

*Relational
Jesus*



John 16:33 (NIV)

“I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”



Troubles

- **Temptations**
- **Trials**
- **Tests**



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James 1:14 (NLT)

Temptation comes from our own desires, which entice us and drag us away.



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- **Satan**



Satan's tools of temptation

- **Deceit**
- **Discouragement**
- **Distraction**



John 8:44 (NLT)

For you are the children of your father the devil, and you love to do the evil things he does. He was a murderer from the beginning.



He has always hated the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for he is a liar and the father of lies.



Proverbs 3:5-6 (NLT)

⁵ Trust in the Lord with all your heart;

do not depend on your own understanding.

⁶ Seek His will in all you do, and He will show you which path to take.



Isaiah 41:10 (NLT)

Don't be afraid, for I am with you.

Don't be discouraged, for I am your God.

I will strengthen you and help you.

I will hold you up with my victorious right hand.



Psalm 147:3 (NLT)
He heals the
brokenhearted
and bandages their
wounds.



Hebrews 4:15 (NIV)

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet He did not sin.



Elements of Temptation

- 1. A twisted truth**
- 2. An opportunity to compromise**
- 3. A short term gain**



Fighting Temptation

- **What lie have you believed?**
- **Look for the 'out' God has provided?**



1 Corinthians 10:13

(NLT)

The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful.



He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, He will show you a way out so that you can endure.



Fighting Temptation

- **Whose help do you need to recruit?**
- **Stay away from that situation**
- **Accept His grace**

