

## A WILD BULL IN A NET

Isaiah 51<sup>20</sup> Thy sons have fainted, they lie at the head of all the streets, as a wild bull in a net: KJV

The NIV states “like antelope caught in a net”

### I. A **comparison** of the young men -

A. Young men should be **attacking the future visionary seizing opportunities.**

B. “A wild bull” or “antelope” is a symbol of....

1. **Strength**
2. **Self confidence**
3. **One who is not intimidated.**
4. **Used to being free, having the means to escape quickly.**

Yet they are shown to be overwhelmed.

### II. The **condition** of the young men

A. Thy sons have **fainted**

1. Lack courage- **cowardly**
2. Weak and dizzy- **confused**
3. Malnutrition --**Oppressed**

B. The sons have **fallen**

1. They are not on their feet but rather **lying down**
2. They are **in the streets.**

They are in the public eye. Everyone sees their struggle as they wrestle to be free from the snare.

### III. The **cause** for the fall of the young men.

“a wild bull in a net”

A. A net indicates a **trap was set for them.**

B. They are struggling with all their strength but **they are bound.**

Why do we struggle to the point of weariness? It is normally an accumulation of small things.

C. A net is just a **few tiny strings tied together** but they are binding.

What are some of the strings that are binding the youth?

1. Lack of character (no honesty, faithfulness or commitment)
2. Unhealthy associations- friends that make your faith weak; dating non-believers etc.
3. Pride- self willed- “I don’t need any help”
4. No self respect- tact, modesty
5. Gossip
6. Laziness
7. Wrong priorities- popularity, possessions, positions etc.
8. Lack of bible knowledge
9. Decisions are made based on emotions

Are you tired of the struggle?

#### IV. The cure that sets us free.

Give God what he is asking for!

Mark 12<sup>30</sup> Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.

Psa. 91<sup>3</sup> Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler...