

TEMPTATION

PLEASURE

POWER

ACCEPTANCE

COMFORT

CONTROL

STATUS

RELATIONSHIPS

MONEY

GOD'S WAY
OF ESCAPE



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WELCOME

Why should we do a family devotional?

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.” - Deuteronomy 6:4-8

As long as there have been a “people of God,” the command given to them has always been that they would be instructing their children in the way of the Lord. Scripture expects parents to be the primary disciplers of their children.

But teaching children is more than simply giving rules. It involves showing them HOW to obey the Lord by doing it yourself! These family devotionals are meant to equip you as an individual to grow in your understanding of the Lord and His Word, as well as providing parents with the resources and opportunities to demonstrate for their children what it looks like to pursue God.

How to use this devotional:

This is simply a resource for you to use however works best for your family! Each day there is a selected Scripture reading, devotional, discussion questions, a prayer prompt, and a song to sing together. You may consider splitting parts and having one family member read the Scripture while another reads the devotional and another leads the prayer. Feel free to read additional Scripture as you call to mind passages that relate to what was read. Sing more hymns and songs with your family than the one provided if you feel led to. Use this guide in whatever way helps you and your family draw nearer to the Lord together.

PAST WORSHIP GUIDES

Are you just now learning about these worship guides? Or maybe you were traveling and missed a week. Don't worry! These worship guides are written in a way so that they can be used for years to come.

All of our past worship guides are available on our website. Feel free to scroll and find the one that works for you and your family. The dates simply help you know when they were written, it doesn't mean you only have to read them the week that they were published!

Find those worship guides here:



<https://www.calvaryleavenworth.com/homeworship>

MONDAY

Everyone Faces Temptation

Read: James 1:12-16

Does everyone face temptation? The short answer is “Yes.” The bible presents temptation as something that every believer must be prepared to navigate. You never outgrow temptation. You will never get “too old” to deal with temptation. Hopefully, Lord willing, you will get better and better at navigating temptation as you age. James writes about temptation as something we all have to deal with. He speaks of temptation and even gives us some theological insight into where our temptation comes from. He makes sure to let us know that our temptation does not come from God. Temptation comes from our own desires. Just because you’re tempted to sin does not mean that you are uniquely sinful or have some kind of spiritual deficiency. Everyone experiences temptation. Even Jesus was tempted to sin! The question is not “Will I ever be tempted?” but “What will I do when I am tempted?” Jesus experienced temptation without sinning, and with the help of the Holy Spirit in your life, you can too.

How can knowing that everyone faces temptation keep you from feeling alone or ashamed when you're tempted?

What's the difference between being tempted to sin and actually choosing to sin?

Why do you think Satan wants us to believe that we're the only ones who struggle with a particular temptation?

What are some different ways a person might respond when temptation comes?

What usually makes temptation harder to resist?

Pray

Thank God for being there with you in your moments of temptation.

Sing

Christus Victor

CHRISTUS VICTOR

O Most High, King of the ages
Great I AM, God of wonders
By the blood, You have redeemed us
Led us through mighty waters
Our strength, our song, our sure salvation

Chorus

Now to the Lamb upon the throne
Be blessing, honor, glory, power
For the battle You have won
Hallelujah! Amen

O Most High, dwelling among us
Son of Man sent for sinners
By Your blood, You have redeemed us
Spotless Lamb, mighty Savior
Who lived, who died, who rose victorious

Chorus 2

Now to the Lamb upon the throne
Be blessing, honor, glory, power
For the battle You have won
Hallelujah!

With every tribe and every tongue
We join the anthem of the angels
In the triumph of the Son
Hallelujah! Amen



TUESDAY

Know Where Temptation Leads

Read: James 1:14-15

James basically gives us the temptation playbook. We start with our own sinful desire. Our sinful nature takes care of this. We have a desire to do what feels good in the moment. That desire is a sinful one because it makes us the god of our life, and neglects to think about what glorifies God in the moment. If we don't notice what our temptation is doing, we are then enticed and lured in by our desires. This is much like what happened in the Garden of Eden. Eve desired the fruit of the tree and was enticed by the notion of being like God. Then what happened? Adam and Eve sinned. This is the consequence of not taking temptation seriously in our own lives as well. We desire, we are enticed, and then we sin. That sin only leads to death. Death is the payment that sin demands. God sent His Son to die on a cross for the sin of those who would believe and have faith in Him. Temptation leads to death if we are not careful with our lives.

According to James, where does temptation begin?

Why is it important to understand that temptation can begin with something happening inside of us?

What are some desires that can become sinful when we put them ahead of what God wants?

What are some lies temptation tells us? For example: "Nobody will know," "It won't hurt anyone," "You deserve this," or "You can stop whenever you want."

James gives us a progression: desire → enticement → sin → death. Where in that progression do you think we most often have an opportunity to stop?

Pray

Pray that God would equip you to stand strong against temptation.

Sing

Jesus is Better

JESUS IS BETTER

There is no other, so sure and steady
My hope is held in Your hand
When castles crumble, and breath is fleeting
Upon this Rock I will stand
Upon this Rock I will stand

Chorus

Glory, glory, we have no other king
But Jesus, Lord of all
We raise the anthem, our loudest praises ring
We crown Him Lord of all

Your kindly rule has shattered and broken
The curse of sin's tyranny
My life is hidden 'neath Heaven's shadow
Your crimson flood covers me
Your crimson flood covers me
Your crimson flood covers me

Bridge

In all my sorrows, Jesus is better
Make my heart believe
In every vict'ry, Jesus is better
Make my heart believe
Than any comfort, Jesus is better
Make my heart believe
More than all riches, Jesus is better
Make my heart believe
Our souls declaring, Jesus is better
Make my heart believe
Our song eternal, Jesus is better
Make my heart believe



WEDNESDAY

Run to God's Word

Read: Matthew 4:1-11

I don't know if you have ever gone on a 40-day fast, but I have done it multiple times. You would think it gets easier the more you do it, but the truth is... it doesn't get easier. It seems to get more and more difficult! Why?

Because you start to miss food. You begin to miss the sensation of chewing food and the taste of it in your mouth. You better believe that after 40 days of fasting, one would certainly be hungry! In my 40-day fasts, if someone would have offered me some delicious food, I'd have a tough time saying "no" to that offer. Even though Jesus was 40 days without food and very hungry, when Satan offered him food, what does Jesus do? He uses Scripture to protect Him from falling to that temptation. He relies upon Scripture from Deuteronomy to be His strength when He had none. Satan appealed to Jesus' sense of hunger and identity. When that didn't work, Satan tried to appeal to a desire for power. In each case, Jesus responded with Scripture. When we're tempted to sin, we should run to God's Word to give us strength when we have none.

Why do you think temptation can become especially powerful when we're tired, hungry, angry, lonely, or emotionally weak?

Jesus was physically weak after fasting for 40 days, but He responded to Satan with Scripture. What does this teach us about where our strength ultimately comes from?

Why do you think Jesus responded to Satan with Scripture rather than simply telling Satan to leave Him alone?

Jesus quoted Deuteronomy when He was tempted. What does that tell us about the importance of knowing God's Word before temptation comes?

Pray

Thank God for His Word and how effective it is in protecting us when tempted.

Sing

Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery

COME BEHOLD THE WONDROUS MYSTERY

Come behold the wondrous mystery
In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity
In our longing, in our darkness
Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery
He the perfect Son of Man
In His living, in his suffering
Never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law, in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption
See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Slain by death, the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain him
Praise the Lord, He is alive
What a foretaste of deliverance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As will we be when He comes

[Outro]

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Slain by death, the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain him
Praise the Lord, He is alive



THURSDAY

God Provides a Way Out

Read: 1 Corinthians 10:12-13

We learned earlier this week that God does not tempt us. Now we also learn that God will provide a way out to escape that temptation. God equips us to be able to find our way out of the temptation with His help, not on our own, but through His strength. As we learned yesterday, His Word is a key way of escape. It may not always be convenient to open up the Bible in the middle of our distress. So that is why it is important to hide God's Word in our hearts so that we have God's Word ready for us to use in our battle against temptation. In our text today, Paul does not promise that temptation will go away over time. He does promise that God is faithful to provide a way for us to endure the temptation, and that He will not leave us on our own in the midst of it.

What does it mean that God provides "a way of escape" when we are tempted? Does that mean temptation will always disappear?

What are some "ways of escape" God might provide when you're tempted?

Why might we sometimes ignore the way of escape God has provided?

What does it mean to "hide God's Word in your heart"? How is that different from simply owning a Bible or reading it occasionally?

Why is relying on our own willpower dangerous when fighting temptation?

Pray

Thank God for providing a way out of temptation without sinning.

Sing

Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus

TIS SO SWEET TO TRUST IN JESUS

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
and to take him at his word;
just to rest upon his promise,
and to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

Chorus

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him!
How I've proved him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust him more!

O how sweet to trust in Jesus,
just to trust his cleansing blood;
and in simple faith to plunge me
neath the healing, cleansing flood! [Refrain]

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,
just from sin and self to cease;
just from Jesus simply taking
life and rest, and joy and peace.



FRIDAY

You Are Not Alone in Temptation

Read: Hebrews 4:14-16

This week's devotionals have pointed to one person who will be with us and help us through our temptations: Jesus Christ. My prayer is that you have heard "Run to Jesus" this week, and that you have not heard "Try Harder." Trying harder won't work in the long run to be successful against temptation. We can run to Jesus in our temptations because there is no temptation that we have experienced that He hasn't also experienced. In a sense, Jesus is like us as He has also experienced every type of temptation known to man. But in another sense, Jesus is not like us at all, as He never would succumb to temptation. When we struggle, we don't have to hide from Him in shame, we can run to Him for support and strength. We can approach His throne of grace and find His mercy and grace there to help us in our hour of need. He has successfully defeated temptation, sin, and death. Let's run to Jesus in our temptation. We are not alone. Jesus is inviting you to come to Him for the grace you need to stand firm.

What is the difference between "try harder" and "run to Jesus" when you're struggling with temptation?

Why do you think our first instinct can be to try harder or rely on ourselves instead of turning to Jesus?

How is Jesus both like us and unlike us when it comes to temptation? Why are both truths important?

When we give in to temptation and sin, why might shame make us want to hide from Jesus?

What are some things you can pray when you're being tempted? What could you ask Jesus to help you with in that moment?

Pray

Praise God for His Son, Jesus, who is our rescuer.

Sing

Fairest Lord Jesus

FAIREST LORD JESUS

Fairest Lord Jesus,
ruler of all nature,
O thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish,
Thee will I honor,
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows,
fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer
who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine,
fairer still the moonlight,
and all the twinkling starry host:
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior!
Lord of all the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine.



Oh come,
let us
worship
and bow down;

let us
kneel
before the
Lord,
our Maker!

—♥—
Psalm 95:6

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"Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you."

Mark 5:19

