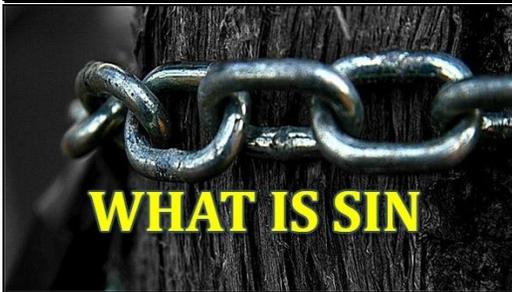




Sin



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Refuse to pay attention-failing to hear, the idea of active disobedience which follows on this inattentive or careless hearing, sin is regarded as already committed in the failing to listen when God is speaking..



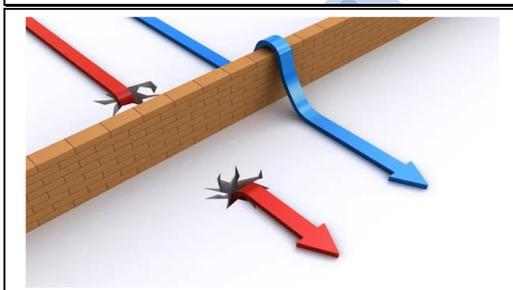
Where is God in your life? Audio? Listening to multiple voices at the same time? Or video, where you give it your full attention? Like this scene from Dumb and Dumber



Fingers in ears and saying la-la-la So, what does sin look like?



No law, contempt or violation of law, lawlessness, purposefully acting contrary to the law, without a leader or commander. What is law? A fixed and objective standard of life set up by God



Sidestep, to step on one side, to go around



a warrior who hurls his spear and fails to strike his foe, one who misses his way, a fearful mistake, in the moral sphere, it had the idea of missing the right, of going wrong, the failure to succeed.

Since we don't throw spears anymore, here's a scene from the West Wing to illustrate.



David
Foster
Wallace



missing the divinely appointed goal, a deviation from what is pleasing to God, doing what is opposed to God's will, perversion of what is upright, a misdeed., a missing of the goal conformable to and fixed by God.

We were made in the image of God, with a purpose, to be loved by God, to have a deep, personal, intimate relationship with him
We were not made for ourselves, we were made for him. And only in him can we find fulfillment, meaning, purpose.

We turn away from God and towards ourselves, others, and other things.
Why? Because we're made to worship. If you don't believe me...

David Foster Wallace was an American author of novels, short stories and essays, and a university professor of English and creative writing. Wallace is widely known for his 1996 novel *Infinite Jest*, which Time magazine cited as one of the 100 best English-language novels from 1923 to 2005

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On September 12, 2008, at age 46, Wallace hanged himself on the back porch of his house in Claremont, California.

Worship someone/something – it will be a tyrant.

Worship Jesus -

Who do we let ourselves be vulnerable to?

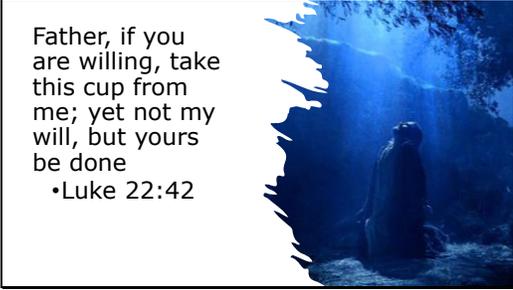


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•Matthew 11:28-30



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