



cuses and use them as euphemisms for what we know deep down is truly disgusting. These excuses are sinful and shameful and we should do our best to stop using them in any situation.

remember the really important things in life. In essence, what we're saying when we say "I'm too busy, tired, or forgetful" is that "God, Your things just aren't all that important to me." We know we should be ashamed of that so, instead of allowing that shame to correct our behavior, we invent these ex-

Now, let me ask you this: what *will* you do the next time you get snowed in? Will you make the time to read your Bible? Will you make the time to pray? If you answer "Yes," then remember the words of Jesus and follow through with that by meaning what you say. Also, if you answered "Yes," I'll let you in on a little secret: you don't have to wait until the next snow day to do those things, you can start doing them right now. So, why don't you say "Yes" to obeying God and "No" to making excuses? Make God's things the highest priorities in your life and don't let anything get in your way. May God bless us in this effort of honesty.



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Welcome Visitors

We are so glad that you joined us today.
Please come again.

● **Let us know if you have any questions.**

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Services

Sunday: 9:30 AM
10:20 AM
6:00 PM

Wednesday: 7:00 PM

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To Our Visitors

Welcome! The church here at Olsen Park is thrilled that you are with us today. We know you could be in any number of different places right now, so we appreciate your presence. We encourage you to sing, study, and pray with us as we worship the God of all Creation. Also, we hope that you stick around after services so we can get to know you better. If you have to leave as soon as services are over, we pray that you have a safe journey and hope that you'll come visit us again. God bless.

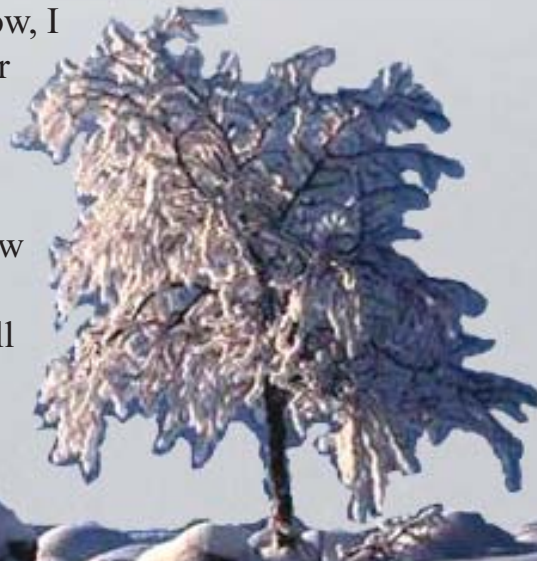


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Snow Days By Curtis Carwile

When we had that really big snow a few weeks ago, what did you do? Did you stay home from work and just “chill”? Did you sit around sipping cocoa while you watched old movies (that’s what Becca and I did)? Did you take the time to do some things around the house like clean the bathrooms or fix that leaky faucet? Did you go outside and play in the snow with your kids? What did you do?

Now, let me ask you this: did you get your Bible out and catch up on your reading? Did you take the time to pray a prayer of thanksgiving for all the wonderful things God does for you on a daily basis? So many times, we “can’t” find the time to spend on doing those things we know we should be doing. We say things like “Oh, I can’t read my Bible today because I’m just too busy with work” or “I’m too tired to go to church today” or “My life is so hectic right now, I just can’t remember to pray.” Do you know what these are? These are excuses. Do you know what excuses are? They are lies we tell ourselves. Far too often we



allow ourselves to be just chump enough to believe it and so absolve us of our responsibilities.

In the fifth chapter of Matthew, Jesus tells us what our attitude towards excuses should be. In Matthew 5:37, Jesus is in the middle of discussing the subject of honesty with regard to yourself, your spouse, and everyone else.

In this verse, Jesus says, **“But let your ‘Yes’ be ‘Yes’ and let your ‘No’ be ‘No’.”** In this passage Jesus gives us a great lesson to live by: say what you mean and mean what you say. Notice also how He ends that verse: **“For whatever is more than these is from the evil one.”** Basically, Jesus tells us that if we don’t say what we mean and mean what we say, then we are sinning against God. When we say things like “I’m too busy” or “I’m too tired,” or “I can’t remember,” when we make excuses, we are lying to God.



We all know that we’re not too busy to read our Bibles. We will always make the time to do what we think is important regardless of how busy we are. We all know that we find the energy to do the things that are important to us no matter how tired we are. We all know that we