

TRUMP TEMPTATION

The weapon of God’s word is intended for daily use in our war against temptation.

KEY POINTS

- ❖ *Temptation* – an evil force we battle every day.
- ❖ Even Jesus Christ was attacked by it (see Luke 4:1-13).
- ❖ When someone is “tempted” they are enticed, prompted, prodded, or encouraged to do something that is wrong – that violates the word of God and the internal voice of conscience within themselves.
- ❖ Temptation itself is not a sin. There are many sources of temptation around us, but we have not sinned until or unless we actually yield to the temptation and do what we know is wrong.
- ❖ So, the big question is, how do we keep temptation from turning into sin? How do we *trump* (triumph over) *temptation*?
- ❖ Luke 4 (referenced above) shows us how Jesus did it!
- ❖ Some people tend to discount the Old Testament as irrelevant to our lives today, but that’s not the case at all. That’s exactly where Jesus turned when faced with temptation. His knowledge of the word of God allowed Him to apply a principle from the Word to each temptation.
- ❖ In the same manner, we need to read, understand, study and apply the word of God to the temptations we face every day.
- ❖ Let’s not forget that Jesus was just as human as we are and had the same temptations we do. In fact, He endured more temptations than we do because as the representative of all humanity, He was tempted in all points (Hebrews 4:15).
- ❖ There are many ways the devil and his agents may try to trip us up, even using the word of God as a source of temptation! If we have not devoted time to study and memorize the Word, someone can easily tempt us to act wrongfully through an erroneous analysis of the Word of God!
- ❖ Someone may encourage you to react with retribution against someone who has wronged you by quoting the scripture: “... it is written, ‘Vengeance is mine, I will repay.’” And there are times when we would gladly say: “Vengeance is mine and I will gladly repay!” However, a better knowledge of the word of God would cause us to remember that there is a little three-word phrase at the end of that verse: “...**says the Lord.**”
- ❖ We need to study the word of God. *The Word trumps temptation.*
- ❖ Now, you have to be as wise as Jesus to know how to apply scripture to your temptations. If we begin with the Ten Commandments, they are pretty clear. We must not allow temptation to make us violate them.
- ❖ There is a very good Bible word that will help us when we are being tempted. That word is “FLEE!” Run as fast as we possibly can, away from temptation.

KEY SCRIPTURES: Psalm 119:9-16; Luke 4:1-13; 1 Corinthians 10:13; Galatians 5:16

- ❖ James warns us in 1:14-16: “But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. ¹⁵Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.”
- ❖ Sin is a killer! And fleeing is what we do when we are scared to death of someone or something. Fleeing is running for our lives!
- ❖ Here are some great verses that warn us to *flee*:
 - 1 Corinthians 6:18: Flee from sexual immorality (e.g. Joseph – Genesis 39:6-12).
 - 1 Cor. 10:14: Flee from idolatry.
 - 2 Timothy 2:22 – Flee youthful lusts.
 - 1 Tim. 6:10-11: Flee from the love of money, the root of all sorts of evil (see also v. 9).
- ❖ If you flee, you will live.

No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it. (1 Cor. 10:13)

There is always a way of escape.
- ❖ If we play with temptation, we will most likely be overcome by it. Instead, we must immerse ourselves in the Word of God and hide it in our hearts: “Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You” (Psalm 119:11).
- ❖ As our Lord Jesus said, we must ‘watch, and pray’ so we won’t enter into temptation (Matthew 26:41a).
- ❖ And we must “...walk in the Spirit, and [we] shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh” (Gal. 5:16).
- ❖ “The Bible will keep you from sin or sin will keep you from the Bible” (Dwight L. Moody).
- ❖ Let us pray for God’s strength to fight and overcome temptation through His Word.

DISCUSSION/REFLECTION TOOLS

1. Discuss characters from the Bible or your life who faced great temptation. How did they respond and how did things go for them?
2. In what forms might temptation come? Discuss.
3. What does “fleeing” look like? Share anecdotes and apply the examples to spiritual flight. How should we “flee” from temptation?
4. Discuss the importance of knowing and applying the Word of God as a weapon against temptation. How do we accomplish this?

PRAYER TIME

Lord, please open my understanding through Your word, so that I am able to recognize and to flee from temptation. In Jesus’ name, amen.

WEEK OF SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2020

NOTES

Meditate as you read through/listen to this week’s message. If it helps, use symbols for your notes.

✓ (Reminds me/Confirms) 💡 (New idea) 🧠 (Think about)

! (Do this) ❤️ (Speaks to my heart) ↔ (Must share)

PRAYER NEEDS/THANKSGIVINGS

Go deeper with your Life Group family.
CONNECT-REFLECT-DISSECT THE WORD
Your Life Group ~ Your Lifeline

Start-up: When it comes to taking care of your body, what are your most consistently tempted to do/not do that you know could be harmful in the long run?

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**PRAYER FOCUS: U.P.C.I. Ontario District departments,
leaders, participants**



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- 1) Go to www.faithsanctuary.com > click the "Eventbrite" link in the top menu;
- 2) **Facebook:**
www.facebook.com/faithsanctuarytoronto/events; or
- 3) Go to **Eventbrite:** www.eventbrite.com/e/july-5-2020-sunday-morning-service-tickets-110443601786

TO SUBMIT A BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT

Obtain approval from Head of Department and send to announcements@faithsanctuary.com by Wednesday @ 4:00 p.m. (If projection is desired send to media@faithsanctuary.com.)

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Yield not to temptation, for yielding is sin
Each victory will help you or some other to
win

Fight manfully onward, dark passions
subdue

Look ever to Jesus, He'll carry you through

FAITH SANCTUARY ON-LINE SERVICES:

Bible Study – **10:15 a.m.**
Morning service – **11:00 a.m.**)

- o Go to www.faithsanctuary.com >click "livestream" link (or type in www.faithsanctuary.com/live)
- o Go to www.youtube.com >search for "Faith Sanctuary"
- o Sign in to Facebook >search for "Faith Sanctuary"
- o Call **1-844-268-4848** for toll-free telephone access

In-depth Bible Study: Monday evenings from 6:30-8:00 p.m. (Facebook and Zoom)

FAITH FOUNDATIONS

GOD

We believe there is only one God: the eternal, holy, loving, all-knowing, all-powerful, omnipresent Spirit, creator of all (Deuteronomy 6:4; 1 Timothy 1:17; Leviticus 19:2; 1 John 4:8; Hebrews 4:13; Revelation 19:6; Jeremiah 23:24; John 4:24; Isaiah 44:24; Colossians 1:16).

GOD'S WORD

We believe the Holy Scriptures—The Bible—is God's true and complete Word to humanity, verified most notably through fulfilled prophecies concerning Jesus Christ (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Isaiah 41:21-23, 42:8-9, 46:9-10; Luke 24:25-27; John 17:17).

GOD'S CREATION

We believe all people were created in the image of God for His pleasure, to be His children, His church and His bride, living in eternal love and fellowship with Him (Revelation 4:1; Genesis 1:27; John 1:12-13; Romans 8:16; Ephesians 5:25-32; Revelation 19:7).

HUMANITY'S FALL

We acknowledge that we have all sinned and failed to fulfill God's plan and purpose for our lives, through willful disobedience to the word of God and our own conscience. All sinful acts lead to separation and alienation from God's pure, holy presence, eventually resulting in both physical and spiritual death (Romans 3:23, 6:23a).

THE GOSPEL

We believe that Jesus Christ is the Almighty God, fully divine and fully human (1 Timothy 3:16). He came to Earth and suffered death by crucifixion, willingly substituting Himself for us in receiving God's judgment against sin (Isaiah 53:5). But God raised Him from death (Acts 5:30), and He now offers eternal life to all who will believe in Him (John 3:14-17, 6:29; 2 Corinthians 5:18-21; Romans 6:23b; Ephesians 2:4-9). Faith is sparked within us when we hear the gospel, the "good news" that Jesus died, was buried and rose from the dead for our benefit (Romans 10:14-17; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4).

OUR FAITH RESPONSE

Hearing the gospel is intended to lead us to repentance, a divinely inspired change of heart that causes us to turn away from our sins and turn to God (2 Corinthians 7:9-10; 2 Timothy 2:24-26). Faith and repentance lead us to obey the scriptural command to be baptized in Jesus' name for the forgiveness of our sins and to receive His gift of the Holy Spirit. His Spirit gives us the power to live a righteous, godly life, joyfully sharing the good news of our new life in Christ with others (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38, 4:12; 1 Peter 1:22-23).

CHRIST'S RETURN

We believe our Lord Jesus Christ will soon return to Earth to receive His people to Himself and establish His righteous, eternal kingdom (John 14:3; Matthew 25:34).

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Know Jesus, Love Jesus, Share Jesus

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Pastor: Rev. Granville E. McKenzie

"For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, ⁵casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God..."

2 Corinthians 10:4-5 NKJV

SUNDAY SERVICES

Worship: 8:00 a.m. • 11:00 a.m. • 6:30 p.m.
Sunday School/Bible Study: 9:45 a.m.

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