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Worship Service
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JAMES: Real Faith, Real Life

Lesson Five • James 1:13-15
Temptation in Trials

Temptation in the Trials of Life

TRIALS around us can prompt TEMPTATIONS within us. Therefore, we must be ready to resist temptation by recognizing its source, force, and course.

What's the Connection Between Trials and Temptation?

A trial is what I experience on the OUTSIDE of my life and temptation is what I experience on the INSIDE while going through the trial.

What Is Temptation?

Temptation is an invitation or solicitation to SIN.

Resisting Temptation in the Trials of Life

1. Recognize Its SOURCE: Where Temptation Comes From!

Temptation's Source

- Temptation never comes from GOD (vs. 13).
- Temptation comes from our own sinful DESIRES (vs. 14).

Don't Play the Blame Game

Don't blame GOD for your temptations. We are responsible in our temptations. My sin is my fault.

2. Recognize Its FORCE: How Temptation Works!

Temptation's Force

- The desire to sin dwells within our HEARTS (vs. 14).
- The deception of sin is powerfully ENTICING (vs. 14).

3. Recognize Its COURSE: Where Temptation Leads!

Temptation's Course

Sin starts with desire, results in disobedience, and ends in DEATH (vs. 15).

Every Trial Offers One of Two Paths

Trials → Testing → Steadfastness → Crown of Life

Trials → Temptation → Sin → Death

My Choices Matter!

The choices I make in a trial can either MATURE me or DESTROY me (vs. 2-12 and vs. 13-15).

A Ready Defense Against Temptation

- Remember God filters temptations (1Corinthians 10:12-13).
- Depend on the power of God's Spirit (Galatians 5:16).
- Avoid the danger zones in your life (Ephesians 5:15).
- Confess sin quickly and receive forgiveness freely (1John 1:9).
- Satisfy your soul with Jesus Christ (1Peter 2:1-3).