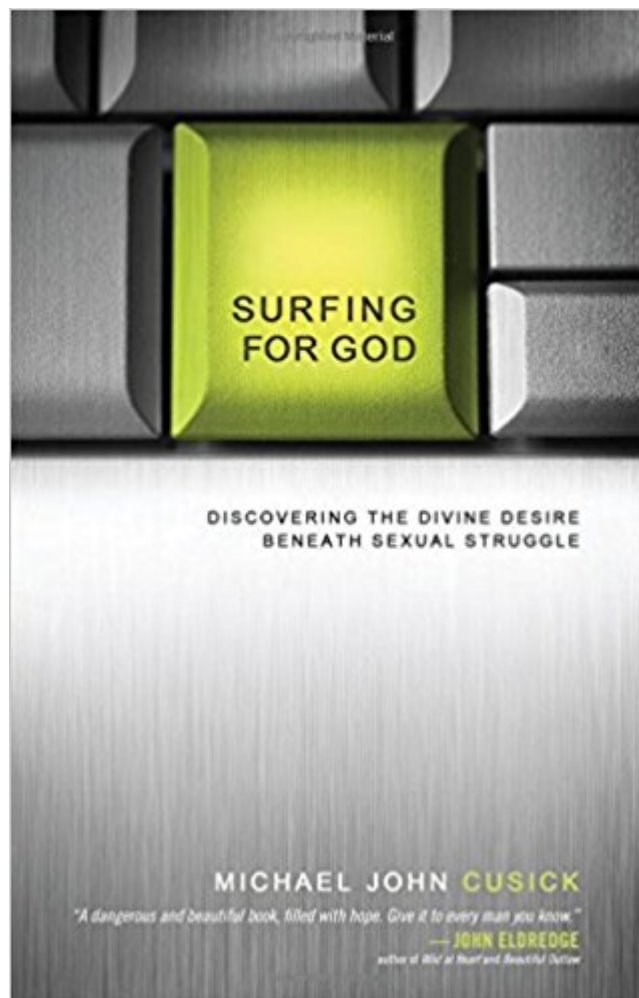




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# Surfing For God: Discovering The Divine Desire Beneath Sexual Struggle



## Synopsis

“Every man who knocks on the door of a brothel is knocking for God.” —G. K. Chesterton

What if lust for porn is really a search for true passion? In a world where there are 68 million searches for pornography every day and where over 70 percent of Christian men report viewing porn in the last year, it’s no surprise that more and more men struggle with an addiction to this false fantasy. Common wisdom says if they just had more willpower or more faith, their fight would be over. Is the answer really that simple? According to the counselor and ministry leader Michael John Cusick, the answer is no—but the big truth may be much more freeing. Backed by scripture, Cusick uses examples from his own life and from his twenty years of counseling experience to show us how the pursuit of empty pleasure is really a search for our heart’s deepest desire—and the real key to resistance is discovering and embracing the joy we truly want. Cusick’s insights help readers understand how porn struggles begin, what to do to prevent them, and most importantly, how to overcome the compulsion once it begins. In the end, this powerful book shows us all how the barrier built by porn addiction can become a bridge to abundant life.

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"This is a dangerous and beautiful book, filled with courage, filled with hope. This book will set you free. The process Michael describes here works—I’ve seen it happen with many men. That’s why you should read this book. Then give it to every man you know."—John Eldredge, Author of *Wild at Heart* and *Beautiful Outlaw*

Michael John Cusick is an ordained minister, spiritual director, and licensed professional counselor who has experienced firsthand the restoring touch of God in a deeply broken life and marriage. Michael founded Restoring the Soul, a ministry whose mission is to provide life changing soul care to Christian leaders. Michael's passion through 25 years of ministry is to connect life's broken realities with the healing power of the gospel.

I read this book out of curiosity and what I loved most was the authors care and consistency he makes you view pornography in a different light and bring you into full awareness of what is really going on from the start of pornography to the end of its hold upon someone's life. The book is written for men however anyone looking be free, stay away from pornography or knows someone deal with pornography this book is also for you. The author doesn't make excuses he shows the bad and the horrible the guilt and shame and he directs the read to God it may seem as though the book is out of order or perhaps jumps around the more the more you read the more the lightbulb will go off. The book does include scriptures as well and pages at the end to see his references. I think this book even as a general read is essential it unlocks many truths and will open eyes.

One of the best books I've read on the topic of purity. This is not another "sin management" book that tells you to try harder, get more accountability, bounce your eyes, add filters, delete social media, etc. All good things to do for sure! But that's like pulling the weed at the surface. This book will help you get to the root of the matter as it deals what lies beneath the surface....the heart! Outstanding work! Read it with a group of men and the growth, transparency and accessibility vs. accountability was transforming.

this book is an AMAZING resource, for young men especially, as navigating, and even being able to find, honest, truthful material on sexuality AND a resource that also honestly and truthfully explores and navigates the brokenness that often lies within our hearts, is rare. With all of this in mind, I would also HIGHLY recommend this book for parents of boys and young men as well because we owe it to the next generation in order that they may be protected from the fallacies often found when surfing ALONE on the journey of establishing one's identity as a young man...In Christ Alone, Andrew Hansen

Where to start? I am a wife of a wonderful husband and a mother of 2 wonderful teenage

boys. However, our home has not been untouched by porn. It has slithered its way into our home by more avenues than I care to count. I have read multiple books on this subject, cried, begged, and got angry. None of which helped. MY husband read this book first as a help in reaching out to a friend who seriously struggles. After the upteenth time my younger son was found with porn, my husband then told me I needed to read Surfing for God. It took me 2 weeks to finish the book, but what a blessing! Cusick goes deeper than the average "get free from lust" book. He asks questions as to make you dig deeper into your soul. "I do not have a porn problem", you may say. I disagree! Every single being has a problem with this snake! It's just if you turn your head from it, embrace it, or decide TODAY is the day I will fight... If you are a mom, wife, sister and think this book will not apply to you... you are wrong. Thank you Micheal for being so real, so raw, so vulnerable. Thank you for giving me hope. Thank you for letting me glimpse into the souls of my sons and see what the real issue is. Your reward will be great in the kingdom of heaven.

Surfing for God is destined to become a best-seller on the topic of sexual addiction and struggle. Why ? Because Cusick goes beyond the classic advice - "turn your head when the hottie walks by", and addresses the real issues of the heart that can fuel sexual addiction. This book offers real hope not only for those who struggle but for those who love those who struggle. While it is written to men, women will have no problem relating to the issues addressed and will be greatly helped as well. Although they manifest differently, issues of the heart are universal for men and women alike. Personally, I believe that every church in America would benefit from a sermon series on the content of this book. The problem is epidemic and it's time that the church step up to the proverbial plate and offer real hope instead of condemnation and platitudes. While Michael's book addresses sexual struggle and addiction it can truthfully be applied to any of life's struggles that hold ones captive - gambling, over-eating, shopping, you-tube surfing, etc. The timeless truths he shares have been carefully crafted in a way that are easily understood and that draw a person out of denial and into the light of truth. They are liberating. I just can't say enough good about this book !

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