

WINNING THE TEMPTATION BATTLE

TEMPTATION FACTS

- A problem common to everyone
 1. Everyone is tempted in some area to do the wrong thing
 2. The world we live in is conducive to wrong living more than right
 3. God is not tempting you to do wrong
- Jesus understands temptation (**Hebrews 4:15-16 NLT**)
 1. He experienced humanity - so He understands
 2. He never gave in to temptation
 3. He gives mercy and grace in our time of need - facing temptation

A LESSON FROM PETER (Matthew 14:24-33 NLT)

- Jesus calms the fears of His disciples
 1. They thought He was a ghost and were screaming
 2. Jesus spoke to their fears
- Peter walks on the water
 1. He was acting (walking) on the words of Jesus
 2. He was doing well until he shifted his focus
 3. Focus - wrong thoughts - fear - beginning to sink
- Jesus did not let Peter drown
 1. When Peter cried out for help - Jesus acted
 2. Jesus corrected Peter with words - not by allowing him to go under five times

WINNING YOUR TEMPTATION BATTLE

- Don't buy the lies
 1. The lies of Satan revolve around: your life would be better if...
 2. Underscores the importance of knowing The Truth (**John 8:31-32 NLT**)
- Shift your eyes
 1. To Jesus; His person (**Hebrews 12:3 CSB**)
 2. To His word (**Psalms 17:4 NKJV**)
- Watch and pray (**Matthew 26:41 NLT**)
 1. Watch - be alert to your most susceptible times
 2. Pray - stay connected to the Lord
- Run the other way (**1 Timothy 6:11 NLT**)
 1. Move away from what tempts you
 2. Pick up your Bible, pick a better environment