

# GET THEE HENCE

A SERIES ABOUT TEMPTATION

**CREEK**  
**STUDENT**  
**MINISTRY**

COTTONWOOD CREEK CHURCH

## **Get Thee Hence: A Series About Battling Temptations**

“Too many Christians have a commitment of convenience. They'll stay faithful as long as it's safe and doesn't involve risk, rejection, or criticism. Instead of standing alone in the face of challenge or temptation, they check to see which way their friends are going.” - Charles Stanley

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## **Does God Tempt Us?**

### **Week 1**

The question “does God tempt us?” is so important to Cristian theology. Many have asked this question over the years and James 1 has the answer to this important question.

### **Learning Activities**

**Book of Questions:** What celebrity has the worst fan base?

### **Learning Readiness**

**Say:** Temptation is something that everyone struggles with.

**Ask:** What are some of the most common forms of temptation you see in the world today?

### **Bible Study**

**Lesson Objective:** To help students understand that temptation is not from God but comes from our own selfish desires.

**Read:** James 1:13-18

**13 Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. 14 But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. 15 Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.**

**16 Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. 17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or**

shadow due to change. 18 Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

### **Knowledge Questions**

1. Who was James half brother?
2. Where does James say temptation comes from?

### **Comprehension/Understanding Questions**

1. Is temptation a sin?
2. What do you think is the root of temptation? (*Desires*)

### **Applications Questions**

1. What does James mean when he tells us "Do not be deceived" (v. 16)
2. What are some ways that we can battle the temptations we face?

### **Synthesis Questions**

1. Does the forgiveness of our sin give us the freedom to continually give in to temptation?  
Why or why not?
2. How does the realization of where temptation comes from impact the way you look at the cross?

### **Evaluation Questions**

1. What are some ways that we can be encouraged even when we face temptations?

## **Conclusion**

Understanding what our desires are will help us fight our temptations. If we can get to the root of our desires we will be able to understand how we can better fight our temptation. God is not our tempter, our own selfish worldly and fleshly desires are what cause us to give in to temptations.

## **Announcements**

Leaders, communicate any announcements for your group and the ministry.

## **Where Does Temptation Come From?**

### **Week 2**

“Temptation is the devil looking through the keyhole. Yielding is opening the door and inviting him in.” - Billy Sunday

### **Learning Activities**

**Book of Questions:** If someone was to narrate your life who would you want it to be and why?

### **Learning Readiness**

**Say:** Temptation comes in all forms!

**Ask:** What are some common temptations that you see most people give in to?

### **Bible Study**

**Lesson Objective:** To inform the students that Satan uses desires to tempt us.

**Read:** Genesis 3:1-7; Revelation 12:9 20:9; 1 Peter 5:8

1 Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, “Has God indeed said, ‘You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?’” 2 And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; 3 but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has

said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.' ” 4 Then the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. 5 For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” 6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. 7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.

### **Knowledge Questions**

1. Was the serpent the devil? (Revelation 12:9; 20:2)
2. How did the devil tempt Adam and Eve?

### **Comprehension/Understanding Questions**

1. Why does Peter say we need to be of a sober mind in 1 Peter 5:8?
2. Why do you think it is important to understand where temptation is coming from?

### **Applications Questions**

1. How are some ways that Satan uses our desires to exploit our sins?

### **Synthesis Questions**

1. What was the realization of Adam and Eve once they had eaten the apple?
2. What do you think the imagery of Adam and Eve covering themselves with fig leaves represents?

### **Evaluation Questions**

1. What are some ways that we try to cover up sin?

## **Conclusion**

Like we have already mentioned, our desire is what fuels the temptation, Satan just loves to exploit it. Satan is knocking on the door wanting us to let him in, but it is up to us whether we get up and open that door or ignore the knock.

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## **How Do We Respond To Temptation?**

### **Week 3**

“Every moment of resistance to temptation is a victory.” - Frederick W. Faber

#### **Learning Activities**

**Book of Questions:** What is the most historic thing that has happened in your lifetime?

#### **Learning Readiness**

**Say:** Battling temptation is one of the hardest things to do.

**Ask:** What food is the most tempting for you?

#### **Bible Study**

**Lesson Objective:** To help the students understand how to respond to temptations.

**Read:** Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. 2 And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. 3 And the tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” 4 But he answered, “It is written, “‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” 5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple 6 and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and “‘On their

hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.” 7 Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” 8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. 9 And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” 10 Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written, “‘You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.’” 11 Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

### **Knowledge Questions**

1. Why did Satan tell Jesus to turn the stones to bread?
2. Can you describe the temptations that Jesus was put through?

### **Comprehension/Understanding Questions**

1. Why did Satan quote scripture?
2. What makes it easy to give in to temptation?

### **Applications Questions**

1. How can we apply the way that Jesus responded to these temptations to our life?
2. What are some of the greatest temptations you are facing as middle/high schoolers today?

### **Synthesis Questions**

1. What would have happened if Jesus had given in to one of these temptations?
2. Why is Jesus being tempted by Satan important to our Christian theology?

### **Evaluation Questions**

1. Why is it important that we know scripture?
2. How did Jesus give us the blueprint to battle temptation?

### **Conclusion**

Jesus gives us the perfect example of how we are supposed to battle temptation. Jesus was tempted but never sinned because he never gave in to the temptations Satan was presenting. He fought the temptation with scripture and ultimately told Satan to get away, or as it says in the King James Version "Get Thee Hence."

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