

# Jesus – Our Addiction

**Addiction:** The state of being enslaved to a habit or practice or to something that is psychologically or physically habit-forming,

**Origin:** Latin *addictiōn* – (stem of *addictiō*) a ‘giving over’, ‘surrender’.

What ever we are overcome by, we are a slave to. We are overcome by some things which are addictions.

We are to be a slave (a bond servant) of Jesus the King, not to anything else. It is OK to be overcome by an addiction to Jesus.

Peter shared this with us at our Kingdom Community gathering:

*“The evil one has basically two ploys. If he cannot get us to kill our hearts and bury our desire, then he is delighted to seduce our desire into a trap. Once we give over our desire for life to any object other than God, we become ensnared. Think of the phrase, “She’s a slave to fashion.” We become slaves to any number of things, which at the outset we thought would serve us. In this light, repression of desire is a much less dangerous stage in the process. Addiction is far worse, for as May explains,*

*“Our addictions are our own worst enemies. They enslave us with chains that are of our own making and yet that, paradoxically, are virtually beyond our control. Addiction also makes idolaters of us all, because it forces us to worship these objects of attachment, thereby preventing us from truly, freely loving God and one another.”<sup>1</sup>*

*Like the rich young ruler, we find we cannot give up our treasured possessions, whatever they may be, even though God himself is standing before us with a better offer. If you think his sad story is not also your own, you are out of touch with yourself.”<sup>2</sup>*

What are your addictions other than Jesus?

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