

First Words:

1 Corinthians 10:13 - *No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.*

1. Temptations are a _____
2. Temptations are _____
3. Temptations are _____
4. Temptations are _____

We develop a faith that works in temptation when:

I. We understand the _____ of temptations - **James 1:13-15**

A. My temptations have a particular _____ - **James 1:13-14** - *Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. ¹⁴ But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire.*

1. It is incorrect for me to blame God for my temptations - **Genesis 3:11-12** - *He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹² The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate."*

2. It is correct for me to blame my desires for my temptations - **Mark 7:21-23** - *"For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, ²² coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. ²³ All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."*

B. My temptations have a particular _____ - **James 1:15** - *Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.*

1 John 2:15-16 - *Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world.*

- Step 1 – Our own evil desire draws us out (temptation)
- Step 2 – Our own evil desire implants itself (conception)
- Step 3 – Our own evil desire bears a sin (birth)
- Step 4 – Full grown sin results in death (maturity)

Galatians 6:7-8 - *Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. ⁸ For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.*

II. We clear up the _____ in temptation – **James 1:16-18**

A. I must _____ my deception - **James 1:16** - *Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers.*

1. I must confront the lies from _____ - **2 Peter 3:17** - *You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability.*

2. I must confront the lies from _____ - **Psalms 51:6** - *Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.*

B. I must _____ my thinking - **James 1:17** - *Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.*

1. God's goodness is _____ in temptation - **Genesis 3:4-5** - *But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. ⁵ For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."*

2. God's goodness is an _____ in temptation - **Deuteronomy 10:13** - *And to keep the commandments and statutes of the LORD, which I am commanding you today for your good?*

C. I must _____ my purpose - **James 1:18** - *Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.*

1. He has given me a _____ for a reason - **1 Peter 1:23** - *Since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God.*

2. He has made me a _____ for a reason - **Ephesians 2:10** - *For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.*

III. We embrace the _____ for temptations – **James 1:19-21**

A. I need to be _____ in my struggle with temptation
James 1:19-20 - *Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰ for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God.*

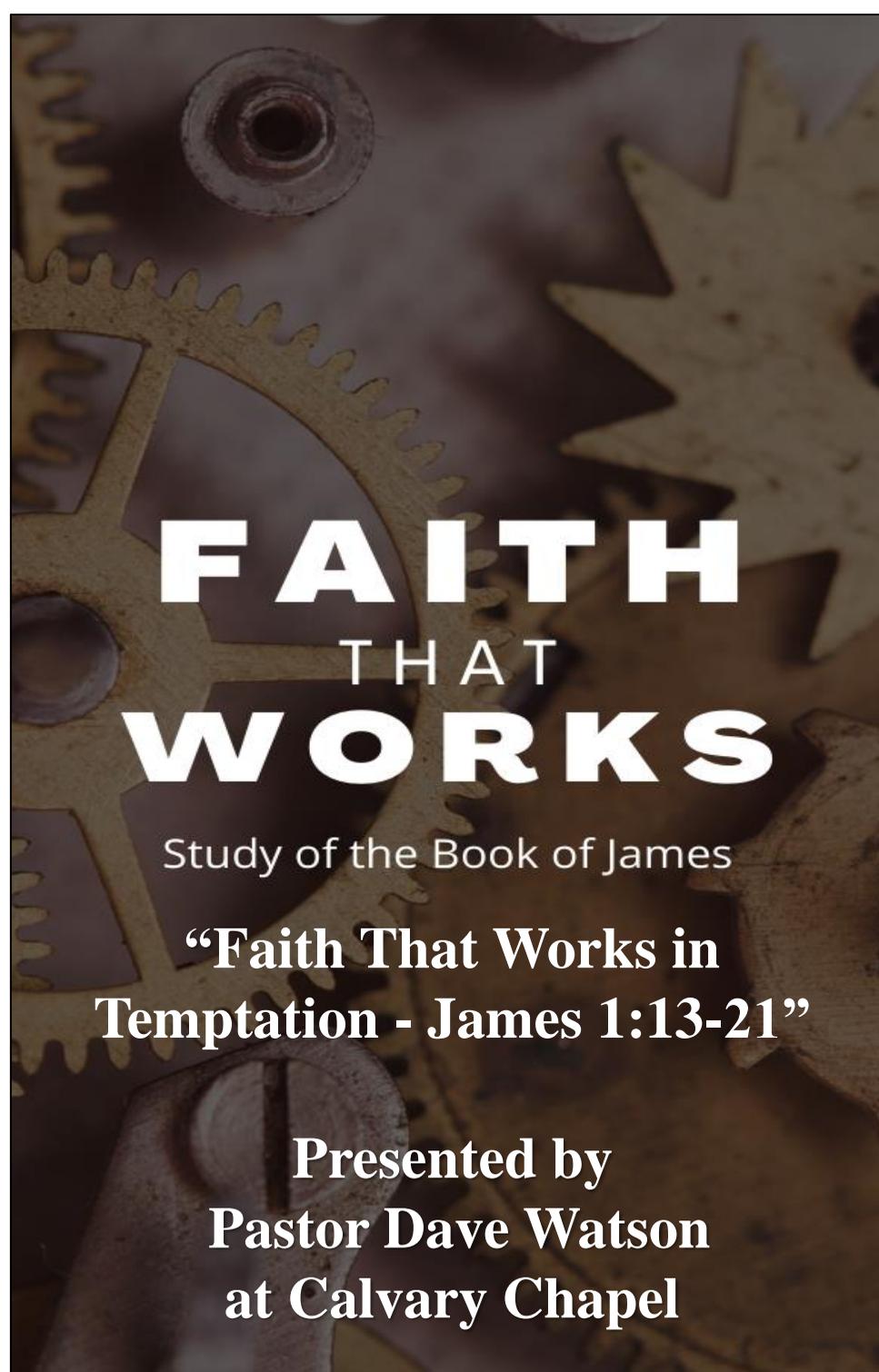
Ephesians 5:3-4 - *But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. ⁴ Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving.*

B. I need to be _____ in my struggle with my temptations
James 1:21a - *Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness...*

1 Peter 2:1-2 - *So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. ² Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation...*

C. I need to _____ to the Word in my struggle with my temptations
James 1:21b - *And receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.*

Psalms 119:9&11 - *How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word....I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.*



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