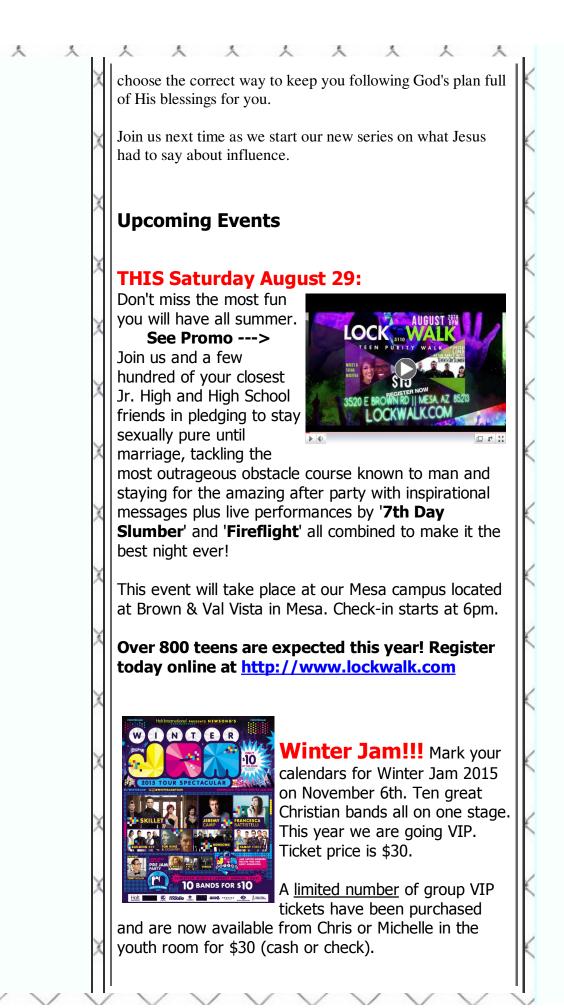
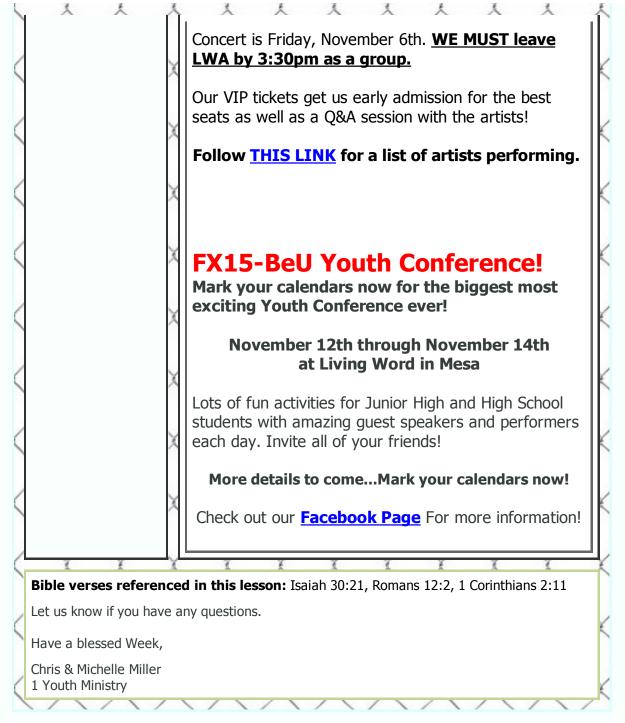


	choices that draw us further from God.
×	We said that it is unrealistic to completely avoid all of the many things in our society that can lead us to sin. The most important thing is for us to be aware of what is influencing us and causing us to make the choices we make.
×	We also looked at WHY we make the choices we make. We said that the two major reasons are FEAR & ACCEPTANCE. We do things we shouldn't do because we are basically afraid of not being accepted.
X	We then talked about how we make the right choices by basically knowing God's character and asking "What would Jesus do?" and by following the guidance of the Holy Spirit when He speaks to us.
X	God surely wants us to follow His plan for us because He knows it is an amazing plan full of His blessings but He will never force us to follow, it is always our choice to do right or wrong.
X	We were reminded that God does not punish us for making wrong choices just as He also does not reward us for making right choices. The blessings we receive by choosing God's way are simply the result of following the plan that God already created full of His blessings. When we choose to not follow His plan, we simply cannot receive those blessings and are instead subject to the consequences of the world.
X	Finally, we warned that Satan will use seemingly meaningless things that can sometimes even seem like they could be "good" to tempt us to make wrong choices and leave the path of God's plan.
X	Satan will also help us justify making wrong choices to make them seem like they're okay. Such as if we are not charged for purchasing a case of water, we try to justify it by saying
X	that we "told the cashier so it's her fault she didn't charge me" or "it's only a couple of dollars" when the right choice would be to return to the store and pay for the water.
X	We realized that many times it seems that the right choice turns out to also be the most difficult choice but regardless, God gave you 'free will' to make the choice of right or wrong
X	so don't let other people or things make those choices for you. Listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit who will always be there to guide you in the right way to go so you will always





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