



James 1:13–18 (NIV)

¹³ When tempted, no one should say, “God is tempting me.” For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; ¹⁴ but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. ¹⁵ Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death. ¹⁶ Don’t be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters. ¹⁷ Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. ¹⁸ He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

Basic Training: How To's for Living for God in the Real World

James 1:13-18
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Two Types of Trials

- External _____
- Internal _____

What _____ is Satan using to tempt you to _____ ?

The Big Idea

Our good God _____ gives us what we need to overcome _____ temptation.

Three Choices I Can Always Make to Overcome Any Temptation

- 1) Choose to _____ in, not _____, God during times of tempting.
- 2) Choose to _____ away from, not _____ along with, evil.
- 3) Choose to _____ up, not _____ around, for fulfillment.

Applying It to My Life

- _____ my sinfulness and struggle with _____
- _____ in Jesus's sufficiency to overcome sin
- _____ Christ as Savior and Lord and turn from my sin to trust Him

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

For the week of February 9-15

1. What about your current season of life excites or frustrates you?

SERMON OVERVIEW

2. Think back to the sermon. Was there an idea or expression that spoke to you, or was there anything said that challenged or confused you?

DIGGING IN

Read James 1:13-18

3. Given the context of this chapter and book, how would you summarize the primary theme of this passage?
4. What truth(s) does this passage teach us about God? Us?
5. In verses 14-15, James describes how temptation progresses to sin, eventually leading to death. Can you identify moments in your life where you've seen this progression?
6. What are some warning signs that you're moving from temptation toward sin?
7. What practical ways can you interrupt the temptation cycle described in verses 14-15?
8. Are there specific habits, scriptures, or accountability structures that have helped you overcome temptation in the past?

Break into smaller groups to discuss the following two sections together.

FULL LIFE GROWTH PLAN

9. What specific step from your growth plan are you committed to taking over the next ten weeks?
10. What progress have you made with your spiritual growth plan over the past week?
11. How can this group encourage you as you grow deeper in your relationship with God?

APPLYING IT

12. What area of your life do you feel most vulnerable to temptation right now? How can we pray for and support you?
13. How can we pray for you as you take action on your Full Life Growth Plan?

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LIFEHOUSE HIGHLIGHTS

VIP Celebration: February 23 12-1:30pm. If you serve or have given financially at TLC this year we want to celebrate YOU! Let us treat you to a catered lunch like the Very Important Person you are! We couldn't do it without you!

Life Group Sign Ups: It's not too late to find your group and grow in faith and community!

Baptism: Our next baptism is February 16, if you are interested in being baptized contact Pastor Zach, Zach@TheLifehouseChurch.com.

Next Steps: Sunday, March 3 12:15 - 2:15 pm, If you want to take your next steps at our church, this experience will help you connect and make you eligible to go through the process of becoming a member at Lifehouse.

Kid's Ministry Sundays: 9:30 and 10:45am, Kids nursery - 5th grade, kids join us in the Kid's Wing for a safe, age-appropriate fun, creative, engaging Bible Lesson.

Middle School Sunday Service: 9:30am in the Student Room. 6th through 8th graders; come and join the fun!

Student Ministry Wednesday Gathering: 6:30 - 8:00pm in the Student Room. 6th-8th and 9th-12th graders; come and join in the games, worship, and lessons.

Young Adults: Tuesdays, 7 - 8:30pm at the Vasquez home. For more information, contact CJ@TheLifehouseChurch.com.

AA Recovery Group, "Grace Abounds" on Thursday from 6:30pm - 7:30pm at Lifehouse.



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