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Radical Amputation

*Matthew 5:27-30*



An aerial photograph of a tropical beach. The top half of the image shows vibrant turquoise water with visible coral reefs. A narrow strip of white sand beach runs horizontally across the middle. The bottom half of the image is filled with dense, lush green tropical vegetation, including many palm trees.

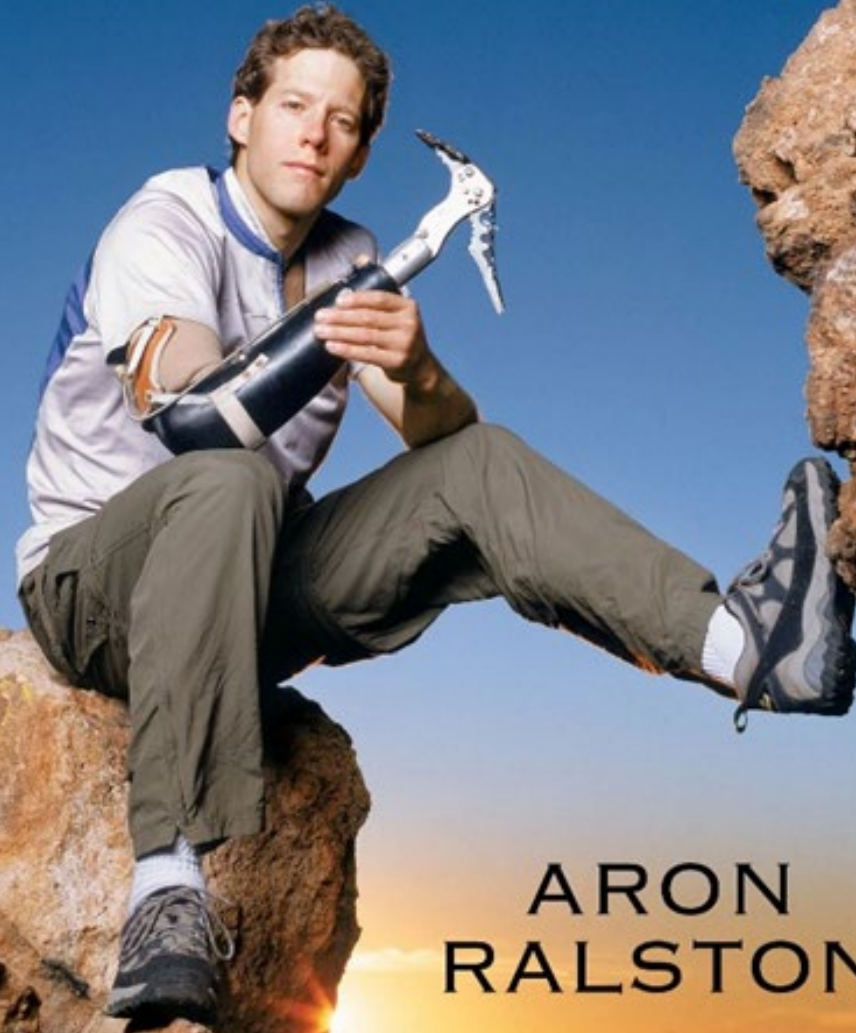
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*Part 7*



# BETWEEN A ROCK AND A HARD PLACE

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***Resolve your conflicts NOW!***





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- **Don't ignore sensual warning signs (*vv. 27-28*).**





**1. Remind yourself that sin is serious.**

- **It's an offense against a holy God.**
- **It brings permanent negative consequences.**



1. **Remind yourself that sin is serious.**
2. **Understand that sin begins in the heart (*vs. 28*).**
3. **Determine to wage war aggressively on any (and every) temptation (*vv. 29-30*).**



*Halfway steps will  
never get the job done.*

*Radical Amputation*

*The point of temptation  
must be cut off!*



# *Radical Amputation*

- Drastic measures are always appropriate in order to protect one's spiritual health!

*Minor changes in direction are never enough.*







# James 1:14-16

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“But every man is tempted, when he is **drawn away** of his own lust, and **enticed**. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. Do not err, my beloved brethren.”

12 His soul shall a  
and his offsp  
14 The friendship  
who fear  
and he m  
cover  
15 My eyes are eve  
for he will pl  
net  
16 Turn to me and  
for I am lone  
17 The troubles of  
bring me out  
18 Consider my af  
and forgive a  
19 Consider how  
and with w  
hate me  
20 Oh guard my s  
Let me not b  
take re  
21 My integrity  
preserve  
for I wait for  
22 Redeem Israel  
out of all his  
I Will Bless the Lord  
26 Oh David  
Vindicate m  
for I have w  
and I have m  
without v  
27 Prove me, O G  
test my hear  
For your stead  
and I walk





*Once lust is conceived, it  
will never be satisfied.*



**Natural Self**

**vs.**

**Spiritual Self**



“If you are going to be spiritual, you must barter the natural, sacrifice it. If you say, *‘I do not want to sacrifice the natural for the spiritual,’* then, Jesus says, you must barter the spiritual. It is not a punishment but an eternal principle.”

- Oswald Chambers



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2. We must recognize the absolute necessity of the ministry of the Holy Spirit
3. Jesus Changes Everything – *as we walk in obedience to HIM!*

