



# NEW HEART BEAT DEVOTIONS

***“When burning temptation to sin comes, flee for the fire escape.”***

## **Flee**

*Many years ago, I was on a business trip and went to the hotel to check in. I told them it would be business rate but with two in the room. They looked behind me and saw a female. They replied “I see?” I replied “She was my wife.” I could tell that they did not believe me. It was really my wife Susan. The next morning I got up and went to my meeting. On the way there, I got a flat tire so I became late. The place I was going to called the hotel looking for me. They rang my room and she answered. She tried to explain that she was my wife. When I got to the meeting, you would not believe the comments I got.*

*During another business trip, I again was traveling with a female. But this time she was a coworker. At supper that evening, she explained that she could not get her alarm clock to work. She asked if I would come up and look at it. Stupid me, I went to her room. I noticed a bottle of wine on the table and two glasses. Then I noticed her underwear on the bed. I began to get a strange feeling about this. My mind said, “No one will ever know. Stay and have some fun.” My heart said “Flee.” I ran out of there but she followed me to my room and gave me a hug. I quickly got in my room and locked the door leaving her in the hall.*

*This was very similar to the story of Joseph in the Bible. “And it came to pass about this time, that Joseph went into the house to do his business; and there was none of the men of the house there within. And she caught him by his garment, saying, Lie with me: and he left his garment in her hand, and fled, and got him out. “And it came to pass, when she saw that he had left his garment in her hand, and was fled forth,” Gen 39:11-13 Joseph went to prison because of this but later he became the second highest ruler of Egypt.*

***“Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.” 2 Tim 2:22 “There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.” 1 Cor 10:13***



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Temptation is not a sin. It is what we do when it appears, that determines the later consequences.

Secret sins are no secret with God.



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