



“James”

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TALK IT OVER

Discuss these questions with someone – maybe a family member, friend, or member of your LifeGroup. Use a communication method that works best for your situation.

A Faith that Counters My Bad Habits Pt 1

- James 1:12-16

Do you realize we are not powerless to resist temptation?

Hebrews 12:1

9 Counter moves to resist temptation

1. Know My default Coping Strategy. James 1:5
2. Know my emotional triggers. (What makes me vulnerable?)
3. Learn My Patterns
 - When am I most tempted?
 - Where am I most tempted?
 - Who is with me when I’m most tempted?
 - What temporary benefit do I get if I give in?
 - How do I feel right before I’m tempted?
4. Plan to avoid those situations! Prov. 4:26-27.
5. Ask God for Help. Psalm 50:15; Hebrews 4:15-16

(Counter moves 6- 9 continued next week)

✓ **When you follow Jesus, you find true Life.**

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- Read James 1:12-16. What is difference between a trial and a temptation?
 - Read 1 John 5:4-5. Do you realize we are **not** powerless to resist Satan?
 - Read Hebrews 12:1. Have you identified your default coping Strategy?
 - Read Prov. 4:23. Do you know your emotional triggers?
 - Read Prov. 14:8. Think through your patterns of vulnerability? –When am I most tempted? – Where am I most tempted? – Who is with me when I’m most tempted? – What temporary benefit do I get if I give in? - How do I feel right before I’m tempted?
 - Read Prov. 4:26-27. What is your plan to avoid those situations?
 - Read Psalm 50:15; Hebrews 4:15-16. Spend some time and ask God for help in prayer.
 - Join us for our Streaming Services on Gateway Facebook or YouTube Church at Home.

A Faith That Works

September's Memory Verse – *Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation, Colossians 1:15 (NLT)*

Monday 9/14- Read 1 Corinthians 15:12-19

Question: Why is the resurrection of Jesus so integral to the Christian faith?

Truth: *If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.*

Meditate: 1 Corinthians 15:17 – *And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.*

Prayer: Father God, I'm so thankful that Jesus lives and that I too will be raised by you.

Action: Love God and share the hope of Christ with others.

Who I will share Christ with today:

Tuesday 9/15- Read 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

Question: What is the last enemy to be destroyed by Jesus? Why do you think that is?

Truth: *The last enemy to be destroyed is death. Vs. 26*

Meditate: 1 Corinthians 15:22 – *For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.*

Prayer: Jesus, I will follow you. God has given you all authority in heaven and on earth.

Action: Live for Christ each and every day.

What God is telling

ME: _____

Wednesday 9/16- Read 1 Corinthians 15:29-34

Question: If the dead are not raised by God, then what impact does that have on the meaning of life?

Truth: *If the dead are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die."*

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

Prayer: Lord Jesus, I will live my life with your purpose and hope.

Action: Let the joy of the Lord be my strength.

What can I thank God

for: _____

Thursday 9/17 Read John 20:24-31

Question: Who does Jesus describe as being blessed?

Truth: *Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." Vs. 29*

Meditate: John 20:31- *But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.*

Prayer: Lord Jesus, you live and my life is blessed trusting in you.

Action: Jesus answered, *"The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent."* John 6:29

What God is telling me:

Friday 9/18- Read 1 Peter 4:7-11

Question: Why is learning to Love God and Love Others so crucial?

Truth: *Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.*

Meditate: 1 Peter 4:10- *Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.*

Prayer: Lord God, may both my words and my service bring glory to your Name.

Action: Love God and Love Others and Make Disciples.

Who will I love this week and invite to our church:

VERSE 1

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness,
whose love is mighty and so much stronger
The King of glory the King above all kings.
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder,
Who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder
The King of glory, the King above all kings.

CHORUS

*This is amazing grace! This is unfailing love!
That You would take my place,
that You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life, that I would be set free
Oh, Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me*

VERSE 2

Who brings our chaos back into order,
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter
The King of glory, the King of Glory
Who rules the nations with truth and justice,
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of glory, the King above all kings.

BRIDGE

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
Worthy , worthy, worthy oh...

VERSE 1

Before I spoke a word, You were singing over me.
You have been so, so good to me.
Before I took a breath, You breathed Your life in me.
You have been so, so kind-- to me.

CHORUS

Oh the overwhelming, never-ending,
reckless love of God
Oh, it chases me down, fights 'till I'm found,
leaves the ninety-nine. I couldn't earn it.
I don't deserve it. Still, You give yourself away.
Oh the overwhelming, neverending,
reckless love of God

VERSE 2

When I was Your foe, still Your love fought for me.
You have been so, so good to me.
When I felt no worth, You paid it-- all for me.
You have been so, so kind-- to me.

BRIDGE

There's no shadow You won't light up,
mountain You won't climb up, coming after me
There's no wall You won't kick down, no lie You won't
tear down, coming after me

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Bless the Lord Oh my soul, Oh my soul
worship His holy name
Sing like never before, Oh my soul,
I'll worship Your holy **name**

V1

The Sun comes up it's a new day dawning;
It's time to sing Your song again,
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me---,
Let me be singing when the evening comes

V2

You're rich in love and Your slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing;
Ten Thousand reasons for my heart to find

V3

And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near and my time has come;
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending---;
Ten Thousand years and then forever more!
(Forever more!)

V1

Amazing Grace How sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me---
I once was lost, but now I'm found,
Was blind but now I see

V2

T'was Grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear,
the hour I first believed

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*My chains are gone, I've been set free,
My God my savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns,
Unending love, amazing grace*

V3

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures; He will my shield
and portion be, as long as life endures

V4

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
the sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below,
will be forever mine will be forever mine
You are forever mine

