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“but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. ¹⁵ Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.”

James 1:14-15

“This is the account of Isaac, the son of Abraham. Abraham became the father of Isaac. ²⁰ When Isaac was forty years old, he married Rebekah, the daughter of Bethuel the Aramean from Paddan Aram and sister of Laban the Aramean. ²¹ Isaac prayed to the Lord on behalf of his wife because she was childless. The Lord answered his prayer, and his wife Rebekah became pregnant. ²² But the children struggled inside her, and she said, “If it is going to be like this, I’m not so sure I want to be pregnant!” So she asked the Lord, ²³ and the Lord said to her, “Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples will be separated from within you. One people will be stronger than the other, and the older will serve the younger.” ²⁴ When the time came for Rebekah to give birth, there were twins in her womb. ²⁵ The first came out reddish all over, like a hairy garment, so they named him Esau. ²⁶ When his brother came out with his hand clutching Esau’s heel, they named him Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when they were born. ²⁷ When the boys grew up, Esau became a skilled hunter, a man of the open fields, but Jacob was an even-tempered man, living in tents. ²⁸ Isaac loved Esau because he had a taste for fresh game, but Rebekah loved Jacob. ²⁹ Now Jacob cooked some stew, and when Esau came in from the open fields, he was famished. ³⁰ So Esau said to Jacob, “Feed me some of the red stuff—yes, this red stuff—because I’m starving!” (That is why he was also called Edom.) ³¹ But Jacob replied, “First sell me your birthright.” ³² “Look,” said Esau, “I’m about to die! What use is the birthright to me?” ³³ But Jacob said, “Swear an oath to me now.” So Esau swore an oath to him and sold his birthright to Jacob.

³⁴ Then Jacob gave Esau some bread and lentil stew; Esau ate and drank, then got up and went out. So Esau despised his birthright.”

Genesis 25:19-34

FACING TEMPTATION WITH UNSHAKEABLE FAITH

3 Strategies for Handling Temptation

1. Make _____ a _____

2. Keep your _____ up when your _____ is _____

3. Surround yourself with the _____

MEMORY VERSE

“No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. 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 that you can endure it.”

1 Corinthians 10:13

MY NEXT STEP IS TO . . .

- Commit my life to Jesus Christ for the first time.
- Memorize 1 Corinthians 10:13.
- Begin a new habit of thankfulness for the things that I have in my life.
- Commit to making the change I need to make to ensure my guard stays up even when my power’s down.
- Ask God to help me identify the right people in my life to help me fight temptation.
- Get the most out of this series by attending my LIFE group this week.



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Discussion Questions - Week #3

LIFEGROUPS

QUICK REVIEW

Thinking back to the sermon this weekend "Facing Temptation with Unshakeable Faith," in a sentence or two summarize the main point.

Looking at your notes from the weekend, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

GETTING STARTED

1. Think back to your childhood. What was the first time you remember struggling with being tempted to do something you knew you weren't supposed to do?

2. What are the most common areas of temptation we face in our culture today?

DIGGING DEEPER

3. Read James 1:12-16. How do you think our cultures perspective on temptation differs from what we see in this passage?

Is it a sin to be tempted?

What is the difference between a trial and temptation?

According to James, what is the source of our temptations?

If the problem is our desire, how could we possibly go about changing our desires?

4. Read Genesis 3. What stands out to you most in this passage?

What strategy or technique does the serpent use to tempt Adam & Eve?

What results from their giving in to temptation?

What might Adam and Eve have done differently to avoid falling into temptation?

Can you think of any application you can take from this passage for dealing with temptation in your life today?

5. Read Hebrews 4:14-16. What do you think it means that Jesus is serving as our high priest in heaven?

What do you think it means that he was tempted in every way?

What difference does it really make that Jesus was tempted as we are?

How does Jesus help us when we face temptation?

TAKING IT HOME

6. What step or steps can you take this week to keep your focus on God's promises so as not to fall into temptation?

7. How can the group be praying for you to face the temptation in your life with unshakeable faith?

PRAYER REQUESTS