

MESSAGE OUTLINE

SUNDAY, January 15, 2023

Today's Message: **OVERCOMING TEMPTATION**
Luke 4:1-13
Pastor Gary Stump

We all face temptations daily. How can we overcome temptation?

What can Jesus teach us about overcoming temptation?

*Luke 4:1–13 (NLT) Then Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan River. He was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ² where he was tempted by the devil for forty days. Jesus ate nothing all that time and became very hungry. ³ Then the devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become a loaf of bread.” ⁴ But Jesus told him, “**No! The Scriptures say, ‘People do not live by bread alone.’**” ⁵ Then the devil took him up and revealed to him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. ⁶ “I will give you the glory of these kingdoms and authority over them,” the devil said, “because they are mine to give to anyone I please. ⁷ I will give it all to you if you will worship me.” ⁸ Jesus replied, “**The Scriptures say, ‘You must worship the LORD your God and serve only him.’**” ⁹ Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, to the highest point of the Temple, and said, “If you are the Son of God, jump off! ¹⁰ For the Scriptures say, ‘He will order his angels to protect and guard you. ¹¹ And they will hold you up with their hands so you won’t even hurt your foot on a stone.’” ¹² Jesus responded, “**The Scriptures also say, ‘You must not test the LORD your God.’**” ¹³ When the devil had finished tempting Jesus, he left him until the next opportunity came.*

The latest edition of the *Oxford Junior Dictionary* for children went all the way and made it official. The compilers removed the word completely. They don’t even have the word **sin** in the dictionary anymore. (James Emery White. *The Rise of the Nones*. p. 61).

3 Pillars of Sin

1 John 2:15–16 (ESV) Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world.

1. Desire of the Flesh
2. Desire of the Eyes
3. Pride of Life

Eve was tempted in all 3 ways

Genesis 3:6 (NIV84) When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

Solomon was tempted in all 3 ways:

Desire of the Flesh *Ecclesiastes 2:1 (NLT) I said to myself, “Come on, let’s try pleasure. Let’s look for the ‘good things’ in life.” But I found that this, too, was meaningless.*

Desire of the Eyes *Ecclesiastes 2:4, 11a (NLT) I also tried to find meaning by building huge homes for myself and by planting beautiful vineyards... ¹¹ But as I looked at everything I had worked so hard to accomplish, it was all so meaningless—like chasing the wind.*

Pride of Life *Ecclesiastes 2:15 (NLT) Both will die. So I said to myself, “Since I will end up the same as the fool, what’s the value of all my wisdom? This is all so meaningless!”*

Jesus was tempted in all 3 ways:

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We are tempted just like Jesus

1 Corinthians 10:13a (NLT) The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience.

The Process of Temptation

James 1:13 (NLT) And remember, when you are being tempted, do not say, "God is tempting me." God is never tempted to do wrong, and he never tempts anyone else.

"There is nothing in God to which evil can make an appeal." (TBKC)

James 1:14–15 (NLT) Temptation comes from our own desires, which entice us and drag us away. ¹⁵ These desires give birth to sinful actions. And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death.

- **Temptation comes as a thought**
- **It originates from our desires**
Jeremiah 17:9 (NLT) "The human heart is the most deceitful of all things, and desperately wicked. Who really knows how bad it is?"
- **It entices us to do evil (to disobey what we know God wants for us)**
- **As we focus on the desire it lures us away**
"So a person both builds and baits his own trap." (TBKC)
- **Sin is conceived when we determine to do it**
Matthew 5:27–28 (NLT) "You have heard the commandment that says, 'You must not commit adultery.'²⁸ But I say, anyone who even looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart."
- **Sin is birthed when we act**
- **Unchecked or unforgiven sin brings death**
"The steps are all too clear: unchecked lust yields sin, and unconfessed sin brings death." (TBKC)

God always gives us a way to overcome temptations

1 Corinthians 10:13b (NLT) And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure.

Steps for Overcoming Temptation

1. Pray before and during temptation

Matthew 6:13 (NLT) And don't let us yield to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one.

2. Shield of Faith – Faith that God knows best

Ephesians 6:11, 16 (NLT) Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil...¹⁶ In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil.

3. Flee from temptation

Proverbs 4:14–15 (NLT) Don't do as the wicked do, and don't follow the path of evildoers. ¹⁵ Don't even think about it; don't go that way. Turn away and keep moving.

4. Quote Scripture

Psalms 119:11 (NLT) I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

5. Get brother or sister to help

Ecclesiastes 4:12 (NLT) A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken.

6. Remember sin has consequences

Galatians 6:7–8 (NLT) Don't be misled—you cannot mock the justice of God. You will always harvest what you plant. ⁸ Those who live only to satisfy their own sinful nature will harvest decay and death from that sinful nature. But those who live to please the Spirit will harvest everlasting life from the Spirit.

SO WHAT? Do you desire to overcome temptations? Then listen!

Proverbs 5:1–14, 21–23 (NLT) My son, pay attention to my wisdom; listen carefully to my wise counsel. ² Then you will show discernment, and your lips will express what you've learned. ³ For the lips of an immoral woman are as sweet as honey, and her mouth is smoother than oil. ⁴ But in the end she is as bitter as poison, as dangerous as a double-edged sword. ⁵ Her feet go down to death; her steps lead straight to the grave. ⁶ For she cares nothing about the path to life. She staggers down a crooked trail and doesn't realize it. ⁷ So now, my sons, listen to me. Never stray from what I am about to say: ⁸ Stay away from her! Don't go near the door of her house! ⁹ If you do, you will lose your honor and will lose to merciless people all you have achieved. ¹⁰ Strangers will consume your wealth, and someone else will enjoy the fruit of your labor. ¹¹ In the end you will groan in anguish when disease consumes your body. ¹² You will say, "How I hated discipline! If only I had not ignored all the warnings! ¹³ Oh, why didn't I listen to my teachers? Why didn't I pay attention to my instructors? ¹⁴ I have come to the brink of utter ruin, and now I must face public disgrace." ...²¹ For the LORD sees clearly what a man does, examining every path he takes. ²² An evil man is held captive by his own sins; they are ropes that catch and hold him. ²³ He will die for lack of self-control; he will be lost because of his great foolishness.



ONWARD CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, January 15, 2023

1. WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS (Small Groups)—This Wednesday, 7:00-8:15pm.

2. JANUARY 28TH 7PM FISHERS COMEDY & MAGIC PRESENTS: an evening of pure entertainment with our own David Pendleton, Magician Jon Mobley, and comedians Robert G. Lee & John Branyan. \$25 per person. Space limited. To purchase tickets fisherscomedyandmagic.com.

3. MARRIAGE RETREAT FEBRUARY 4-5—Brown County Inn. Reservations must be made by calling Brown County Inn 1-800-772-5249. King rooms - \$116 per night; Queen rooms - \$107 per night. Please give Onward Church promo code 0642 when reserving. Rooms are limited and have been released. Make your reservation immediately.

2023 Onward Marriage Retreat Program

Speaker: Matthew A. Vander Wiele, Ed. D.

Theme: Exploring Famous Marriages from Scripture

Session 1: The Ideal of Marriage – Adam and Eve

Session 2: The Reality of Marriage – Abram and Sarai

Session 3: The Redemption and Restoration of Marriage – Jesus and the Church

Saturday, February 4th

Room Check-In	4:00 pm (maybe earlier)
Session 1	2:00pm – 3:30ish
Free Time/Dinner	4:00pm – 7:30pm
Session 2	7:30pm – 9:00ish

Sunday, February 5th

Room Checkout	Before Session
Session 3	9:30am–11:00ish
Free Time!	

Note:

- Light refreshments and snacks will be served at all sessions!
- Booklets provided!
- Bring – Bible, Journal, Pen and SPOUSE!!
- Have Fun!

4. LADIES BIBLE STUDY BEGINS WEDNESDAY @ 9:30am—Each Wednesday at Kathy Stump’s house (12928 Whitehaven Lane, Fishers). Studying the **Psalms** using David Helm’s One-to-One method to create excellent discussions.

5. 2023 ONWARD TO JERUSALEM BIBLE STUDY TOUR OCTOBER 20-31, 2023—Walk where Jesus walked and see the Bible comes alive as Pastor Gary and our good friend Dr. Moshe Loewenthal lead us on this incredible tour. Estimated cost: \$3,950 per person (double occupancy).

6. MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP SUNDAY NIGHT 6-8PM Dinner provided. New study begins “SALT: Creating Thirst.”

7. HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY—beginning this Wednesday 6-8pm at Cynthia Brown’s house (14079 Clifton Ct., Fishers).

8. SUMMER YOUTH CAMPS—High School (Grades 9-12) June 12-16. Middle School (Grades 6-8) June 21-25. See Pastor Jerry for more info.

9. PAL (“PARENTS OF ADDICTED LOVED ONES”) MEETING—This is for families of adult children dealing with substance addiction. Every Tuesday night, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Free weekly meetings. Dr. Nancy Smith, facilitator. For more information, contact nancy1108smith@gmail.com or 317-508-8149.

10. ONWARD PRAYER RESPONSE CARD ONLINE—To make it easier for some, you can scan this QR code in order to complete your Prayer Response Card.

