

A photograph of a white cross standing on a rocky outcrop. The cross is made of two thick, rectangular beams. In the background, there is a blue fjord, green mountains, and a cloudy sky. The text "Beyond Brokenness" is overlaid in the center of the image.

# Beyond Brokenness

# Purity is the standard

*Eph 5:3 But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people. 4 Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving. 5 For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person—such a man is an idolater—has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. 6 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient. 7 Therefore do not be partners with them.*



# A new heart

*Ezek 11:19 "I will give them an undivided heart and put a new spirit in them; I will remove from them their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh. 20 Then they will follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. They will be my people, and I will be their God. 21 But as for those whose hearts are devoted to their vile images and detestable idols, I will bring down on their own heads what they have done, declares the Sovereign LORD."*

# The road to freedom

## 1. Direction – face the truth

- Face the pain and destruction your sin has caused
- Confess and renounce specific sins and relationships
- Learn and meditate on the truth of God's love for you

## 2. Put up guard rails to keep from falling

## 3. Learn to walk with God and others

- Take in the Word that you might know him
- Spend time with Him
- Develop open and honest relationships with others who can be God's grace to you

# You are Righteous!

Phil 3:7 But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. 8 What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ

# You are Righteous!

Phil 3:9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ-the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith. 10 I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, 11 and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead.

# Are You In Christ?

- You have repented (turned from) going your own way?
- You have committed to following Christ as the Lord of all things, pledging yourself to Him?

If so, then you're Righteous in God's eyes!

# So I'm Righteous, so what?

- You don't have to work to earn God's favor
- You have to carry shame from the past
- When you stumble and fall you don't lose your standing in Christ – just get up





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# Even the righteous stumble

*Prov 24:16 for though a righteous man falls seven times, he rises again*

*1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.*

A white cross stands on a grassy hill. In the background, there are mountains and a body of water under a blue sky. The text is overlaid on this image.

# I no longer live

*2 Cor 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!*

*Gal 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.*

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# Stay Strong

You're in the moment now

A bitter root

A wandering eye, and then

The ties that bind start wearing thin

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# Stay Strong

You're in the moment now

When all that you've been blessed with

Is not enough

Here's where the ground gets loose

Here's where the devils call your bluff

A white cross stands on a rocky outcrop overlooking a lake and mountains. The cross is the central focus, with its vertical beam extending upwards and its horizontal beam extending to the left. The background features a blue sky with light clouds, a range of green mountains, and a body of water. In the foreground, there is a field of tall, green grasses.

# Stay Strong

Stay strong you are not lost  
Come on, fix your eyes ahead  
There's a new dawn to light our day  
Stay strong you and I run  
For the prize that lies ahead  
We've come too far to lose our way

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# Stay Strong

We've seen the tragic flaws

The tortured souls

The saints with feet of clay

Here's where sin becomes cliché

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# Stay Strong

We've come through the wilderness  
and watched the cloud by day

The burning sky into dawn

Have you forgotten who you are?

Did you forget whose trip you're on?

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# Stay Strong

Get up, there's further to go

Get up, there's more to be done

Get up, this witness is sure

Get up, this race can be won

This race can be won



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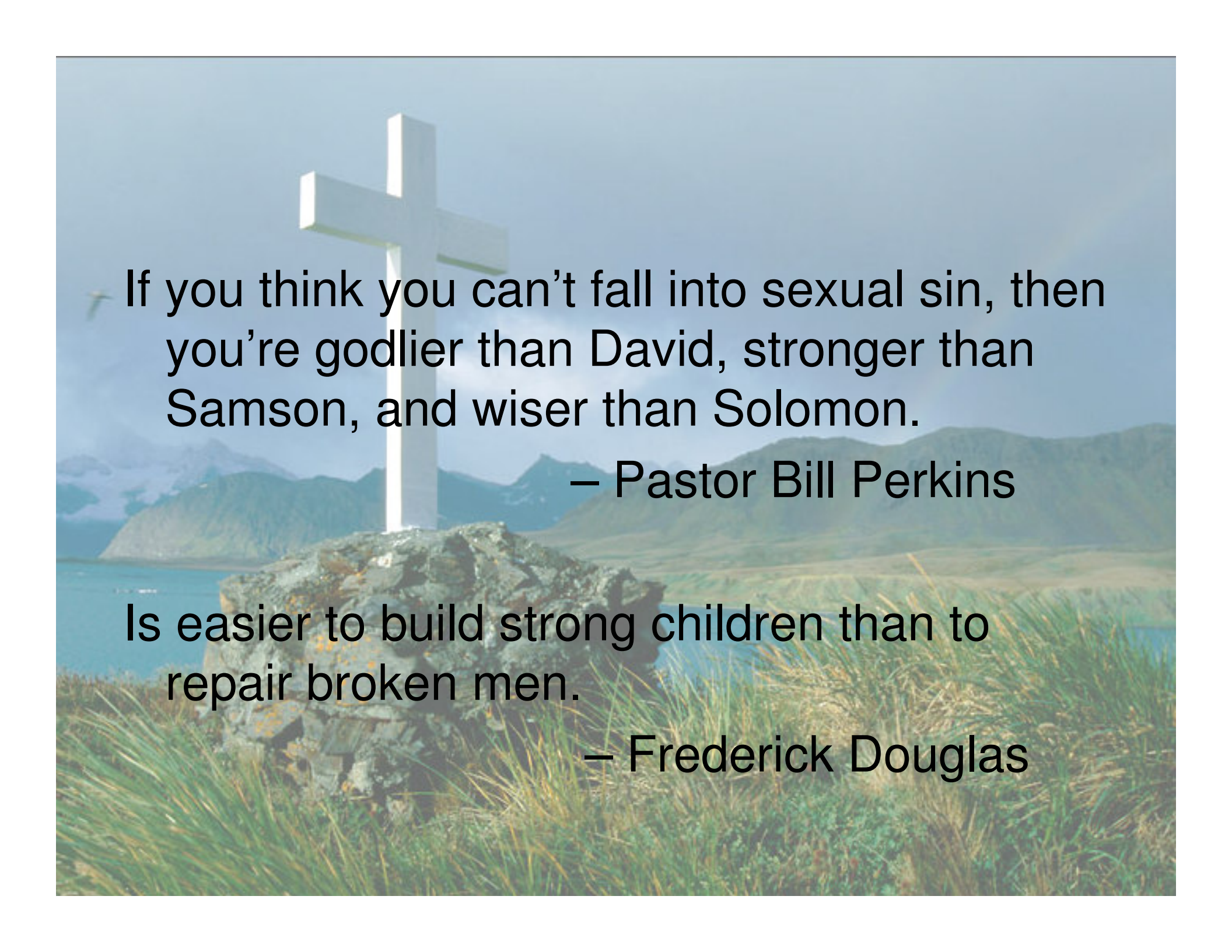
# Stay Strong

Stay strong you are not lost  
Come on, fix your eyes ahead  
Our Father's dawn will light our day  
Stay strong you and I run  
His grip is sure  
And His patience still endures  
There'll be no letting go today

# Disciplines to grow as a child

- Scripture reading and meditation
- Prayer and fasting
- Community
- Silence and solitude

Matt 10:39 Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.


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If you think you can't fall into sexual sin, then you're godlier than David, stronger than Samson, and wiser than Solomon.

– Pastor Bill Perkins

Is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men.

– Frederick Douglas

A white cross stands on a rocky outcrop overlooking a blue lake and mountains. The background is a scenic landscape with green hills and a blue sky.

# Protect Your Family

1. Teach sacred sexuality
2. Create and nurture true intimacy in your family relationships
3. Promote daily self-care (Cultivate your relationship with God)

- From Mark Kastleman's book – The Drug of the New Millennium.

# Teach Sacred Sexuality

- We need to hold up and the positive image of God's design in sexuality
- We need open communications with our families
- We need to challenge our young people to stay pure
- Parents need to set the model
- We need to shut down the gateway of illicit sex into our homes
- Teach your kids how to avoid porn and what to do if they stumble upon it.

# **Create and nurture true intimacy in your family relationships**

- Start with loving your spouse
- Spend some time together daily as a family (not just watching TV)
- Intentionally spend time one on one with each of your children at least once a week



# Cultivate your own Spiritual Health

- Every day you need to spend time with God  
Have input from God's word  
Pray, journal, worship.
- Maintain a reasonable schedule
- Take care of yourself physically