

## **MARCH MADNESS**

### **THE FIVE FOULS OF TEMPTATION**

#### **JESUS CAME TO GIVE US A CHAMPIONSHIP LIFE.**

**John 10:10 (TAB)** “The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have *and* enjoy life, and have it in abundance (to the full, till it overflows).”

**John 14:26 (ESV)** “But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.”

**Proverbs 4:23 (NIV)** Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.

**James 1:2–4 (NLT)** <sup>2</sup>Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. <sup>3</sup>For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. <sup>4</sup>So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.

**James 1:13–15 (NLT)** <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>Temptation comes from our own desires, which entice us and drag us away. <sup>15</sup>These desires give birth to sinful actions. And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death.

#### **1. THE FOUL OF DESIRE**

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

#### **2. THE FOUL OF DISTRACTION**

**James 1:14 (NLT)** Temptation comes from our own desires, which entice us and drag us away.

#### **3. THE FOUL OF DECEPTION**

**James 1:14 (GN)** But we are tempted when we are drawn away and trapped by our own evil desires.

**2 Corinthians 11:3 (NLT)** But I fear that somehow your pure and undivided devotion to Christ will be corrupted, just as Eve was deceived by the cunning ways of the serpent.

#### **4. THE FOUL OF DISOBEDIENCE**

**James 1:15 (NLT)** These desires give birth to sinful actions.

#### **5. THE FOUL OF DEATH**

**James 1:15 (NLT)** These desires give birth to sinful actions. And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death.

### **THREE IMPORTANT THINGS TO ALWAYS REMEMBER**

#### **1. REMEMBER YOUR COACH**

**James 1:16–18 (NLT)** <sup>16</sup>So don't be misled, my dear brothers and sisters. <sup>17</sup>Whatever is good and perfect is a gift coming down to us from God our Father, who created all the lights in the heavens. He never changes or casts a shifting shadow. <sup>18</sup>He chose to give birth to us by giving us his true word. And we, out of all creation, became his prized possession.

#### **2. REMEMBER YOUR TEAM**

#### **3. REMEMBER THE SEASON**