



## Sex, Drugs, and Rock 'n Roll

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"I love rock n' roll, so put another dime in the jukebox, baby; I love rock n' roll, so come an' take your time an' dance with me..." Remember playing air-guitar to that great rock song by Joan Jett and the Blackhearts? Remember the year? 1981.

Instead of admiring the failed lives of so many celebrities, why not follow in the way of the ultimate rebel – Jesus Christ. Think that's a stretch? Jesus rebelled against the holier-than-thou religious systems of his day. He was accused for hanging out with notorious sinners, prostitutes, and the outcast. He freed them with his love.

While many followed Jesus, more hated him and ultimately had him executed. His ultimate rebellion was over death and sin when he strutted out of the grave. The purpose of that rebellion was to set us free to live, free to experience "life to the fullest," as Jesus himself said. That's what we celebrate on Easter.

"Sex, Drugs, and Rock 'n Roll" may refer to a free-wheeling, high-flying, life-style, but Jesus provided the final answer on how to live a fulfilling sex life, how to satisfy our deepest soul-cravings, and how to live like a rebel against the materialism and self-serving philosophies of our world. Jesus wants to unleash your inner rock star! This Easter celebrate Jesus as the giver of life and true spiritual freedom.

"You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." - Jesus

*Dr. Mark Krenz is the lead pastor of ONE Community Church – "Church for people who don't like church." ONE's new message series, "Sex, Drugs, and Rock 'n Roll" begins Easter Sunday. In addition to ONE's weekly worship in San Tan Heights, ONE is starting a brand new 37-minute outdoor service at the Johnson Ranch Golf Course Terrace Restaurant – Grand Opening on Easter Sunday. Go to [www.discoverONE.net](http://www.discoverONE.net) for times and details.*

Rock n' roll is more than just powerful music. It is expression, rebellion, creativity, and message. It represents a lifestyle of freedom, choice, and innovation – good things most of us want to live out. Did you ever imagine being a rock star yourself? Nickelback's recent song, "I Wanna be a Rock Star," echoes those dreams of what many consider the ultimate life. But what happens when these rock star freedoms turn into traps? We see it all the time with celebrities and rock heroes. But what about you and me, ordinary people living la vida San Tan? Although we're certainly not living the life of a rock star, many of us still fall victim to our many choices and freedoms.

We may not have keys to the Playboy Mansion like Nickelback boasts, but our internet sure has many men trapped in a secret world. For others our monogamous marriage relationship is better described as a monotonous one - leaving us flirting with greener pastures, destroying our marriages. Hard-core or party drugs may not be a temptation to you, but you're trying to fill a void in your heart with other addictions like alcohol, spending money, eating, sports, or even video games. Freedoms are great, but they can quickly turn to poor choices and traps. There is a way out. True freedom can be found.

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