

## 02/18/18 | RISE ABOVE: Temptation

*"Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour."* —1 Peter 5:8 | NIV



### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. When do you think temptation becomes sin? Give examples.
2. Read James 1:13-15. What happens when temptation isn't checked? Where have you seen this?
3. Read Luke 4:1-13. How does this story show us that temptation itself isn't sin? How did Jesus face temptation? What can we learn from this?
4. Consider this quote. What does it mean to you? How does it relate to temptation? What can you learn from it? How does it relate to the life of Joseph?

The path of least resistance  
leads to crooked rivers and  
crooked men.  
—Henry David Thoreau

### Spiritual Battles

5. Read 1 Peter 5:8-9. When you are faced with temptation, where does it come from? Do you have to face it alone? Does it feel like you face it alone?
6. Read 2 Corinthians 4:16-18. How can these verses help you when you are discouraged by temptation? How does refocusing on eternal glory and the unseen, spiritual side of life change your perspective on temptation?
7. Read Ephesians 6:10-13. What is it these verses say we struggle against? How does that change your tactics with temptation? How

does this change your tactics in other areas of your life?

### **Plan of Attack**

8. Read Ephesians 6:14-18. What sort of armor does Paul (author) suggest we should wear? What is the weapon he tells us to wield? How can we do that? Do you regularly clothe yourself with these things? How can you use them when faced with temptation?
9. What was the strategy from this week's sermon when you are faced with temptation? (Hint: see the TAKE AWAY)
10. What strategies are described in James 5:13-16? Which would work best for you to combat temptation?
11. In what ways does this study connect with Joseph and his temptation? How does remembering temptation is a spiritual battle help you in your struggle against it? What spiritual armor do you need to clothe yourself with this week?

**TAKEAWAY:** Remember and Run