

**Series: "TALK IS CHEAP"**  
**Part 2: "TACKLING TEMPTATION"**  
**Crossroads Community Church**  
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<sup>2</sup> Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, <sup>3</sup> because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. <sup>4</sup> Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. James 1:2-4 (NIV)

<sup>13</sup> When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; <sup>14</sup> but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. <sup>15</sup> Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death. James 1:13-15 (NIV)

**Trials can be experienced as....**

- \_\_\_\_\_ that leads to spiritual \_\_\_\_\_
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<sup>12</sup> Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him. James 1:12 (NIV)

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**Truths about temptations....**

1. They do \_\_\_\_\_ come from \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>12</sup> The man said, "The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it." Genesis 3:12 (NIV)

<sup>14</sup> but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. <sup>15</sup> 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 (NIV)

<sup>19</sup> For out of the heart come evil thoughts—murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander. <sup>20</sup> These are what defile a person; Matthew 15:19-20a (NIV)

2. They come from \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>14</sup> but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. James 1:14 (NIV)

3. They start with \_\_\_\_\_

4. They have \_\_\_\_\_ capabilities (see vs. 14-15)

<sup>13</sup> 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 (NIV)

<sup>16</sup> Don't be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters. James 1:16 (NIV)

<sup>17</sup> Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. <sup>18</sup> He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created. James 1:17-18 (NIV)

**How to defeat temptation....**

1. Trust that God's not \_\_\_\_\_ out on \_\_\_\_\_
2. Don't settle for \_\_\_\_\_ saying \_\_\_\_\_
3. Show your heart something more \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>25</sup> Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her <sup>26</sup> to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, <sup>27</sup> and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. Ephesians 5:25-27 (NIV)

\*\* Additional resources: Tim Keller – "Sin and Temptation" – gopelinlife.com