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²⁰ *For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. ²² But now that you have been set free from sin and have become **slaves of God**, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

SALVATION IN THREE ACTS

ACT I: The PAST	ACT II: The PRESENT	ACT III: The FUTURE
Justification	Sanctification	Glorification
Romans 1-5	Romans 6-7	Romans 8
<i>Believers were freed from sin's PENALTY & POWER</i>	<i>Believers are being freed from sin's PRACTICE</i>	<i>Believers will be freed from sin's very PRESENCE</i>

—HOLY SELF-TALK—

Five Gospel Truths to Tell Yourself
When You're On the Brink of Sinning

THAT'S NOT THE NEW YOU!

The Old You would have done that, but that guy/gal is dead, buried, and out of the way. You were raised with Jesus to a new life. *Do you really want to go back to that old life?*

IT'S NOT JUST A SIN! IT'S SLAVERY.

Don't be fooled. As always there's more bondage ahead if you give in. *Do you really want to be in chains again? Do you really want to put yourself back under that nasty old master and be enslaved to him again?*

THINK ABOUT THE FRUIT!

Hit the pause button and remind yourself how ashamed you felt after the last time you gave in. *Do you really want to experience that again?*

JESUS OFFERS MORE!

And He's worth more. Your closeness with Jesus means more to you than this. *Do you really want to forfeit His joy for the promise of a few moments of fleeting pleasure?*

JESUS DIED TO FREE YOU FROM THAT!

When you believed the Gospel Jesus broke the chains that bound you to this sin. You're free! It cost Him His life to liberate you so you could serve Him. He rose again to be your Strength. *Don't you want to call out to Him right now to strengthen you to say NO?*

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