

MAIN POINT

We will all face temptation, but God has promised to provide a way out.

INTRODUCTION

In recent weeks, we've been talking about temptation. How has this made you more aware of temptation in your own life?

How can recognizing temptation help you to fight against it?

Last week, we talked about the cycle of temptation that all of us have faced at various times in life. Even as followers of Jesus, and sometimes especially as followers of Jesus, we will face strong temptation to disbelieve the truth about God and to instead believe the lies of sin. Today we are looking at a passage where Paul reminded us that we will all face temptation, but God has promised to provide a way out.

DISCUSSION

> READ 1 CORINTHIANS 10:6-13.

According to verse 6, what was one intended outcome of Israel's struggles with temptation?

How would Paul respond to a believer who says, "I have to learn things the hard way"?

What five negative examples of Christian behavior from Israel's past did Paul warn us against? Why?

From these five warnings, which stands out the most to you right now? Why?

How do you know if you're in danger of falling (v. 12)?

What truths do you learn about temptation in verse 13?

How is this an encouragement to us when temptation comes?

What are some of the ways God gives us to get out of a situation where we could sin?

Why is knowing the Word of God essential to overcoming temptation?

What can you do this week to be better equipped for the temptation that will come?

Read Romans 13:14. Where might you have made provision for the flesh? What changes do you need to make?

APPLICATION

Besides knowing God's Word, what are some other practical ways you can daily stand with God to withstand temptation?