

Monday @ St. Paul's

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A Disciple and Temptation A Faith that Works - #2

How can I have success over temptation?

1. You will be tempted!

And remember, when you are being tempted
James 1:13 (NLT)

See: 1 Corinthians 10:13 (NLT2)

2. You are responsible!

And remember, when you are being tempted,
do not say, "God is tempting me." God is never tempted to do
wrong, and he never tempts anyone else. James 1:13 (NLT2)

3. You own your temptations?

Temptation comes from our own desires, which entice us and
drag us away. James 1:14 (NLT2)

How Temptation Works

- **Desires are powerful! -James 1:14 (NLT)**
- **Temptation leads to Sin leads to Death! -James 1:15 (NLT)**

4. You defeat temptation by changing your focus!

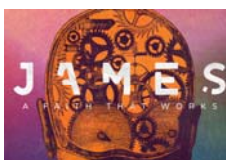
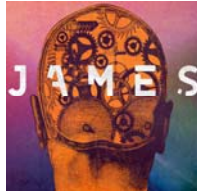
Whatever is good and perfect comes down to us from God our
Father, who created all the lights in the heavens. He never
changes or casts a shifting shadow. James 1:17 (NLT2)

Resources to Fight Temptation

- * **Intentional Connection with others**
- * **Consistently Reading Scripture**
- * **Worship privately and corporately**

Something to Talk About

1. Share a time when you were overwhelmed by temptation. What was the trigger? How did you deal with the temptation?
2. Have you ever blamed someone else for your temptation and sin? Why? Have you confessed your responsibility for the temptation and subsequent sin? How did you feel?
3. How can you understand what types of temptations you fall into more easily? What can you do to guard against them?
4. How can divert your focus from your temptations? What resource can you use to help defeat the temptations?



A Faith that Works Series

- 9/22 – A Disciple and Loving Others – James 2:1-13
9/29 – A Disciple and Their Mouth – James 3:1-12
10/6 – A Disciple and Conflict – James 4:1-10
10/13 – A Disciple and Wealth – James 5:1-6
10/20 – A Disciple and Prayer – James 5:13-20

Crossing Borders Shoebox Ministry

Don't forget your collection of
toothbrushes, toothpaste and
wrapped hard candies. We will be
filling boxes for Christmas for needy
children across the border.



Visit the Borderland

Visit to the Mexican Methodist Shelter in Juarez, El Buen Samaritano will be Saturday, September 28. The purpose of this visit will be to paint the sanctuary.

Gather at 9am at St. Paul's UMC in El Paso (7000 Edgemere Blvd). Have a passport (book or card).

Financial Donations: Send checks to the El Paso District Office with "Juarez Shelter" in the memo line.

Happy 100th Birthday Mac Fell



Help us honor Mr. Mac Fell on his 100th birthday. Sunday, September 29 we will celebrate with a reception between services starting at 9:30 am. Please bring a word of cheer in the form of a note or card. There is a basket at the reception desk.

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