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TITLE Resisting Sloth

SERIES We've all heard of the seven deadly sins, but they don't have anything to do with us. Or, do they? We often don't realize the subtle impact sin has on our daily lives. We need to learn how to recognize it and know how to fight back.

1. Sloth is described as apathy or indifference toward God and others. How did this week's sermon change your perspective on sloth?
2. Pastor David said the longer one follows Christ, the greater the risk of drifting into slothfulness. Read Hebrews 5:11-14. How does intentionality deter slothfulness?
3. Sloth shows up as five characteristics: carelessness, procrastination, apathy, immediate discouragement, and workaholicism. How do these characteristics weaken our resolve and open the door to the other six deadly sins?
4. Pastor David told us being slothful is deadly because it stunts our growth, tempts us to quit, is never neutral, and it doesn't enjoy anything. How have any of these attributes of slothfulness impacted your life?
5. Pastor David gave us five steps to resist becoming slothful. Recall James 4:7 and discuss the five steps: don't quit; don't give in; don't try to escape; pursue hope and imitate someone.
6. Revisit the Wisdom of Solomon and discuss the following key words. Proverbs 20:4 (apathy/indifference), 22:13 (discouragement), 24:30-31 (neglectfulness/carelessness) 26:14 (movement/no progress).
7. Moments of slothfulness can occur after times of transition. What are moments of heightened vulnerability to slothfulness you may have experienced?
8. What are some ways that we can be intentional about growing our relationship with God? Are there some small steps we can take that will move us in the right direction?