



“How To Fight Temptation!”

Escape Series

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*"If you think you're standing firm, be careful that you do not fall!. No temptation has overtaken you, **except what is common to mankind.**" 1 Corinthians 10:12*

- *"And God is faithful, he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so you can endure it." Verse 13*

5 steps toward temptation & sin:

- 1) It starts with a **THOUGHT.**
- 2) Then it moves into **IMAGINATION.**
- 3) Then **JUSTIFICATION.**
- 4) Then we make a **CHOICE.**
- 5) Then we **SIN.**

How do we fight our way out?

- 1) We're going to fight by **SUBMITTING TO GOD.**
 - *"**Submit yourselves,** then **to God.** Resist the devil and he will flee from you." James 4:7*
- 2) We **RESIST THE DEVIL.**
 - *"Submit yourselves, then to God. **Resist the devil** and **he will flee from you.**" James 4:7*
 - Christianity is not a **PLAYGROUND,** it's a **BATTLEGROUND!**

"Jesus himself suffered when he was tempted and because of that, he is able to help those who are being tempted." Hebrews 2:18

C3 Message Discussion

Last Week's Next Steps: Did you gather at C3 on Sunday's online stream to express your faith? Did you build your faith this week through consistent time in prayer & God's Word? If so, share what stood out to you in your time with God?

Ice Breaker: What one idea from the message is playing over in your mind?

Review: What one thing stood out to you (either helpful, insightful or troubling) from the weekend's message?

Group Discussion:

Think about your response to temptation. Are you stronger on defense or offense?

Do you respond to temptation differently from someone who does not follow Christ? How?

Read James 4:7. Talk about what it means to submit to God in relation to your greatest temptations.

Every temptation is an invitation to depend on God. What does that mean to you?

Submission to God is a daily decision we must make. Do you agree or disagree? Why or why not?

"Talk---Imagination---Justification---Choice---Sin." Share a story of going thru this temptation process. Talk about how to fight your way out.

Share a story of a time when you overcame temptation. What was the key to your success?

What doors to temptation are you keeping cracked open that you need to slam shut?

How can this group pray for me? How can I pray for those in my group?

This Week's Next Steps: (*"Do not merely listen to the word.....Do what it says."* James 1:22)

- Read this week about facing temptation: Proverbs 4:14-15; 1 Corinthians 6:18-20; 2 Timothy 2:22; 1 John 4:4
 - Pick one temptation that you will resist this week by eliminating it today.
 - Identify at least one person, that's a follower of Jesus, who you can confide in, regarding your temptation.
 - Submit to God every day this week!