

Genesis 3:1-13; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Matthew 4:1-11

## - The aim of every temptation is to test our faith!

- The faith that God gives through His Spirit is both dynamic and active!
- The Devil offers us temptation to keep us from fixing our eyes upon the things of God.
  - Our sin is bound to our failure to resist temptation, not in our struggling with it!
  - We do the devil’s work when we intentionally cause others to sin. (Matthew 18:7)
  - There is no limit to the ways that the Devil would seduce us into sinning.
- While the Devil uses temptation (*tentatio seductionis*) to devour and destroy our faith, God also allows temptations (*tentatio probationis*) to test our faith and lead us closer to Him!

## - The temptations we fear most are where God demonstrates the greatest power!

- Ugly temptations are the easiest to flee from, the strongest temptations are the ones we **don’t** want to resist!
- We are all afflicted by demons that work in our temptations to drive us away from faith.
  - When our coping mechanisms are tied to our temptations we require an intervention!
  - How we see this struggle changes the battle plan for how we overcome it
  - Our ability to resist temptation can only come from the One who has power over our demons!
- Temptation reveals our own weakness and further demonstrates God’s strength for us!

## - Temptations draw on our weakness, God fills us with HIS strength to endure it!

- The Devil attempts to hide his intentions in the shadows of our temptations, yet they are made plain when we keep them in the light!
  - Who holds you accountable to remain faithful in the face of temptation?
  - How do we tell the story of God’s strength in our moments of great weakness?
  - Where can we see God using those struggles to walk with others in faith?
- God gives us strength to overcome EVERY temptation (1 Corinthians 10:13)...  
...and gives us the gift of repentance and forgiveness when we fall short!
- God stands in the Shadows of our temptations to shed Light for our means of escaping it!

