

Remove the “Do Not Disturb” Signs



I'm sorry to hear you've been struggling lately. I'd like to help you where I can.

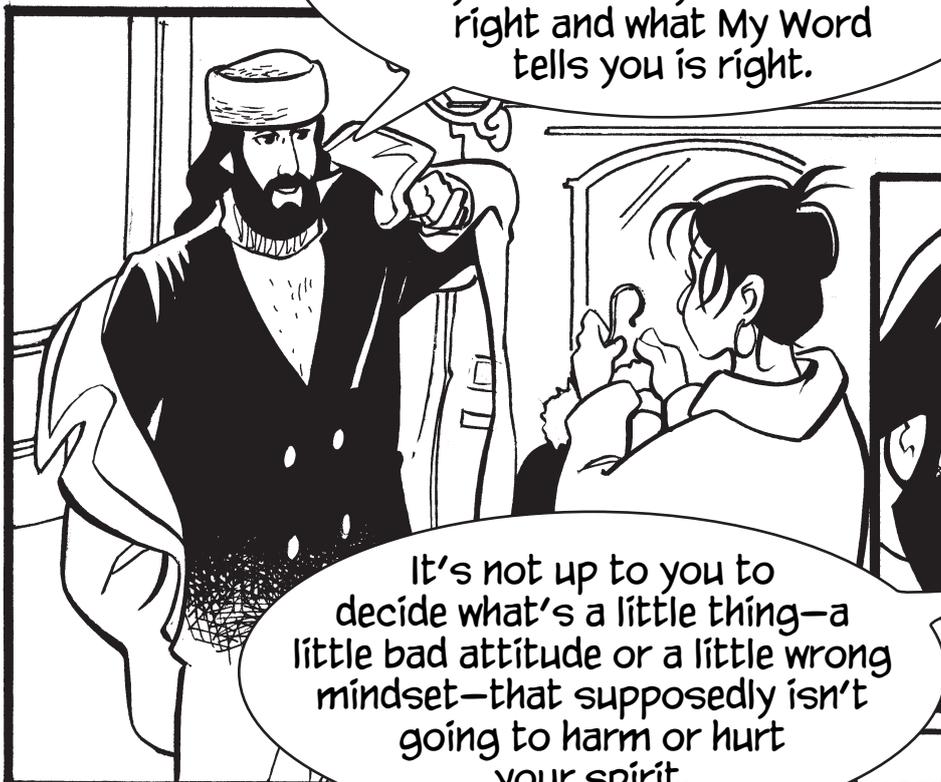
Wrong attitudes and wrong mindsets can creep up slowly to where you don't always realize that you're compromising in those areas.

...I know Mom and Dad don't want me on this chat site, but I'll just check quickly...

It starts by letting your guard down a little bit, because you think you have enough control to return to doing what is right when you choose to, but it still ends up as compromise.



Little compromises, especially those that are seen as acceptable and made frequently, eventually grow and pull you further away from what you know to be right and what My Word tells you is right.



It's not up to you to decide what's a little thing—a little bad attitude or a little wrong mindset—that supposedly isn't going to harm or hurt your spirit.



They probably don't even know what they're talking about...

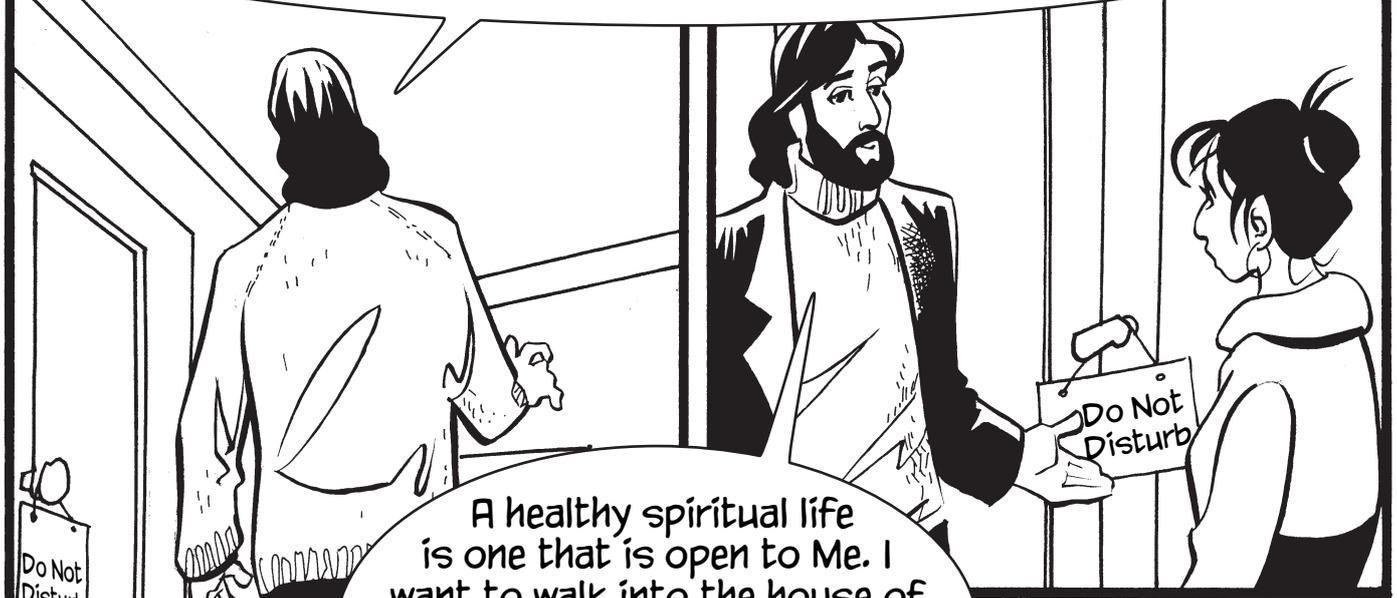


It can be harmful to your life to close off any part of it to Me and those who can guide and help you.

gobuddy98 says: ...maybe we could meet up?
raisabuvvit says: well ... I guess...



When I walk through the house of your life and see "do not disturb" signs on some of the doors that you don't want Me to open, that's an indication that things aren't right and that you are making some (or many) wrong choices.



A healthy spiritual life is one that is open to Me. I want to walk into the house of your spirit and see that every door—every part of your life—is open to My improvements and adjustments.

Jesus!
Come in!

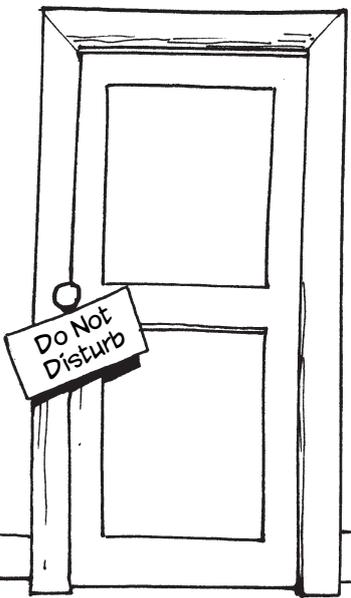


I don't mean that every single room of your heart and life has to be perfect. Some rooms will even be a bit messy from time to time, or some rooms will need improvements or fixing up. That's not a negative thing because you will be asking Me to help you—and I will.



But if you close the door on a certain area of your life that you refuse to allow Me and others to help you in,

or you choose your way instead of Mine, and put up your "do not disturb" sign,



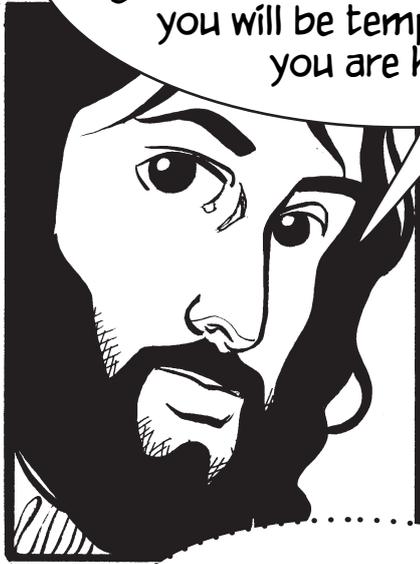
then there's no way I can help you.

Pretty soon you will start putting up those "do not disturb" signs everywhere, and the rooms of your heart that you allow Me access to will start to dwindle. If that continues too long, I'll no longer be welcome in *any* area of your life. At that point, My ability to help you is limited.



Everyone falters and makes mistakes. What's important is that even if you fall once, twice, or hundreds of times, you get up and try again! You will make wrong choices, you will be tempted because you are human.

Maybe I could see what my friends are chatting about before I get to my homework...



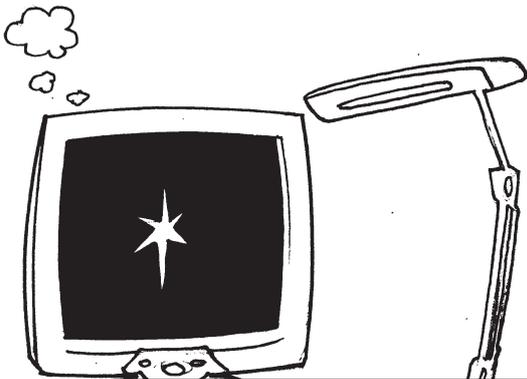
No! I promised I wouldn't go back on that site, so I'm going to keep my word.

I'll be real quick ... just five minutes...



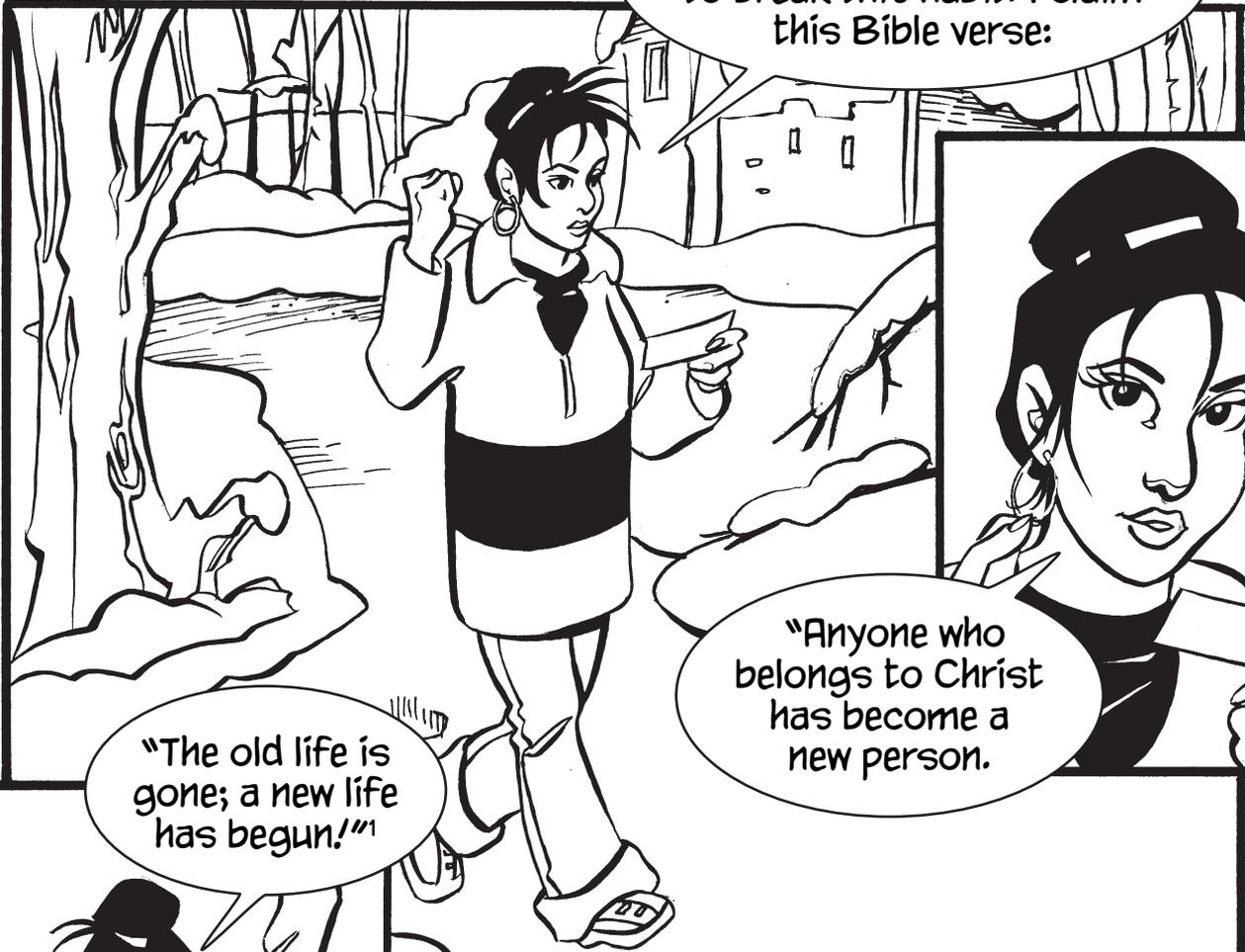
Please help me, Jesus, to break the habit!

The number of times you fall is not the deciding factor, but it's the rapidity with which you choose to get back on target and do what you know is right.



If you fall and get right back up, you've hardly lost any ground, and you can continue almost uninterrupted down the road of greater triumph and rewiring of your mind and habits.

Jesus, help me to stay true to my promise to break this habit. I claim this Bible verse:



"The old life is gone; a new life has begun!"

"Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person."



Are you leaving the rooms of your heart open to Jesus?



¹ 2 Corinthians 5:17 NLT