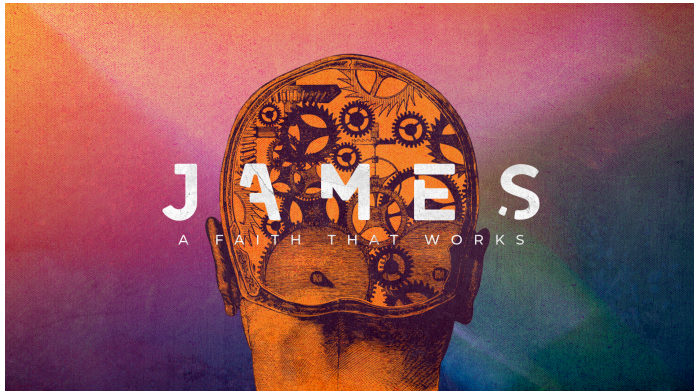


TAKE HOME SHEET



Series: James
Message: Finding Strength
Speaker: Rusty Coram
Date: February 15/16, 2020

1. What are some temptations you struggle with on a recurring basis?

2. Are there any temptations you have given up hope of ever overcoming?

3. How does knowing Jesus was tempted influence your thinking about temptation in your life?

4. Review the message notes. What is one thing you could do today to begin gaining better control over a temptation you are facing?

5. Memorize this verse we studied to strengthen your resolve:

¹² If you think you are standing strong, be careful not to fall. ¹³ The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure.

1 Corinthians 10:12-13 (NLT)

Extra Credit!

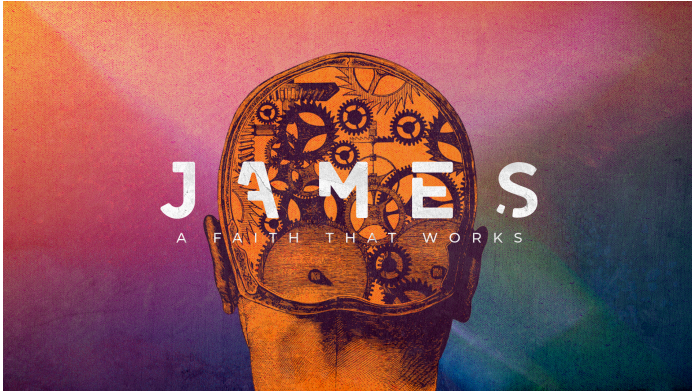
Read Matthew 3:13 - 4:11 and look at how Jesus fought temptation. Notice the temptation followed a spiritual “high” at his baptism. It is easy for us to get caught off-guard when things are going well.

Look for how Jesus addressed each temptation with truth from the Bible -- God’s word. This underscores how important it is to have a solid working knowledge of what the Bible says and not just fuzzy generalizations. Jesus was tempted to do things that were within His power and ability, and while you and I don’t have the ability to turn stones to bread, we do have many things within our capabilities that require obedience to God’s purposes and honor. *And*, we have Jesus’ power, through the Holy Spirit, to strongly resist things that God wants us to avoid and run from.

BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:

MSG – The Message
NIV – New International Version
NLT – New Living Translation
TLB – The Living Bible

MESSAGE NOTES



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¹³ 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. ¹⁴ Temptation comes from our own desires, which entice us and drag us away. ¹⁵ These desires give birth to sinful actions. And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death. ¹⁶ So don't be misled, my dear brothers and sisters.

James 1:13-16 (NLT)

temptation (def): the lure of something wrong with the promise of something good

1. Get real. Everyone is tempted.

Temptation isn't the problem...yielding to it is.

All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God's paths to follow our own.

Isaiah 53:6 (NLT)

2. Get ready. [1 Peter 4:1-3]

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1 Corinthians 10:12-13 (NLT)

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are--yet was without sin.

Hebrews 4:15 (NIV)

3. Get busy.

For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.

2 Timothy 1:7 (NLT)

Keep alert and pray. Otherwise temptation will overpower you. For the spirit indeed is willing, but how weak the body is!

Matthew 26:41 (TLB)

4. Get help.

Speak to each other about these things every day while there is still time so that none of you will become hardened against God, being blinded by the glamor of sin.

Hebrews 3:13 (TLB)

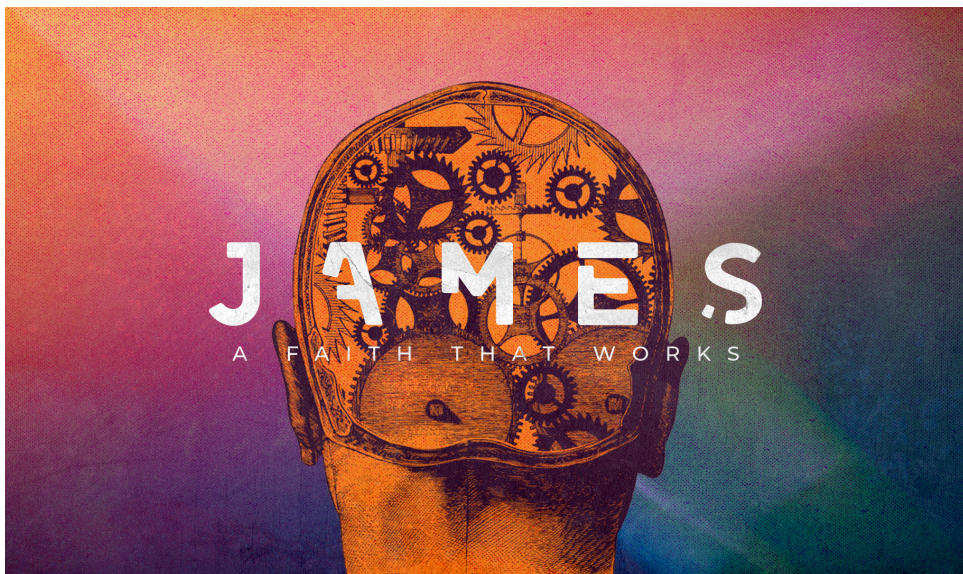
5. Get back up if you fall...and don't delay!

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9 (NIV)

Make this your common practice: Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you can live together whole and healed.

James 5:16 (MSG)



The Book of James is a powerful and intensely practical how-to manual for the Christian life. In this short letter, we learn how God has equipped us to face anything that comes our way with purpose, confidence, courage and hope. **This week: Finding Strength.** Temptation is something we all face and many of us struggle with in one form or another. There are deliberate steps we can take to help ourselves and others. As our faith is strengthened by endurance, we gain the self-control to remain strong.

FIRST TIME GUESTS

We promise we're not going to make you stand up in front of everyone or track you down, but we'd love to know you were here today! Simply fill out your communication card in the seat back in front of you and check the "First Time Guest" box. On your way out, stop by Guest Services at the front doors and get your FREE welcome gift. We're glad you are here!

**WE'RE
SO GLAD
YOU JOINED
US TODAY!**

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church

We're honored when people choose to do church with us. New Hope is for anyone who wants to seek God - from those exploring if He even exists, to devoted Christ-followers. Wherever you are, you'll find we are committed to showing the love of Jesus and helping people establish a relationship with Him. We are casual, laid-back and far from perfect. **ALL are welcome!**

TAKE CHARGE

Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong.

Calling all men of New Hope - we're having a one-day retreat.

Throughout the day, we'll hear from a variety of speakers about how to take charge in our work, personal, and spiritual lives as men of God. Mark your calendars for next Saturday, February 22nd from 7:30 am - 3:30 pm. We will meet in the New Hope Atrium. The cost is \$20 and lunch is included. Questions? Email mensministry@newhope.org. Sign up now at bit.ly/menfeb2020. And don't forget to invite a friend!

JOIN US
for an AREA-WIDE
WOMEN'S EVENT



LAURA STORY

FRESH GROUNDED FAITH
with Jennifer Rothschild and Friends

Woodbridge

MARCH 14, 2020



Join us for an area-wide women's event at First Baptist of Woodbridge from 9 am - 3 pm (doors open at 8 am). There's a special discount of \$43 if you purchase through New Hope (regular price is \$55). Tickets are limited - don't delay! Sign up now at bit.ly/northstarwomen. Questions? Please email Karenna.Rowenhorst@newhope.org.



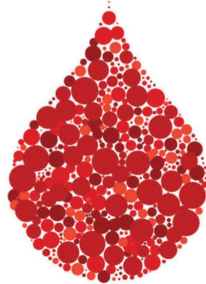
Ever wonder how the building is used during the week? It's filled with bright-eyed preschoolers and a loving staff of experienced teachers! We offer three, four and five day classes for children 2.5 to 5 years. Interested families are invited to schedule a tour to learn about our play-based curriculum and experience what sets Silo Center Preschool apart. Find us at www.silocenterpreschool.com.



Check out our new Family Ministry wall. Find out how you can be more intentional with the time you have and take some of our weekly parent resources. We want to help you connect home and church, so we make a bigger impact on our kids' futures.

You can also connect with us on social media. Join the Parents of New Hope Group on Facebook or search @nhcparents1 on Twitter.

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**GIVE A LITTLE.
GAIN A LOT.**

NEW HOPE BLOOD DRIVE COMING SATURDAY, MARCH 7TH

GIVE THE GIFT OF



HOPE & LOVE

This February, we want to focus on sharing our faith by giving the gift of love and hope to those in need. The Bible says,

¹⁴ What good is it, dear brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but don't show it by your actions? Can that kind of faith save anyone? ¹⁵ Suppose you see a brother or sister who has no food or clothing, ¹⁶ and you say, "Good-bye and have a good day; stay warm and eat well"—but then you don't give that person any food or clothing. What good does that do? ¹⁷ So you see, faith by itself isn't enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless.

James 2:14-17 (NLT)

As followers of Christ, when it's within our power to do good, God wants us to take the opportunity!

We have two partners we work with to help our neighbors around the world. They are **Hope 4 Kids International** (H4KI-hope4kidsinternational.org) and **Feed My Starving Children** (FMSC-fmsc.org). Both of these amazing organizations are focused on helping children around the world have a better tomorrow. We are committed to meeting the needs of 50 children through H4KI and providing meals that will feed 1,644 children this year through FMSC. **Will you join us?**

Sponsoring a child through H4KI costs just \$1 a day. For \$31 a month you can provide for basic needs, healthcare, educational tuition, cost of supplies and books. You will receive a picture and biographical information about the child you sponsor and have the opportunity to correspond with them.

Feeding a child for an entire year through FMSC costs just \$.24 a day or \$88 for the year. When we supply the food, ministry partners who work with these children are able to use their resources for education, medical and housing needs. The food is sent to the area of greatest need and although you won't see specific faces, once our food has shipped following our mobilepack in November, we will let you know the food's destination.

Will you share the gift of love and hope today? We have the opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus in a world that desperately needs Him.

HOPE
FOR HELP

STOP BY THE TABLE IN THE LOBBY TO SEE THE KIDS AVAILABLE FOR SPONSORSHIP.

VISIT GIVE.CLASSY.ORG/HOPEFORHELP TO MAKE A DONATION FOR MUCH NEEDED FOOD THROUGH FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN.

THANKS FOR GIVING THE GIFT OF HOPE!



FLOURISH

A MENTORING JOURNEY

We benefit from the wisdom and encouragement of those who have gone before us and reflect Jesus. A mentoring relationship between women can be rich soil for spiritual growth.

What Can I Expect?


FLOURISH is a one-year commitment that connects women in a curriculum-based mentoring relationship to encourage and challenge one another in their walk with Jesus.

Explore what the Scriptures say about topics such as: prayer, identity, calling, kinship and gratitude. Process these topics, and beyond, with a mentor who is ahead of you in life.

Journey through your life challenges and joys, while gaining the support of your mentor and fellow mentees, rooted in the Word of God.

Apply today or find out more information at bit.ly/nhmentee.

The cost is \$30 (Mentee Journal) and registration closes February 28th. Questions? Email Karena.Rowenhorst@newhope.org.



We're excited to offer training to teach ESL classes at New Hope! We are dedicated to this ministry because it not only helps people who live in our community, but also provides a way to share the good news of Jesus with the international community.

The training is two full days: Thursday and Friday, February 27th - 28th, from 9 am to 3 pm. New Hope will provide lunch and snacks. Sign up before February 24th at bit.ly/eslnewhope.

A graphic featuring a stylized sun with orange and red rays rising above blue and green waves. The sun is partially obscured by a white circular shape containing the text "Save the Date!".

**Save
the Date!**

We're taking current 6th-12th graders to Watermarks in Scottsville, VA for a week of summer camp from June 21-26. More info soon!

FINANCE UPDATE - JANUARY OFFERING

JANUARY BUDGET \$157,656

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**PARENT
CHILD** 
DEDICATION

Our next Parent/Child Dedication is on Saturday, March 21st at 10 am. We'll have parent information meetings after all services the weekend of February 29th/March 1st. If you know you're ready to get started, you can pick up a booklet at Children's Check-In, the Family Ministry Wall or Guest Services. Questions? Please email pcd@newhope.org.

mark your calendar

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Men's Retreat

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Mission Muffins

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Northstar
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Good Friday

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Easter Services

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Baptism
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5.24
Mission Muffins



The Landing is for students in 6th-12th grade who want help dealing with difficult life issues. It's a safe place to talk openly about real life, learn new ways of coping, and have a little fun. The Landing meets on Tuesdays from 7- 8:30 pm. Learn more at www.thingscansuck.com. You can also email info@thingscansuck.com or call 703.971.4673 ext 120. **This month we're talking about self-harm.** Join us to learn what God has to say about it.

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