

## Enduring Temptation

**Open The Conversation:** Share something good from this week.

**Key Scripture:** Read the following together.

*9 Believers in humble circumstances ought to take pride in their high position. 10 But the rich should take pride in their humiliation—since they will pass away like a wild flower. 11 For the sun rises with scorching heat and withers the plant; its blossom falls and its beauty is destroyed. In the same way, the rich will fade away even while they go about their business.*

*James 1:9-11 NKJV*

1. What does this scripture tell me about me?
2. What does this scripture tell me about God?

**Start Sharing:** Choose one question to start the conversation, move onto others if time allows.

- Where have you placed your identity and sense of worth—on temporary things like status or success, or on eternal things like your relationship with Jesus? Share a testimony of a time when God realigned your identity to your eternal identity in Jesus.
- When you face temptation, do you try to fight it by focusing on the sin—or by deepening your love for God?
- Do you live with the awareness that every good and perfect gift in your life is from God—and how are you expressing gratitude for those gifts?
- What are some practical ways we can shift our focus from resisting sin to pursuing a deeper love for Jesus in our daily lives?
- James contrasts the path of temptation (desire → sin → death) with God's path of truth and life. What helps you stay anchored to truth when you feel pulled by your desires or the world's messages?

**Start Praying:** Pray together and for one another.

*“God, help us to stay humble and lean into you as we face life's trials and temptations. Thank you for giving us every good gift and strengthening us with each trial. Amen.”*