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One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “**Lord, teach us to pray,** just as John taught his disciples.”



**Luke 11:1 (NIV)**



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Jesus taught us to talk to God because  
God wants you to talk to Him!

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“This, then, is how you should pray: “ ‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. **And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.**’



**Matthew 6:9–13 (NIV)**



*God will never tempt me to  
do evil*

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For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone;



James 1:13 (NIV)



# *God will allow me to be in difficult situations*

- God will never tempt me to do evil



And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.” At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.



Mark 1:11–13 (NIV)



Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.

Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.



James 1:2–4 (NIV)



I can do all this through him who gives me strength.



Philippians 4:13 (NIV)



But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.”

Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.



2 Corinthians 12:9 (NIV)





Temptation can be a  
steppingstone or a  
stumbling block.

The same stone can be  
used for either purpose.

# *I will be tempted to do evil*

- God will never tempt me to do evil
- God will allow me to be in difficult situations for my own good



**When tempted**, no one should say, “God is tempting me.”  
For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt  
anyone;



**James 1:13–18 (NIV)**



# *I have an enemy within*

- God will never tempt me to do evil
- God will allow me to be in difficult situations for my own good
- I will be tempted to do evil



but each person is tempted when they are dragged away  
by their own evil desire and enticed.



James 1:14 (NIV)





Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, **let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles.** And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us,



**James 1:14 (NIV)**





So the trouble is not with the law, for it is spiritual and good. The trouble is with me, for I am all too human, a slave to sin.

I don't really understand myself, for I want to do what is right, but I don't do it. Instead, I do what I hate.



Romans 7:14–15 (NLT)

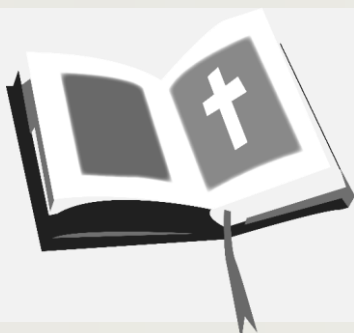


We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin.

For when we died with Christ we were set free from the power of sin.



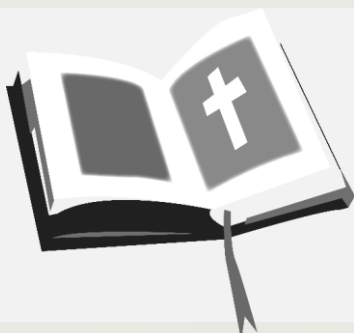
Romans 6:6–7 (NLT)



Do not let sin control the way you live; do not give in to sinful desires.



Romans 6:12 (NLT)



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*Recognizing I am vulnerable is the first step to overcoming temptation.*

# *God can give me victory over temptation*

- God will never tempt me to do evil
- God will allow me to be in difficult situations for my own good
- I will be tempted to do evil
- I have an enemy within



Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.



Hebrews 2:18 (NIV)



No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear.

But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.



1 Corinthians 10:13 (NIV)



A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.

Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil.



Ephesians 6:10–11 (NLT)



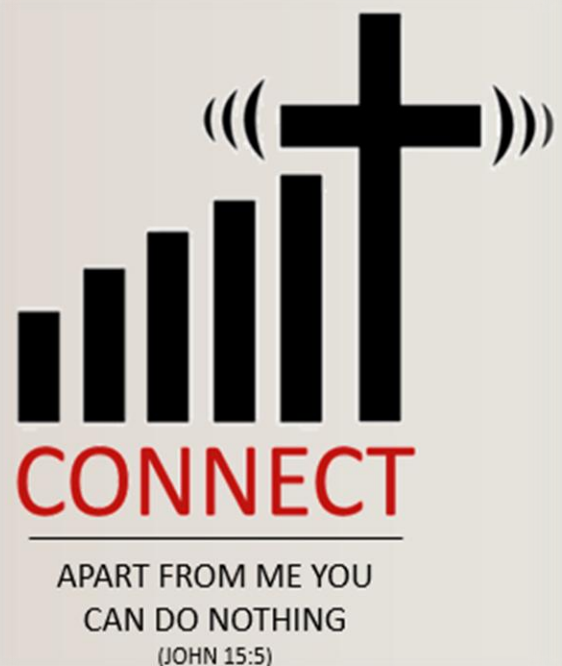
“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.



John 15:5 (NIV)



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- God will allow me to be in difficult situations for my own good
- I will be tempted to do evil
- I have an enemy within
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Draw near to God and He will draw near to you...



James 4:8 (NIV)





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