

Alderwood Community Church  
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***How To Say 'No' When Everything In You Says 'Yes'***  
**James: A Faith That Works - Part 2**  
**James 1:13-18**  
(Page 1196 or 1216)

1. Be \_\_\_\_\_ v. 13a *"When tempted..."*

*"No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. 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 stand up under it."*

**1 Corinthians 10:13**

2. Be \_\_\_\_\_ v. 13b, 17-18 *"...no one should say, 'God is tempting me.'"*

3. Be \_\_\_\_\_ v. 14-16 *"Don't be deceived, my dear brothers."*

*"But I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ." **2 Corinthians 11:3***

A. \_\_\_\_\_ the process.

Step One: \_\_\_\_\_ The bait is dropped.

Step Two: \_\_\_\_\_ The inner desire is attracted.

Step Three: \_\_\_\_\_ Sin occurs when we bite the bait.

Step Four: \_\_\_\_\_ Sin results in tragic consequences.

B. \_\_\_\_\_ a plan.

(1) \_\_\_\_\_ your mind through the memorized Word.  
**Romans 12:2; Psalm 119:9,11; Joshua 1:8; Psalm 1:1-3**

(2) \_\_\_\_\_ yourself.

- (a) The nature of temptation - is a set-up, a trap.
- (b) The source of the problem - is my wrong desire.
- (c) The deceptiveness of sin - the final pain will soon erase the temporary pleasure.
- (d) The goodness of God.

(3) \_\_\_\_\_ the temptation. **Romans 6:13**

### **Sermon Questions:**

1. Have you ever had to depend on someone who was unpredictable, who constantly changed in attitude or behavior? What was that like? Why is it important to believe that God is not like that?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. After writing about how to face trials, James goes right into the topic of temptation. Is there any connection between trials and temptations? If so, what?

3. James warns that we should not blame God for temptation. Have you heard people do that? Why would anyone blame God for tempting them?

If we blame God for tempting us, what does that say about us, or about God?

4. What is significant to you about how James describes temptation in **vv.14-15**?
5. In order to resist temptation, James warns about being deceived (**v.16**) and points us to a correct understanding of who God is. What attributes of God does James identify in **vv.13-18**?

Do you have trouble believing any of these things about God? Explain.

Which of these helps you most in dealing with temptation? Explain why.

6. How might you act differently to resist temptation having studied this passage?