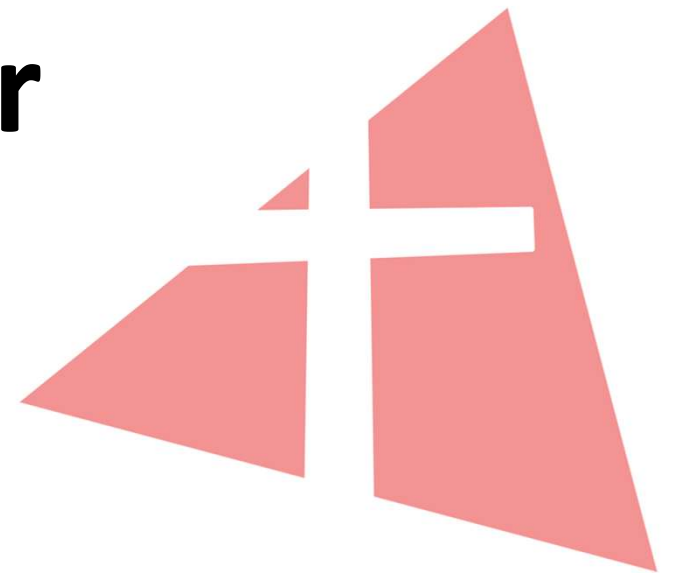


Temptations and Prayer

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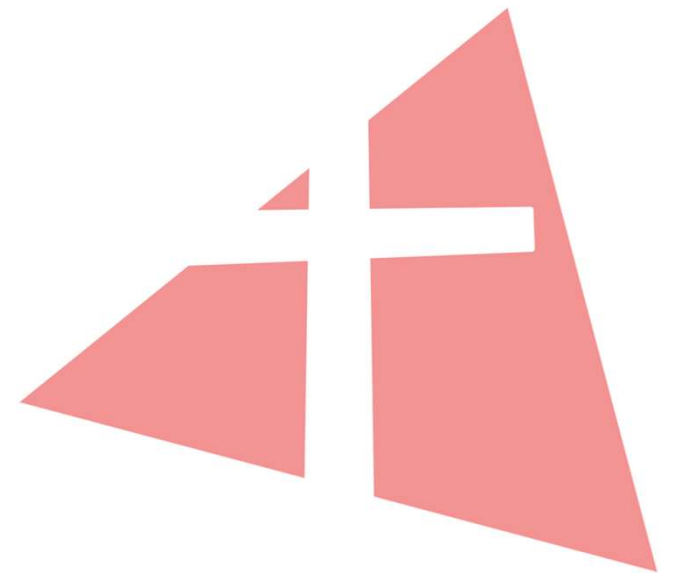


Our Series: Prayer

- **Prayer is for God's Glory**
- **Biblical Prayer is about "praying God's Will"**

Prayer is telling God what He tells us to tell Him

- **Repentance**
- **Forgiveness**



Today's Focus

- **Temptations**

Matthew 6:12-13 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: ...



God and Temptation

1 Corinthians 10:12-13 Therefore let him that thinks he stands take heed lest he fall. There has no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted above that you are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that you may be able to bear it.



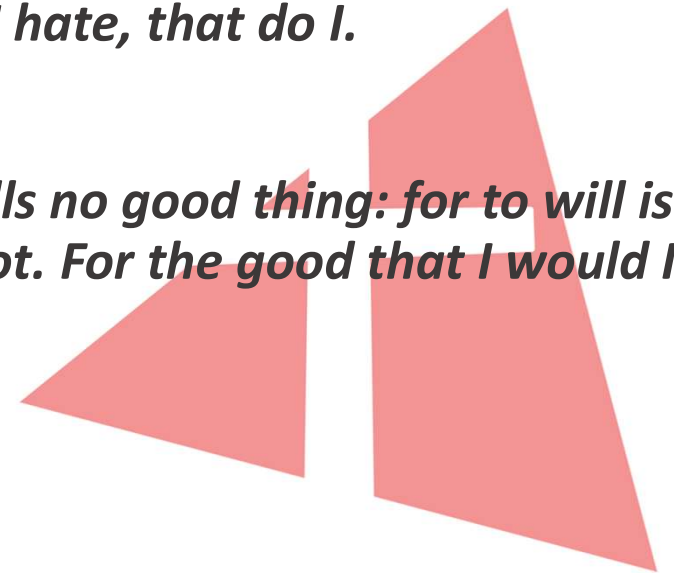
God and Temptation

1 Corinthians 10:12 Therefore let him that thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.

Romans 7:14-15 For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin. For that which I do I know not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I.

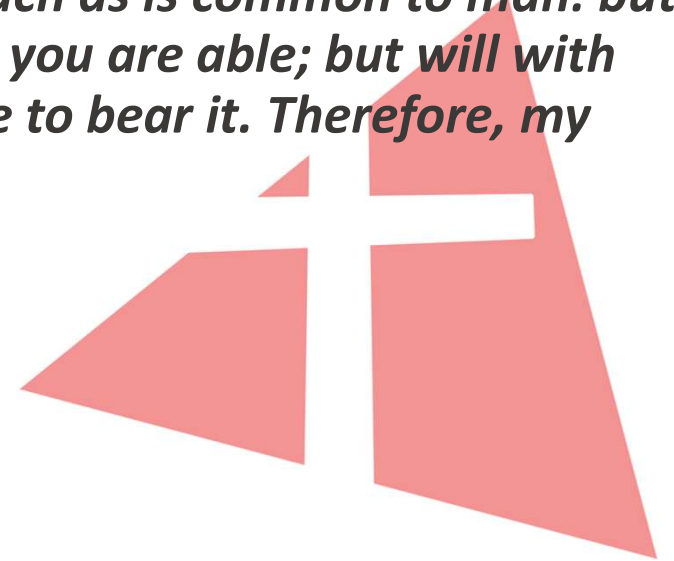
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Romans 7:18-19 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwells no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.



God and Temptation

1 Corinthians 10:13-14 There has no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted above that you are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that you may be able to bear it. Therefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry.



Flee!

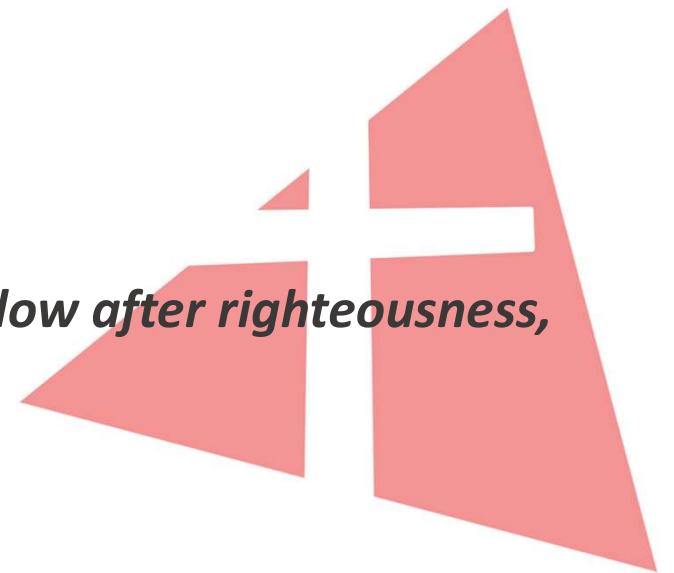
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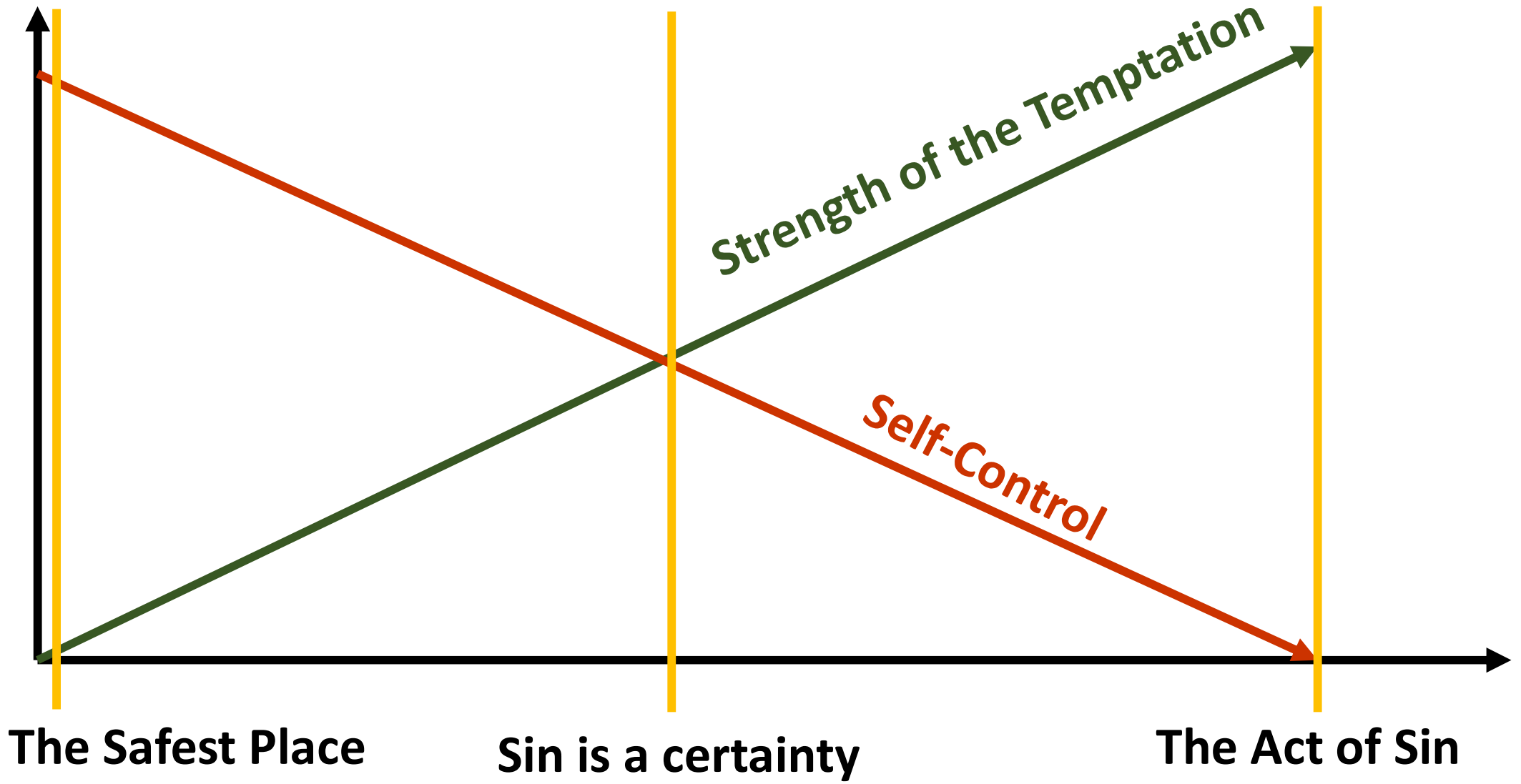
- Are stronger than we are
- Come after us

1 Corinthians 6:18 Flee fornication. ...

2 Timothy 2:22 Flee also youthful lusts: ...

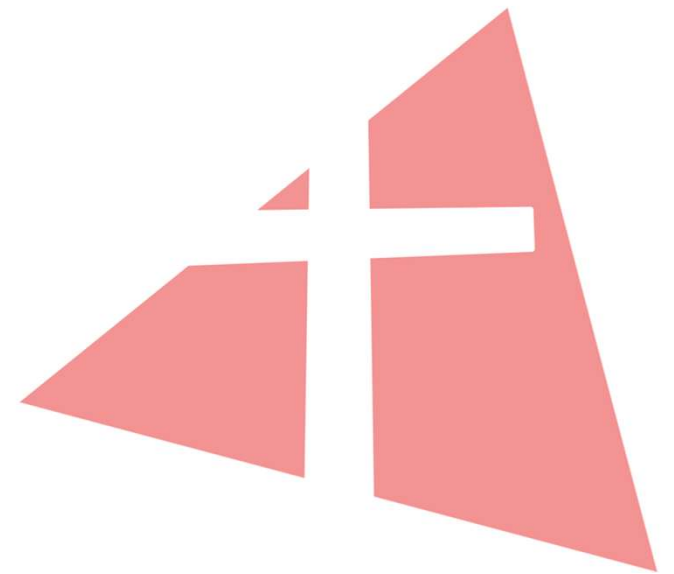
1 Timothy 6:11 But you, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.





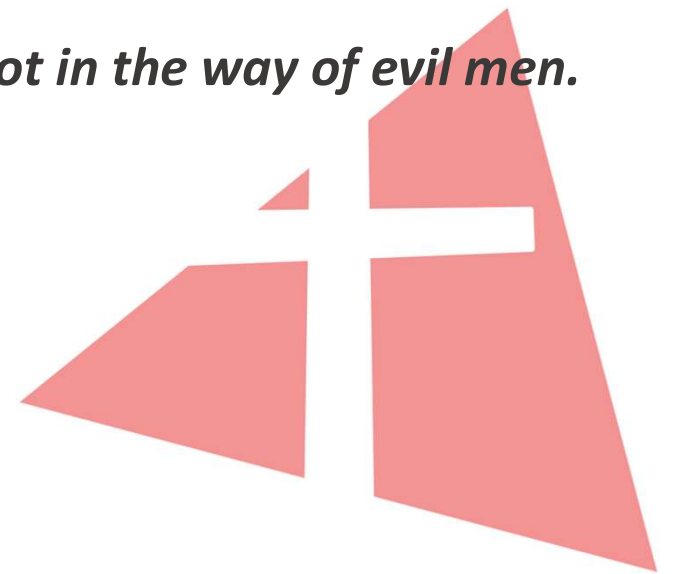
The Lord's Prayer

- **Lead us not into temptation**
 - Not: Lead us not into sin



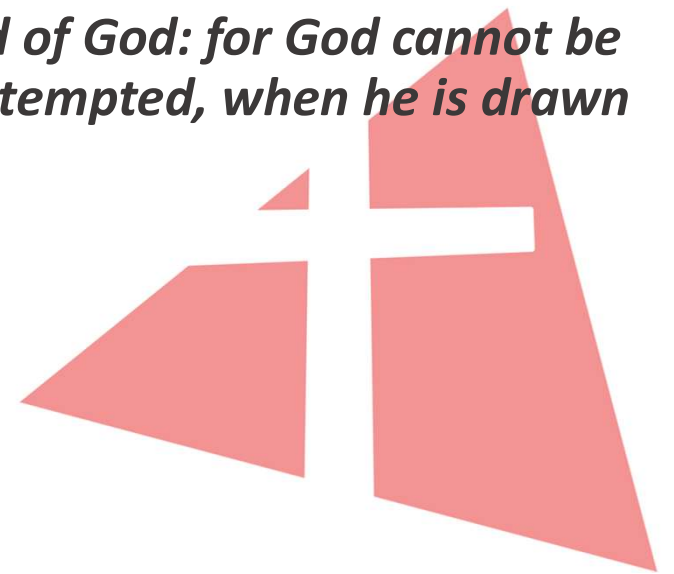
Flee!

Proverbs 4:14-15 Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men. Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away.



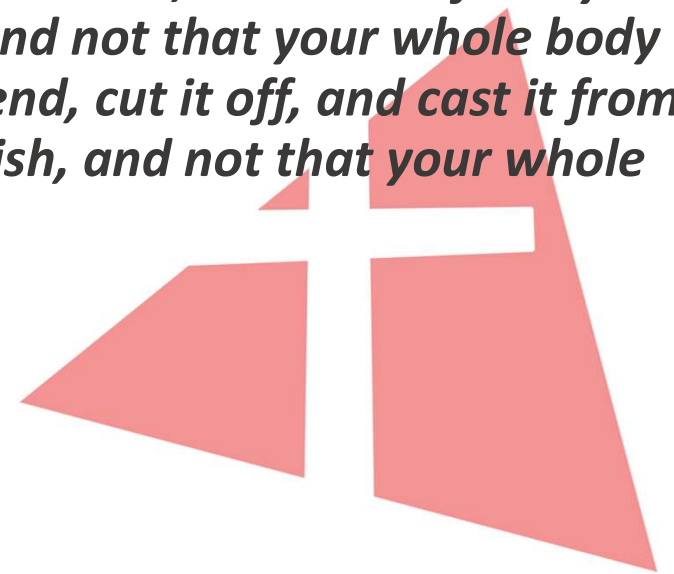
Our Sinful Nature

James 1:13-14 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempts he any man: But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.



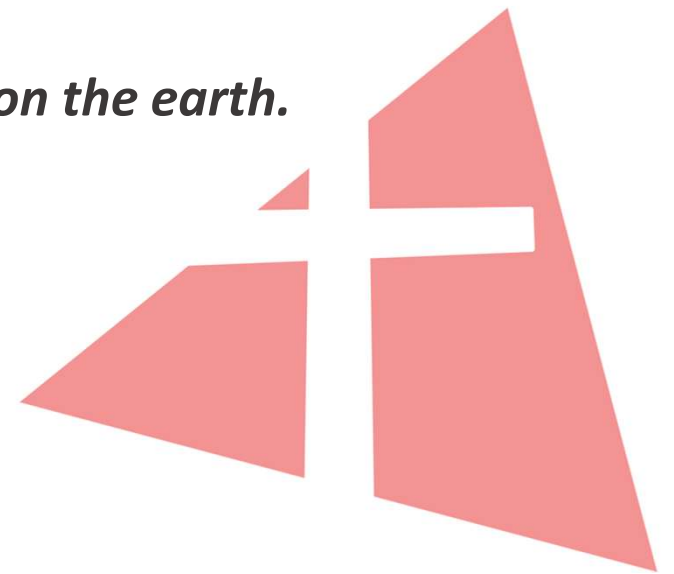
Be Radical

Matthew 5:29-30 And if your right eye causes you to offend, pluck it out, and cast it from you: for it is better for you that one of your members should perish, and not that your whole body should be cast into hell. And if your right hand causes you to offend, cut it off, and cast it from you: for it is better for you that one of your members should perish, and not that your whole body should be cast into hell.



Focus on Things Above

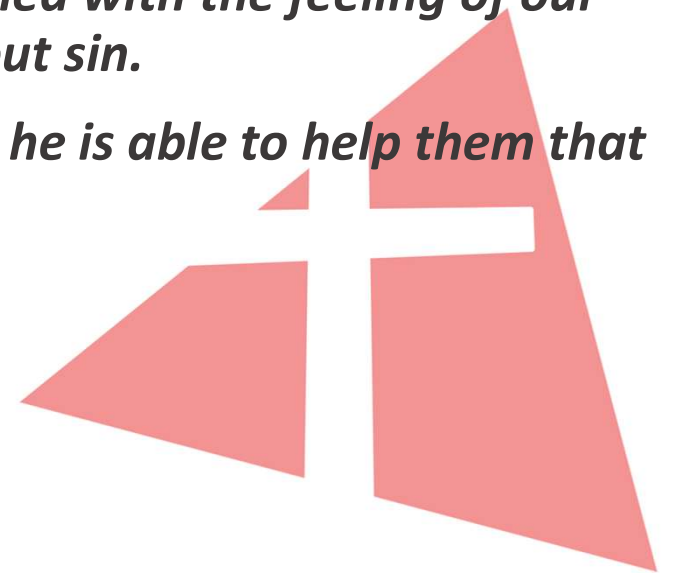
Colossians 3:2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.



Turn to Jesus

Hebrews 4:15 For we have not a high priest who cannot be touched with the feeling of our weaknesses; but was in all points tempted like we are, yet without sin.

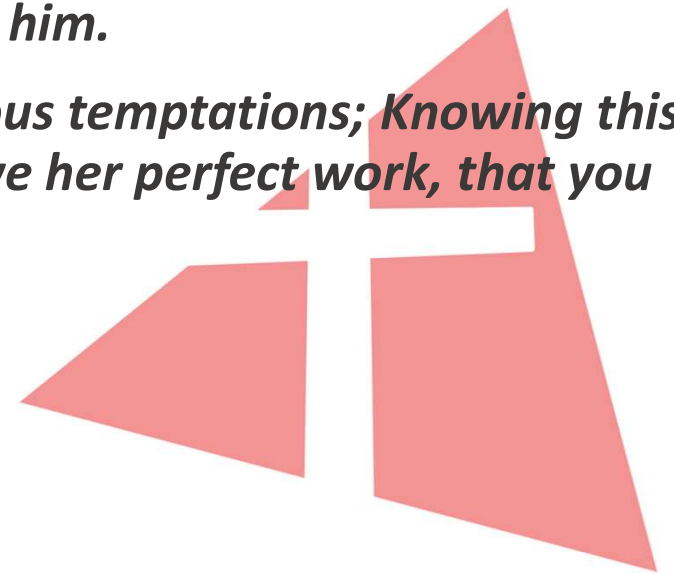
Hebrews 2:18 For in that he himself has suffered being tempted, he is able to help them that are tempted.



The Good Side

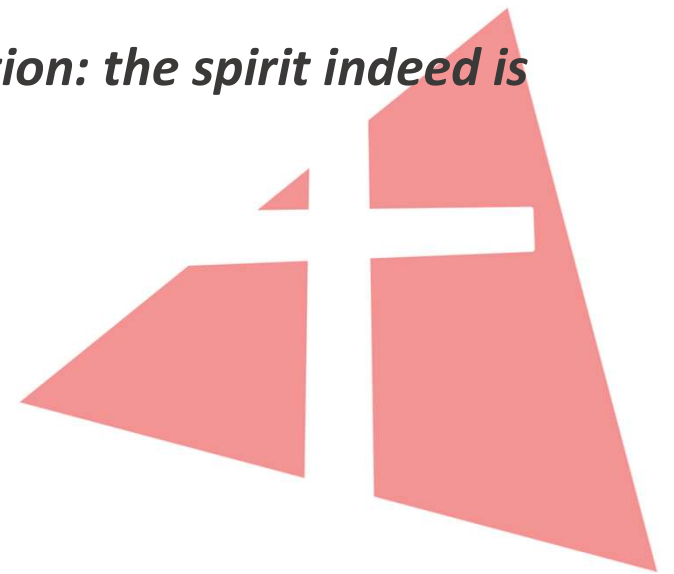
James 1:12 Blessed is the man that endures temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord has promised to them that love him.

James 1:2-4 My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith works patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that you may be perfect and entire, lacking in nothing.



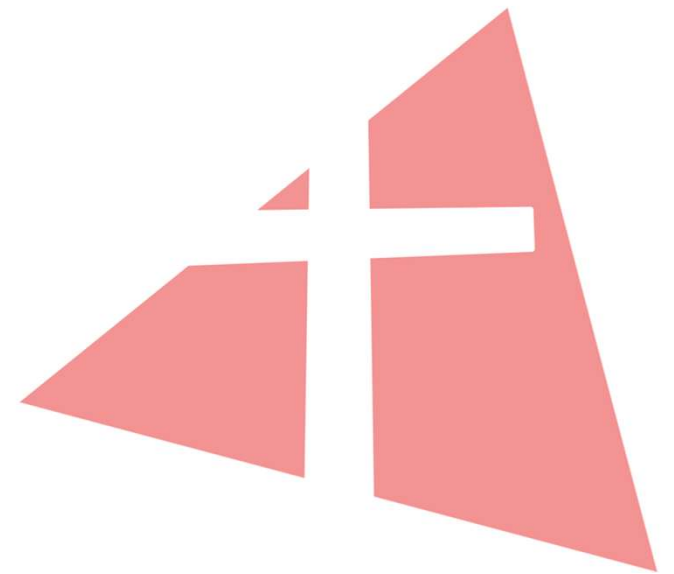
Prayer

Matthew 26:41 Watch and pray, that you enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.



Prayer

- Full dependence on God



Prayer

- **Personalizing this principle to our situation**

