Christ paid the price for your sins. Yet, many are still operating against their design. And when we operate against our design, we are operating in a broken state. But, here is the beautiful thing about Christ Jesus. HE doesn't want to exchange you or get a refund for the price HE paid for you. HE just loves you and asks you if you would love Him enough to change for Him. HE is the Designer, and HE knows that the enemy has scratched your mind to alter your design. Nevertheless, Christ loves you. And your life is like that movie that HE watches. HE wants to see love and laughter throughout the playing of your life, but what is HE seeing instead? Is your life a movie filled with vulgar language, illicit speech, illegal sex scenes, idolatry, adultery, blasphemies, hatred, unforgiveness, doubt, worrying, backbiting or gossip? Is this what you're telling Him that HE paid for? You see, Satan tells you that if you act this way or that way, the end of your movie will be a good one, but did you not read that Satan is a liar? In truth, bad lives lead to bad endings.

We've got this one life to get it right. We are God's designs, and God is our Designer. What most people do not know is that when the design operates the way that it was designed to operate, the design operates in peace!!! But, when the design operates against its design, it breaks down, burns out and eventually gives up. You can't be who you want to be. You can only be who God designed you to be, and you need to make peace with that. Plus, here's the best part of it all. You know who you think you want to be, but who you were called to be is much greater than what sin is seducing you into. Therefore, when you allow God to shape you up and ship you out, you'll find that the life you dreamed of having was not even close to the life God had planned for you. His plans are always better. Plus, eternity with Him is the best ending that any man can hope for.

There are many people who will come along in your life and these people are like that little bad boy from next door. And they will tell you that you are not operating the right way or you could be operating better only if you do what they instruct you to do. But, how can darkness tell you how to comprehend light when light overrides darkness? Your peace is found when the pieces of who you are come together to form the design that God created you to be. And this is your challenge. Find peace by collecting the pieces of who you are that you have tossed out due to the hardships of life, and the cares of this world. When God pieces you together again, you will find that you are peculiar, just like your Father. Which means that the world won't understand you, but they will respect you and life has to lay out for you the blessings that were designed to fit into your life by God! Because when we sin, we alter the shape of our whole design! That means that the square-shaped blessing can't fit into that round-shaped sin-hole that you have allowed yourself to form. That's why it's time to get back to your design! Understand this. Anytime, you find yourself in chaos; it is because you are operating against your

design. Be at peace by doing the will of God, and you will find that you were wonderfully made. There is no amount of sin that is worth hurting God. Let Him rejoice in your life's choices today by submitting to Him and operating the way you were designed to operate. Dear design...it's your time to please the Designer! Show out for Him, for HE is worthy!