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THE CONVERSATION STARTER

# “Snow in November”



PRAISEWORTHY VIRTUES

Launch your study with this  
**CONVERSATION STARTER**

[Watch the video](#) or read it below.



READ

Before the study, take a moment to read  
Matthew 5:8;  
1 Timothy 4:12;  
Psalm 51:10



BONUS RESOURCE

Feel free to listen to  
**Weekly episode #166,**  
“This Isn't a Fairytale,”  
before your study, as  
an example of a  
conversation led by  
this study guide.

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I looked out my window this fall morning, expecting to see brown. But instead, everything I saw outside my window was covered in snow. Untouched by footprints or car tracks, it seemed to have baptized the world I knew — parked cars, trees, mailboxes — under a blanket of white. When you see how clean it looks, sparkling in the sunlight, you understand the Lord's invitation: “*Come now, let us reason together ... though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow.*” He says, “*Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes.*” And he wants his people to “*learn to do good*” and “*seek justice*” for the oppressed (Isa. 1:16-18). So let's complete our study with one final praiseworthy virtue, filling our hearts with “*whatever is pure*” (Phil. 4:8).



THE BIG IDEA

Filling our hearts and minds with goodness leaves no room for the filth of sin.

After David's sin, he prayed for God to wash him “*whiter than snow*” (Ps. 51:7). But he didn't stop at a prayer for forgiveness. Instead, he asked God to create something new in him. “*Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me*” (Ps. 51:10)

Rather than impure, fleshly thoughts, “*those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit*” (Rom. 8:5). The old you died. In baptism, you rose with Christ (Rom. 6:1-5), who reigns above. So set your mind on what's above and put to death “*what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry*” (Col. 3:2, 5).

What do supermarket labels mean when they say, “100% Pure”? Purity is about completeness. It's “100% pure Canadian maple syrup” only if the entire product is Canadian maple. And we're “*pure in heart*” (Matt. 5:8) when we devote ourselves entirely to the Lord, with single-minded sincerity.

THE BIG QUESTION



What sin is it easy for you to overlook, and how can you give it more attention?

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## INTRODUCTION



Launch the study with a **CONVERSATION STARTER** on the Big Idea.

Read, listen, or watch “Snow in November” – [biblegeeks.fm/daily-271](https://biblegeeks.fm/daily-271) ▶▶



**ICE BREAKER** — Get everyone engaged and talking.

What do you do with the junk in your house when someone stops by to visit?

## ACT I



**JESUS SAID: Matthew 5:8**

What’s the main point of this passage?

What does this passage teach you about purity?

What insights and applications do you take from these words of Christ? What do we need to get from these words that – if understood and applied – has the power to bless and strengthen us?

Is there anything else here you find helpful or interesting? Anything you’ve never noticed before – or have always loved about these words?

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STUDY GUIDE

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## ACT II

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### HELLO, MY NAME IS: Daniel

We'll focus this character study of Daniel on chapters 1, 6, and 9 of the book of Daniel. Use the space below to **summarize what happens** in these three "scenes," and then apply the passage.

#### Setting The Stage

The book starts in the early days of exile in Babylon, before Jerusalem fell. In 605 BC Nebuchadnezzar took some of the "best and brightest" of Judah into his court. So though far from home, Daniel interacts at the very highest levels of power in the world.

#### Telling The Story

SCENE 1: Daniel Purposes in His Heart (Daniel 1):

SCENE 2: Daniel Stays Consistent (Daniel 6):

SCENE 3: (Daniel 9): Daniel Prays for God's People (Daniel 9):

#### APPLYING THE SCRIPTURE:

What do you take – for your life – from the example and story of Daniel?

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## ACT III

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**REACH OUT** — Connect with each other with this question.

How have these gifts and virtues helped you elevate your thinking.

## WRAP UP

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**THE CHALLENGE** — Ready to put it into practice?

Take time to be holy this week.



**REQUEST** — Go to God in a closing prayer.

“Create in me, a clean heart, O God!” (cf. Ps. 51:10).