**IT’S O.K. TO WONDER, BUT NOT O.K. TO WANDER**

**TEXT**: Psalm 91:1,2

**INTRO**.:

1. Moses & Aaron dwelt in the very center of Israel’s encampment. It was the place of safety and protection. Outside the camp were the prostitutes, lepers, homosexuals, perverts, and their enemies. Inside the camp were 2 ½ to 3 million Israelites, the entire 12 tribes, the Tabernacle, the Ark of the Covenant, the priests, the Levites, and the visible presence of God in the pillar of cloud by day & the pillar of fire by night!
2. It was O.K. for them to wonder about the outside world, but it was not O.K. for them to wander outside the camp.
3. To the graduates of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, “IT’S O.K. TO WONDER, BUT NOT O.K. TO WANDER!” You can’t keep your mind from wondering what the world has to offer, but you can keep your body from going there. You must take the warnings of God’s Word seriously & not wander into the world.

**I. DON’T WANDER FROM THE PLACE OF SAFETY:**

**ILLUS**.: In Bible days there were often walled cities. It was safe inside the walls.

1. Your Parents Have Built Walls of Safety For You.
2. Your Teachers Have Built Walls of Safety For You.
3. Your Pastor Has Built Walls of Safety For You.

**II. DON’T WANDER FROM THE PLACE OF FREEDOM:**

 **A. The World Says: “Freedom Is Out Here With Us!”**

1. The liberals are out there with their false doctrine.
2. The perverts are out there with their sin & corruption.
3. The promoters of slavery are out there telling you to “be free” with them:
4. The drug dealers want to enslave you & make you slaves to chemicals.
5. The porn pushers want to enslave you & make you sex slaves.
6. The sodomites want to enslave you & you will end up as a slave to AIDS.
7. The sex peddlers want to enslave you & get you to contract STD’s.

 **B. God Says, “Freedom Is Inside My Walls!”**

1. The walls of God’s Word.
2. The walls of God’s Church.
3. The walls of God’s Will.

**III. DON’T WANDER TOO CLOSE TO THE EDGE:**

**NOTE**: Wandering too close to the edge will lead into temptation. Believers are taught to pray by our Savior, “lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil…”

*James 1:13-15 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: 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.*

* If You See Sin You Will Lust After It.
* If You Lust You Will Be Enticed.
* If You Are Enticed You Will Sin.
* If You Sin You Will Die.

**CONCL**.:

📜This is not just a charge to the graduates, but to everyone here tonight. Stay within the protection of the walls built to keep you safe by your elders, your leaders, and your friends. Avoid all appearance of evil and stay away from the edge of the camp where the temptation lies.

📜Graduation is a milestone. It is both a completion and a beginning. You have been given an opportunity for a new start. Stay away from that which is harmful and stay within the protection and safety of God’s Word, His will, and His Church.