

WHEN TEMPTATION COMES KNOCKING

MAIN TAKEAWAY

When temptation comes knocking, we must look to the Son of God and the Word of God—to know that temptation can be endured, there is a reward for endurance, and resisting temptation will bring happiness.

INTRODUCTION

How are New Year's resolutions connected to our need to resist temptation?

What are your spiritual goals for 2026?

UNDERSTANDING

READ LUKE 4:1-15

How did Jesus give us a model on how to deal with the devil and temptation?

How does knowing that Jesus succeeded where we fail compel us to rely on Him (Hebrews 4:14-16)?

When does temptation generally come? In what way does "the devil come after the dove"? What are the "opportune times" of temptation (v.13)?

Who does temptation come to? What is the difference in your experience with temptation before you became a Christian? How does a new spiritual perspective of temptation reveal God's work in your life?

Where is the best place to be when temptation comes? How does knowing the will of God impact your response to temptation?

What is the primary weapon we should use to resist temptation? How does the Word of God help you resist temptation (Psalm 119:9-11)?

READ JAMES 1:12-15

Testing and temptation can have a positive effect. How can testing and temptation impact spiritual growth (v. 12)? How have you experienced this?

Where does temptation generally come from? How do we play a key role in our own temptation (v.14-15)? Why are our thoughts so important?

Pastor Greg explained that sometimes we treat sin like a pet, or we can blame God for our sins. What is wrong with both perspectives? What is the difference between *testing* the Lord and *trusting* the Lord?

APPLICATION

We learned three vital things about temptation: it can be endured, there is a reward for those who endure it, and resisting temptation brings happiness. How can these truths shape your perspective for the next temptation (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)?

If the primary weapon to resist temptation is the Word of God, how are you using your “sword” (Ephesians 6:17; Hebrews 4:12)? How would you like to grow in knowing, reading, and memorizing God’s Word?

When the lies of temptation come knocking, what truths of God can you immediately think about (Isaiah 41:10; Matthew 28:20; Hebrews 2:14)?

PRAYER

Thank God for His promises and presence, especially when temptation comes knocking. Pray for strength and wisdom to resist temptation, rely on God’s forgiveness, and pursue godly resolutions.