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Pastor: Randy Thomas

14th Sunday after Pentecost - Green

September 6, 2020



**Better**

Because normal isn't working.

## HERE TO SERVE

District Superintendent..... Eduardo Rivera  
Today's pianist.....Victor Gene Robbins  
Technical Support.....Vic Ivy & Ray Griffith  
Secretary / Bookkeeper.....Christina Duarte  
Children's Service Leader.....  
Nursery Attendant.....Antonia Terrazas  
Custodian.....Alexis Duarte & Delia Dutchover

# **BLENDED WORSHIP SERVICE**

September 6, 2020

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus #462

**PRAYER**

**HYMN**

Pass it on #572

**PRAYER & PRAISE CARD/MORNING PRAYER/LORDS PRAYER**

**PRAISE & WORSHIP**

I Saw the Light

Lord, I Lift Your Name

Shout To The Lord

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

James 1:13-15

**MESSAGE**

**HOW TO OVERCOME TEMPTATION**

By Pastor Randy Thomas

**INVITATION TO RECEIVE CHRIST AND ALTAR TIME / JOIN**

**THE CHURCH**

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Please let us pray for you and help you any way we can.  
Please fill out your prayer/praise card in you bulletin, and  
place it in the offering.

# HOW TO OVERCOME TEMPTATION

## James 1:13-15 (NKJV)

<sup>13</sup> Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. <sup>14</sup> But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. <sup>15</sup> Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

## I. TEMPTATION IS BEING ENTICED BY SATAN

### James 1:13-14 (NLT2)

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.

- \*Temptation is being drawn away by our own selfish desires & enticed to do wrong.
- \*Greek word for enticed means to lure with a bait.
- \*Satan lures us with temptations and knows our weaknesses.
- \*Temptation isn't sin. Sin is acting on temptation and entertaining impure and wrong thoughts.

## II. TEMPTATION CAN BE OVERCOME

### 1 Corinthians 10:13 (NLT2)

<sup>13</sup> 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.

### Matthew 4:2-11 (MSG)

<sup>2</sup> Jesus prepared for the Test by fasting forty days and forty nights. That left him, of course, in a state of extreme hunger, <sup>3</sup> which the Devil took advantage of in the first test: "Since you are God's Son, speak the word that will turn these stones into loaves of bread." <sup>4</sup> **Jesus answered by quoting Deuteronomy:** "It takes more than bread to stay alive. It takes a steady stream of words from God's mouth." <sup>5</sup> For the second test the Devil took him to the Holy City. He sat him on top of the Temple and said, <sup>6</sup> "Since you are God's Son, jump." The Devil goaded him by quoting Psalm 91: "He has placed you in the care of angels. They will catch you so that you won't so much as stub your toe on a stone." <sup>7</sup> **Jesus countered with another citation from Deuteronomy:** "Don't you dare test the Lord your God." <sup>8</sup> For the third test, the Devil took him on the peak of a huge mountain. He gestured expansively, pointing out all the earth's kingdoms, how glorious they all were. <sup>9</sup> Then he said, "They're yours—lock, stock, and barrel. Just go down on your knees and worship me, and they're yours." <sup>10</sup> Jesus' refusal was curt: "Beat it, Satan!" **He backed his rebuke with a third quotation from Deuteronomy:** "Worship the Lord your God, and only him. Serve him with absolute single-heartedness." <sup>11</sup> The Test was over. The Devil left. And in his place, angels! Angels came and took care of Jesus' needs.

- \*Satan used temptations that appealed to the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, & the pride of life.
- \*Jesus quoted God's Word to combat Satan.
- \*Jesus rebuked and resisted Satan: "Get lost"
- \*Steps to overcome Satan's temptation:
  - Recognize the sin that one is tempted to commit. Don't justify it.
  - Take the Word of God and find a Bible verse to overcome the temptation.
  - Choose to glorify God by not succumbing to the temptation.
  - Consider this: what will be the consequences if you sin.

## III. TEMPTATION CAN LEAD TO SIN

\*In II Samuel 11, King David does not lead his army in battle as is the custom. Arno Gaebelein: "He had been in self-indulgence and was self-satisfied with his great achievements. The spirit which characterized later Nebuchadnezzar when he walked in his palace puffed up with

pride, which preceded his great humiliation, was no doubt David's spirit also. Had he remained in the presence of the Lord, humble and depending on Him, as we saw him after the Lord had spoken through Nathan this awful sin would not have happened."

**James 1:15 (NLT2)**

These desires give birth to sinful actions. And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death.

\*David commits adultery with Bathsheba and plots the death of her husband.

\*Temptation leads to sinful action which produces spiritual death.

\*David admits his sin when the prophet Nathan confronts him saying "You are the man."

\*Steps to restoration when one sins.

1. Repent and Rest. Repentance is true sorrow for personal sin. Admit it to God. **Is. 30:15**

**Prayer:** "Lord, I hate the fact that I have sinned, yet I alone am responsible and am willing to turn from temptation and trust in You. Lord, instead of doing what I want, I will rest and wait to know Your will."

2. Return. Cry out for help from God and He will hear you and answer. **Isaiah 30:19**

**Prayer:** "Lord, I turn to You for help, and I thank You for hearing and answering my call."

3. Receive. Listen to Him in prayer and the Word and He will show you His path. **Is 30:21**

**Prayer:** "Lord, I am ready to receive Your road map and to walk on the road that you choose for me"

4. Recover. Surrender to God & you will not be in bondage to sin. **Isaiah 30:22**

**Prayer:**

"Lord, I am getting rid of everything that has had control over me so that You can be in control of my life."

5. Rejoice. God always blesses those who live in communion with Him. **Isaiah 30:23-26**

**Prayer:**

"Lord, thank You for healing my heart and promising to accomplish Your purpose for me."

NOTES:

**\*Please notice the next steps for your card.**

NEXT STEPS

I just accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Savior.

I just recommitted my life to Jesus Christ.

I will take the steps above to overcome temptations.

I will memorize the memory verse this week.

Please mark your next step on your Prayer Card and place it in the offering.

Then, keep the next step above as a reminder for the upcoming week.

MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK

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# UPDATES

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- ⇒ Happy Birthday:
  - Emily Neyland September 8th
  - Kate Ward September 9th
  - Trell Herrera September 14th
  - DA Herral September 23rd
  
- ⇒ Happy Anniversary to Randy and Brenda Thomas on September 12th
  
- ⇒ The annual charge conference will be Monday, October 19th at noon. The following committees will meet as follow to prepare:
  - ◇ Lay Leadership: Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>
  - ◇ SPRC: Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>
  - ◇ Finance: Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>
  - ◇ Administrative Board: Sunday October 11<sup>th</sup>
  
- ⇒ Join us Monday September 14th for a Prayer Meeting at 7pm in the parlor.
  
- ⇒ All sermons and bulletins can be found on our website: **fsfumc.com**, as well as other updates and important information.
  
- ⇒ El Buen Vecino at 401 S. Valentine is now open for those who need their services. Tuesday and Thursday 2-5, Wednesday 1-5
  
- ⇒ We have a Food Bank. If you or someone you know can use that service, the office is ready to help Mondays through Thursdays: 9-12 noon and 1-3 pm

**WITH OUR GIFTS**

Received last Sunday...Tithes & Offerings.....\$2,550.00

**WITH OUR PRESENCE**

Last Sunday's Morning Service.....23  
YouTube Views (as of Thursday).....7

**FUMC MISSION STATEMENT**

New. Life. Now.

**WITH OUR PRAYERS**

Ruth & Emily Neyland have  
continuing health issues,  
Johnnie & Olga Rivera.  
Kay Magee.  
Denna Sadler.  
Rosie Hopkins & Susie  
Vestal, her mom.  
Sara Borden.  
Melba Ward.  
Sylvia Thomas.  
Eva Gail Abington.

Kate Finley, Jessica  
McGuire Harral's niece.  
Kelli Neeb Kemp.  
Mark Walker, Cheryl  
Neeb's brother, who is in  
critical condition.  
Adrienne & Jim Horton and  
family , who lost their  
daughter unexpectedly.

