



Wage War – Matthew 6:13

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Ephesians 6:17-18

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Matthew 4:1

How can that be?

Peirosmos can mean _____, _____ or _____.

When tempted by the devil, Jesus responds each time
with _____ and stands strong.

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empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who
has been tempted in every way, just as we are – yet he
did not sin. Let us then approach God's throne of
grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy
and find grace to help us in our time of need."*
Hebrews 4:15-16

But deliver us from the evil one.

*"No temptation has overtaken you except what is common
to us all. 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."*
I Corinthians 10:13

Three promises:

1. You are not _____.
2. You can _____ it.
3. There is always a _____.

Temptation will come but you can stand strong.

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Questions based on Sermon from January 29, 2023

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****Note to Growth Group Guides:*** *Don’t feel the need to go through every question with your group. Select the questions you will ask before each meeting and use the rest for personal scripture study and reflection.*

Getting to Know Me

1. Think back to preparing for tests, games, or concerts... when you were younger. How did you prepare for these?
2. What was your biggest challenge this week?

Digging Deeper

3. As you listened to the sermon this week, what new insight or lesson most hit home for you?
4. What thoughts and feelings do you wrestle with when temptation comes your way?
5. Read 1 Corinthians 10:13. What three promises do you see in this passage? List them here:
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
6. Read Psalm 119:9-11. What role does God play in keeping us pure? What role do we play?

7. Take turns reading the following passages and discuss the actions you can take to be victorious when temptations come into your life:
 - a. 2 Corinthians 10:5
 - b. Philippians 4:6-8
 - c. Colossians 2:8
 - d. Colossians 3:1
 - e. James 4:7

8. In Ephesians 6:10-20, Paul outlines how we can suit up to wage war and stand strong against temptation. What does it look like to take up this armor of God in your everyday life? What role does prayer play in this spiritual battle (vv. 18-20)?

Where Do I Go from Here?

Trials and temptations are part of our lives. Just like the potholes we try to avoid while driving our country roads, we need strategies to deal with temptation as soon as we become aware of them.

9. Pray and consider the strategies and instructions God provides to be victorious over our temptations.
10. Write out a plan of action to ensure you are ready when the time comes that you need to resist temptation. (For some additional helps, go to rmchurch.org/resources.)

In Closing:

Consider pairing off and praying for one another this week to stand strong against temptation when it rises up.

Father God, you freely give wisdom to those who ask. You tell me to watch and pray so that I will not fall into temptation. I need you to open my eyes so I both watch and actually see what may be hidden. Help me to identify the potholes in my life. Give me clarity of thought so I recognize sinful dangers in time to escape them. Help me glorify your Son in everything I do in my life. In Jesus’ name, I pray. Amen.

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