

Curiousity Todd Arnett February 11th + 12th, 2023

1 Peter 5:8

1. Doubting God's goodness is often where dangerous curiosity begins.

Genesis 3:1-7; James 1:13-15



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What kind of curiosity leads to the spiral of <u>straying</u> and ultimately <u>rejecting</u> faith?



2. Both <u>disengagement</u> and <u>engagement</u> are needed to ward off dangerous curiosity.

1 Timothy 4:6-7; Psalm 73:1-3, 21-22; 1 Timothy 6:9-10





When Asaph re-engaged with the truth of God's Word, he was able to see clearly and understand that the "greener grass" on the other side of the fence wasn't green after all.

Psalm 72:27-28

3. God directs us to <u>pursue</u> brothers and sisters who <u>pursue</u> dangerous curiosities.

Matthew 18:15-17



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Recognize a few of things about our responsibility to wayward sheep:

> -The directive to pursue other sheep who are out of right relationship w/their Shepherd and other sheep comes directly from the Good Shepherd Himself.

> -The goal of this "loving confrontation" conversation is reconciliation, not judgment.

-How many of the people who have wandered from their faith had anyone who was aware of their straying ways but failed to have a conversation w/ them according to Jesus' words in Matthew 18.

Series Resources: The Screwtape Letters Doodles (4 episodes) Scan the QR Code to watch Tempted & Tried by Russell D. Moore





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