Message: Temptation Week 1: A Way of Escape

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 10:12-13

"So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. 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 of escape so you can stand up under it." 1 Corinthians 10:12-13

TEMPTATION IS ANYTHING THAT PROMISES <u>SATISFACTION</u> AT THE COST OF OBEDIENCE TO GOD.

FOUR TRUTHS ABOUT TEMPTATION

1. IT'S NOT A SIN TO BE TEMPTED.

"For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with [us], but one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet without sin." Hebrews 4:15

2. YOU ARE NEVER ABOVE TEMPTATION.

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3. GOD WILL NEVER TEMPT YOU.

"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. Temptation comes from our own desires, which entice us and drag us away. These desires give birth to sinful actions. And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death." James 1:13-15 (NLT)

4. THERE IS <u>ALWAYS</u> A WAY <u>OUT</u>.

"...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 of escape so you can stand up under it."

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