



PULPIT CURRICULUM

Authentic Survivor

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1. GOING DEEPER

James 1: 12-15

1.1) a) If we are saved by grace, not by works (Ephesians 2:8-9), why is receiving the crown of life dependent on persevering under trial? b) Where else in the Bible does it talk about the crown of life? c) What scriptures support the view that God will make a way of escape from temptation?

1.2) a) James 1:2-4 stated that God allows trials, yet in James 1:13 it says that God does not tempt us. How would you reconcile these two truths? b) What is the difference between a testing from God and a temptation? c) Read Genesis 22:1. In light of James 1:13, how would you explain this particular scripture?

1.3) a) Describe the progression from temptation to death as outlined in verses 14 to 15? b) When does a temptation become sin? c) If the strength of temptations lies in our "own" desires (verse 15), how can we conquer temptation?

2. ASSESS YOUR LIFE

2.1) To what extent are you able to overcome temptation?



I find it hard to overcome temptation



I am not very consistent in overcoming temptation



I am becoming more consistent in overcoming temptation



I am close to overcoming every temptation I am facing



I can overcome temptation in my life

2.2) What actions will you identify to be able to overcome temptations in your life?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Verse of The Week

James 1:12 (ESV)
Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him

3. APPLICATION

Of the list above, which one(s) will you be intentional about practicing this week? (*Who will hold you accountable?*)

Sermon Main Points

To overcome temptation as believers, we must:

- ✦ Be aware of the purpose of our trials
- ✦ Be aware of the source of temptation
- ✦ Be aware of the intention of temptation

Sermon Highlights

- ✦ *You cannot follow Christ and follow your flesh at the same time*
- ✦ *A trial is a test of our faith. It is an opportunity used by God for our growth and to draw us closer to Him*
- ✦ *An authentic survivor has to be able to detect temptation, know its source, know its intention, and resist it.*

There is purpose in your trial!

5 Day Study Plan

"Study to show yourself approved unto God..."

Day 1 **Ephesians 2:1-5**
 What I learned (observation / interpretation):
 How I will Respond (application):

Day 2 **1 Corinthians 3:1-3**
 What I learned:
 How I will Respond:

Day 3 **Hebrews 5:12-14**
 What I learned:
 How I will Respond:

Day 4 **Malachi 3:3**
 What I learned:
 How I will Respond:

Day 5 **Isaiah 48:10**
 What I learned:
 How I will Respond:



Observation (*What does the text say?*)

When observing the text, look for

- **Who...** *wrote the book ... who is it about ... who did/ said this?*
- **What...** *is happening?*
- **Where...** *did this take place?*
- **When...** *did it happen?*
- **Keywords** (significant, repeated, emphasized),
- **Transition words** (because, therefore, so then, but),
- **Commands** (clear action statements).



Interpretation (*What does the text mean?*)

When interpreting the text, examine

- **What is the main theme...** *what is the meaning of key words)?*
- **Read** cross references
- **Compare** translations
- **Summarize** the big idea
- **Use** commentaries (last thing)



Application (*How should this affect Me?*)

When applying the text, ask "How should this change the way I think, speak, act? Seek to identify

- **Sins** to confess?
- **Promises** to claim?
- **Examples** to follow?
- **Actions** to obey?
- **Knowledge** to grow in?