

HOW SERIOUS IS SIN?

James 1:13-17, 27; 4:4-10; 5:19-20

Where does temptation come from?

1:13-14, 16-17, 27; 4:4, 7; see also Matthew 6:13; 1 Corinthians 10:13; Galatians 5:17; Hebrews 2:18; 4:15; 1 Peter 5:8; 1 John 2:15-17; 5:19

How dangerous is capitulation?

1:15; 4:4-5; see also Genesis 2:17; Deuteronomy 4:24; Proverbs 7:6-23; Jeremiah 3:20; Zechariah 8:2; John 5:28-29; Romans 6:23; 1 Corinthians 11:30-32; Galatians 6:7-8

What is the way of escape?

4:6-10; see also Psalm 24:3-4; Proverbs 12:28; Joel 2:12; Matthew 5:4, 8; 24:30; James 5:16

Am I my brother's keeper?

5:19-20; see also Matthew 18:12, 15-17; Galatians 6:1; 1 John 5:16-17

TRANSFORMED BY THE TRUTH

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & DISCUSSION

1. Read Galatians 5:17. Does this verse describe you? How do you think faith in Jesus changes a person's desires?
2. Read James 1:13-14, James 1:27 and James 4:7. Who, or what, do you think is responsible for your strongest temptations to sin? How can you steer clear of those influences?
3. Read James 1:15 and James 4:4-5. How has success or failure in battling temptation affected your quality of life?
4. Read James 4:6-10 and James 5:16. What does this passage teach you about confession and repentance? When have you done what James recommends?
5. Read Matthew 18:12, Galatians 6:1 and James 5:19-20. How do you typically respond when you see a Christian friend wandering from the truth? Who do you need to initiate contact with based on these verses, and how will you do it?