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Title: Fighting the Giants Within Us - Temptation

Text: James 1:13-15

James 1:13-15 - When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

Temptation to sin is a common experience of everyone.

Temptation does not come from God.

Temptation is the tool of Satan he uses to entice us to sin.

Temptation begins when we give into our desires.

Temptation initially is not sin.

Temptation when acted upon births sin.

Unconfessed sin eventually leads to death.

What can we do to overcome temptation?

1. Hide God's word in our heart.

Psalms 119:11 - I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

2. Submit to God and Resist the Devil.

James 4:7 - Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

3. Pray for help daily for deliverance.

Matthew 6:13 - And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

4. Avoid people and places where the temptation is greatest.

1 Corinthians 15:33 - Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character."

5. Claim the victory by the power of Jesus Christ.

1 John 4:4 - You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.