

**Message Title:** What Were They Thinking

**Theme:** In this Sunday evening message the common mistake that everyone makes that gets them into trouble is considered along with how to avoid this trap.

Have you ever wondered what could have happened to someone who was very well respected and yet had fallen into some unimaginable immoral sin that destroyed their lives? Had a set of circumstances driven them to do things that were out of character for them, or was there a temptation so great that they were unable to resist it?

A neighbor three doors down with a wife, a home and two small children working as a prison guard lost everything when he was caught smuggling things in for prisoners. What led up to this decision? Is there a simple answer? In a word, yes.

**Salient Points:** Forced to live by faith, Changed from glory to glory, Examples of stinking thinking, The two examples in the bible, Eve, Abram & Lot, Sarah Abraham Ishmael & Hagar, Political correctness, Abraham & Isaac, Moses, David & Goliath, David & Bathsheba, Shadrach Meshach & Abednego, Elijah, The sinking ship, Walking on water, Martha & Mary, Paul's thorn, God's purpose, Thoughts & understanding, Seek God, Seek understanding, Solomon, Focus on God, Know your heart, What's important to God, All about us, Impressed by the Creator, Frustrated Christians, Praising God's works, Serving self, Not made to be served, Consider where you are and why you exist.

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**Scripture:** 2 Cor. 10:3-5, Gen 3:6, 13, 16, 22:8-18, Ex. 17:6, Num. 12:8-11, Rom. 3:11, 1 Kings 11, Psalm 107:8, 15, 21

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The speaker would like you to know that all of these messages are in the chronological progression that God revealed them, and even though many may stand alone, they progress through several subjects that build on the previous lessons. This series of messages titled "Our Timeless Creator" (OTC), shift the focus from salvation and service, to understanding God. How He who needs nothing, benefits from creating the human race. It started in 2007 when God brought the speaker to Psalm 50:15 three times following the miraculous healing of his dying wife. It reads, ***“And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me”***. Following this he prayed fervently. "LORD, show me how to glorify you and I will do the best I can". The speaker had become a new creature, (2 Corinthians 5:17) on May 20 1973. At that moment the reality of GOD's existence and the direct connection to the Bible became miraculously clear. Overwhelmed with excitement he began telling everyone who had a few moments to listen, what he had found, like a man who had found a cure for a terminal illness, which everyone had. His excitement and enthusiasm continued for well over a year, even when many said, "you'll get over it." Slowly his efforts began to focus on responsibility and all the how-tos of service. As the excitement faded it was replaced with frustration. He had said many times "the most frustrating thing in life is, knowing what GOD could do and watch him not do it". In 2005 GOD began a work as described in Job 5:17-18, that changed everything. He says," it was much like when I first became a child of God all over again". He describes it like application of (2 Corinthians 3:18), "But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, *even* as by the Spirit of the Lord". Truly a life changing experience as God increases and we automatically decrease.