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Extraordinary

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Introduction

If we're honest, many of us have drifted to a place of boredom or even cynicism spiritually. Our lives seem plain and ordinary. Not only do we recognize that we're not perfect, sometimes we're painfully aware of past or current struggles. But deep down we have a longing for something more, something extraordinary.

*The real question in all of our hearts,
whether we know it or not, is:*
CAN GOD USE ME?

The good news is that God is not asking us to be extraordinary. He's asking us to point to the One who is extraordinary—Jesus. In Scripture we see that God is in the business of taking flawed men and women to do things through them that they never could have imagined.

Over the next six weeks, we'll look at the lives of:

Adam who was tempted to be extraordinary without God.

Abraham who responded to God's call to leave an extraordinary legacy.

Moses who experienced extraordinary power yet wrestled with self-doubt.

Joshua who was given the extraordinary responsibility of leadership.

Job who trusted God without ever understanding his extraordinary suffering.

Esther who revealed God's extraordinary sovereignty in ordinary decisions.

My prayer is that we'll clearly see that these people were ordinary. God is extraordinary. We'll see that God invites us in our normal everyday lives to leave our boredom and cynicism aside to join His extraordinary mission.

How to Use This Study

This Bible study book includes six weeks of content. Each week has an introductory page summarizing the focus of study, followed by content designed for groups and for individuals.

GROUP SESSIONS

Regardless of what day of the week your group meets, each week of content begins with the group session. This group session is designed to be one hour or more—with approximately 15 minutes of teaching and 45 minutes of personal interaction. It's even better if your group is able to meet longer than an hour, allowing more time for participants to interact with one another.

Each group session uses the following format to facilitate simple yet meaningful interaction among group members, with God's Word, and with the video teaching by Darrin Patrick.

Start

This page includes questions to get the conversation started, to review the previous week's practical application, and to introduce the video segment.

Watch

This page includes key points from Darrin Patrick's teaching, along with blanks for taking notes as participants watch the video.

Discuss

These two pages include questions and statements that guide the group to respond to the video teaching and to relevant Bible passages.

Pray

This final page of each group session includes a prompt for your closing time of prayer together and space for recording prayer requests of group members.

INDIVIDUAL DISCOVERY

Each of the *Disciple for Life* small-group resources also provides individuals with optional activities during the week, appealing to different learning styles, schedules, and levels of engagement. These options include a plan for application and accountability, a Scripture reading plan with journaling prompts, a devotional, and two personal studies.

This Week's Plan

Immediately following the group session's prayer page is a weekly plan for everyone to engage with that week's focal point, regardless of a person's maturity level or that week's schedule.

You can choose to take advantage of some or all of the options provided. Those options are divided into three categories.

Read

A daily reading plan is outlined for Scriptures related to the group session. Space for personal notes is also provided. Information about how to use the HEAR journaling method for reading Scripture can be found on pages 8-II.

Reflect

A one-page devotional option is provided each week to help you reflect on a biblical truth related to the group session.

Personal Study

Two personal studies are provided each week to take individuals deeper into Scripture and to supplement the biblical truths introduced in the teaching time. These pages challenge individuals to grow in their understanding of God's Word and to identify practical application in their own lives.

LEADER GUIDES

Pages I20-I3I in the back of this book contain a guide to develop a leader's understanding of the thought process behind questions and how to engage group members at different levels in life-changing discussion.

The HEAR Journaling Method for Reading Scripture

Daily Bible Reading

Disciple for Life small-group Bible studies include a daily reading plan for each week. Making time in a busy schedule to focus on God through His Word is a vital part of the Christian life. If you're unable to do anything else provided in your book during a certain week, try to spend a few minutes in God's Word. The verse selections will take you deeper into stories and concepts related to the teaching and discussion during that week's group session.

Why Do You Need a Plan?

When you're a new believer, or at various times in your life, you may find yourself in a place where you don't know where to begin reading your Bible or how to personally approach Scripture. You may have tried the open-and-point method where you simply open your Bible and point to a verse, hoping to get something out of the random selection from God's Word. Reading random Scriptures will not provide solid biblical growth any more than eating random food out of you pantry will provide solid physical growth.

An effective plan must be well-balanced for healthy growth. When it comes to reading the Bible, well-balanced and effective means reading and applying. A regular habit is great, but it's not enough to simply check a box off your task list when you've completed your daily reading. Knowing more about God is also great, but it's still not enough to read simply for spiritual knowledge. You also want to respond to what you are reading by taking action as you listen to what God is saying. After all, it's God's Word.

In order to digest more of the Word, *Disciple for Life* small-group Bible studies not only provide a weekly reading plan, but also encourage you to use a simplified version of the HEAR journaling method. (If this method proves to be helpful in your personal growth, check out *Foundations: A 260-Day Bible Reading Plan for Busy Believers* by Robby and Kandi Gallaty.)

Journaling What You HEAR in God's Word

You may or may not choose to keep a separate journal in addition to the space provided in this book. A separate journal would provide extra space as well as the opportunity to continue your journal after this study is completed. The HEAR journaling method promotes reading the Bible with a life-transforming purpose. You will be reading in order to understand and respond to God's Word.

The HEAR acronym stands for Highlight, Explain, Apply, and Respond. Each of these four steps contributes to creating an atmosphere to hear God speak. After settling on a reading plan (like the one provided in this book for each week), establish a time for studying God's Word. Then you will be ready to HEAR from God.

Before You Begin—The Most Important Step

To really HEAR God speak to you through His Word, you always need to begin your time with prayer. Pause and sincerely ask God to speak to you. It may seem trite, but it's absolutely imperative that we seek God's guidance in order to understand His Word (see I Cor. 2:12-14). Every time you open your Bible, pray a simple prayer like the one David prayed: "Open my eyes so that I may contemplate wonderful things from Your instruction" (Ps. 119:18).

H = Highlight

After praying for the Holy Spirit's guidance, open your book to the week's Reading Plan, open a journal if you'd like more space than what's provided in this book, and open your Bible. For an illustration, let's assume you are reading Philippians 4:10-13. Verse 13 may really jump out and speak to you as something you want to remember. In your Bible, you would simply highlight Philippians 4:13.

If keeping a HEAR journal, on the top line write the Scripture reference, the date, and make up a title to summarize the meaning of the passage. Then write the letter "H" and write out the verse that stood out and that you highlighted in your Bible. This practice will make it easy to look back through your journal to find a passage you want to revisit in the future.

E = Explain

After you have highlighted your verse(s), you will want to explain what the text means. Most simply, how would you summarize this passage in your own words? By asking some simple questions, with the help of God's Spirit, you can understand the meaning of the passage or verse. (A good study Bible can help you with answers to more in-depth questions as you learn to explain a passage of Scripture.) Here are a few good questions to get you started:

- Why was it written?
- To whom was it originally written?
- How does the passage fit with the verses before and after it?
- Why would the Holy Spirit include this passage in the book?
- What is God intending to communicate through the text?

If keeping a HEAR journal, below the "H," write the letter "E" and explain the text in your own words. Record any answers to questions that help you understand the passage of Scripture.

A = Apply

At this point, you are beginning the process of discovering the specific and personal word that God has for you from His Word. What is important is that you are engaging the text and wrestling with the meaning. Application is the heart of the process. Everything you have done so far culminates under this heading. As you have done before, answer a series of questions to uncover the significance of these verses to you personally, questions like:

- How can this help me?
- What is God saying to me?
- What would the application of this verse look like in my life?

These questions bridge the gap between the ancient world and your world today. They provide a way for God to speak to you through the specific passage or verse.

If keeping a HEAR journal, write the letter “A” under the letter “E” where you wrote a short summary explaining the text. Challenge yourself to write between two and five sentences about how the text applies to your life.

R = Respond

Finally, you will respond to the text. A personal response may take on many forms. You may write an action step to do, describe a change in perspective, or simply respond in prayer to what you’ve learned. For example, you may ask for help being bold or generous, you may need to repent of unconfessed sin, or you may need to praise God. Keep in mind that this is a response to what you have just read.

In this book (if you’re not keeping a journal), write your personal application and response in the space provided with each passage of Scripture. You may want to write a brief explanation and application summary. *The verse means this, so I can or will do this...*

If keeping a HEAR journal, write the letter “R” along with how you will Respond to what you Highlighted, Explained, and Applied.

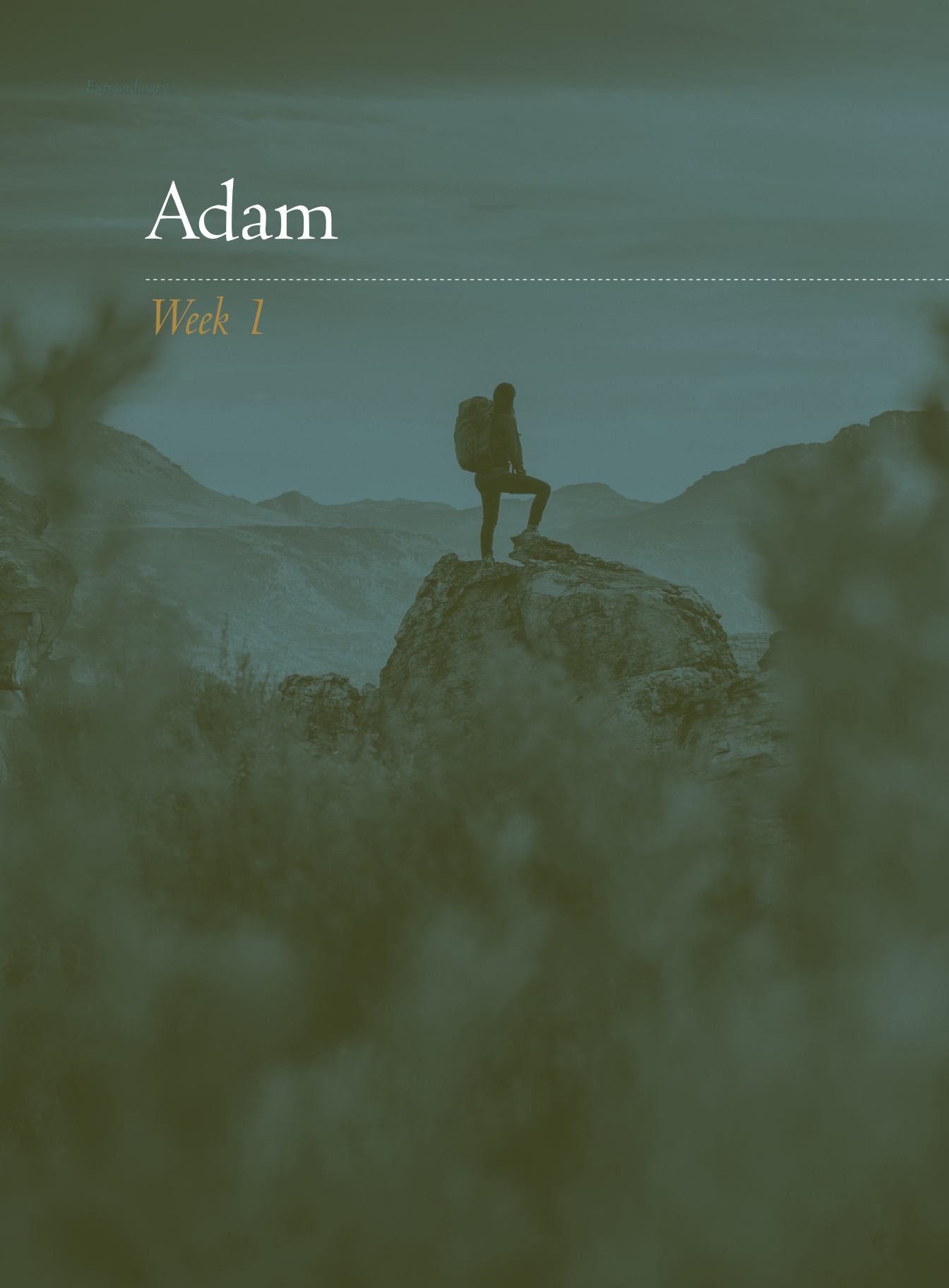
Notice that all of the words in the HEAR method are action words: Highlight, Explain, Apply, Respond. God doesn’t want us to sit back and wait for Him to drop some truth into our laps. Instead of waiting passively, God desires that we actively pursue Him. Jesus said:

“Keep asking, and it will be given to you. Keep searching, and you will find. Keep knocking, and the door will be opened to you.”
Matt. 7:7, HCSB

Extraordinary

Adam

Week 1



Adam and Eve were placed into a world that was perfectly designed for them to connect with God. This first man and woman were unique among all of creation as God's image-bearers (see Gen. 1:26-27). Walking in the garden in the cool of the day, they experienced an extraordinary relationship with God. They were called to rule over God's creation in God's name for God's glory.

As they honored God as Creator and ultimate authority, they were free to enjoy His creation. But everything changed after being offered a taste of life apart from God. Satan tempted Adam and Eve with the opportunity to be "like God" (Gen. 3:5). Though they were already created in God's "likeness" (Gen. 1:26), they gave into forbidden fruit and tasted death. Life as they knew it spiraled downward in what we call: the fall of man.

They believed lies about God and themselves.

Sin entered the world.

Shame entered their hearts.

They hid.

Now, we all do the same.

So the Creator entered His creation. Our only hope is in Jesus—God become man—who tasted death for us so that we may experience life through faith. The Word of God offers us the wisdom we now need to overcome temptation and walk in freedom by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Start

Welcome everyone to the first group session.

Use the following content to start your time together.

In the last few years, superheroes have made a dramatic comeback to the big screen. Marvel seems to put out a summer blockbuster each year. Even biblical stories have been turned into heroic adventures—using creative license—with Darren Aronofsky’s *Noah* and Ridley Scott’s *Exodus: God and Kings*.

What is it about heroes and epic stories that captures our imagination?

These stories invite us to imagine the extraordinary. Deep down, we want to be extraordinary ourselves, not just witness it around us. We don’t want to just behold the heroic, we want to *be* heroic.

In these next six weeks, we want to unearth that buried desire for more. We want to learn how each of us can be used by God to do extraordinary things. Each week we’ll spotlight a so-called hero in the Old Testament to see how he or she was a truly ordinary person with an extraordinary and powerful God.

Let’s see what Darrin has to say in video session I about God’s original plan for mankind at the beginning of the story, right there in the first few pages of the Bible.

Pray for God to open your hearts and minds before showing the video for session 1.

Watch

Use the space below to follow along and take notes as you watch video session 1.

Paradise wasn't paradise without _____.

Paradise wasn't paradise without _____.

We have a desire to bring _____ out of _____.

Anytime a person doesn't follow the _____ of God, it's because they're following a _____ of Satan.

Satan tempts us with the offer of becoming _____ apart from God.

Though we fail to _____ to God in our sin, God _____ to us in our sin.

Scriptures: Genesis 1-3

Discuss

Use the statements and questions below to discuss the video.

Darrin explained that we were created for an extraordinary relationship *with* God and given extraordinary responsibility *from* God.

How does this affect your view of God? Of yourself? Of others?

Being made “in the image of God” (Gen. 1:27) means that we have been designed to reflect God’s character in this world.

What comes to mind when you think of God’s character?

What about God’s character is most meaningful to you?

Which parts of God’s character are hardest for you to reflect? Why?

Darrin identified our work as one way we reflect God’s image. He defines work (stewardship) as bringing order out of chaos.

Where do you see chaos in the world? In your own life?

**How do you seek to bring order out of chaos in these areas of life?
In your work? In your home?**

**How does knowing that God made you a steward of His creation
transform the way you approach relationships and responsibilities?**

In Genesis 3 we see chaos enter our lives as relationships and responsibilities are neglected. Let’s look at the words of the serpent (Satan):

Read aloud Genesis 3:1-6.

How did the serpent tempt Eve?

What can you learn from Adam and Eve’s passivity toward sin?

**Temptation is always a lie. What are some specific examples of how
temptation promises something extraordinary apart from God?**

Read aloud Genesis 3:7-13.

What does this reveal about God? About the consequences of sin?

In an effort that's tragic but almost comical in its absurdity, Adam and Eve try to hide from God. Then Adam has the audacity to blame Eve (and God for making Eve) for his sin. Eve then blames the serpent for her sin.

What are some things we use to try to hide from God and cover our own sin? What excuses do we make for sin?

Adam not only failed to obey God, he failed to protect his wife. Theologians distinguish between sins of commission and sins of omission. As Darrin said it, we can fail by being “intentionally aggressive” or “intentionally passive.”

What's an example of a sin of omission?

In which of your relationships or responsibilities are you prone to passivity? How can you be more vigilant and proactive?

The consequences of Adam and Eve's sin were real and lasting. But the good news is that their story didn't end behind trees and fig leaves. Even though they hid from God, He came to them. He even provided for them.

Read aloud Genesis 3:9 and 21.

Describe a way God has pursued you in a place or season when you weren't looking for Him.

What evidence of God's provision do you see? How is this provision evidence of His grace and love toward you?

What else has been challenging, encouraging, or insightful from today's study of Adam?

Conclude your group time with the prayer activity on the following page.

Pray

We all carry on Adam's legacy of passivity. Satan, our tempter and accuser, wants it that way. He wants us to give into temptation, seeking to be extraordinary on our own, turning away from God and other people. His primary weapons are lies to make us doubt God's goodness.

Spend a few minutes as a group naming lies that Satan speaks to us. Share a lie that is constantly whispered in your ear by the Enemy.

Read aloud the following passage from Peter's first letter. Close by praying for vigilance against the deadly lies of our Enemy and humble faith in God's goodness.

⁶ Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, ⁷ casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. ⁸ Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

1 Peter 5:6-8

Prayer Requests

Encourage people to complete This Week's Plan before the next group session.

This Week's Plan

In addition to studying God's Word, work with your group leader to create a plan for personal study, worship, and application between now and the next session. Select from the following optional activities to match your personal preferences and available time.

Worship

- ☐ Read your Bible. Complete the reading plan on page 20.
- ☐ Spend time with God by engaging the devotional experience on page 21.
- ☐ Connect with God each day through prayer.

Personal Study

- ☐ Read and interact with "The Process of Temptation" on page 22.
- ☐ Read and interact with "Overcoming Temptation" on page 26.

Application

- ☐ Identify some area of your life (home, work, school, neighborhood) where there is "chaos." Consider how you might bring order to that situation.
- ☐ Memorize I Corinthians 10:13: "No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it."
- ☐ Seek out another believer (this person doesn't have to be in the group) with whom you might consider meeting on a semi-regular basis to ask each other questions about the temptations you face and to pray for one another.
- ☐ Start a journal to record the times God has pursued you even when you've hidden from Him due to sin. Use this as a way to remind yourself of God's love and forgiveness when you feel the shame of sin.
- ☐ Other:

Did you miss the group session?

Video sessions are available for purchase at lifeway.com/extraordinary

Read

Read the following Scripture passages this week. Use the acronym *HEAR* and the space provided to record your thoughts or action steps.

Day 1: Genesis 1

Day 2: Genesis 2

Day 3: Genesis 3:1-13

Day 4: Genesis 3:14-24

Day 5: Romans 5:12-21

Day 6: Romans 6:1-14

Day 7: I Corinthians 15:12-28

Reflect

TREE OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD AND EVIL

It's common for us to envision Adam and Eve walking around this lush garden, gazing upon the one beautiful fruit tree they have been told they can't "enjoy" right in the middle of it all. With this picture in mind, it's easy to wonder: *Did God set Adam and Eve up to fail?* We know Satan tempted them, but did God make it easier?

Let's look closer at how the Bible describes Eden, specifically the trees:

Out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food.

Genesis 2:9

When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes ... she took of its fruit and ate.

Genesis 3:6

Notice there are more than just a few trees in the garden. Also, notice the description of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil is essentially the same as all the other trees in the garden which they could enjoy. It wasn't any more pleasing or fruitful!

The way Satan tempted Adam and Eve was to have them forget about all the other trees. He wanted them to believe that God was withholding something good from them, that God was being stingy. The way we fight against temptation is by paying attention to all the other "trees" God has provided.

Identify ways God has blessed you with "pleasant" things to enjoy. Reflect on God's goodness by thanking Him for these gifts.

Personal Study 1

THE PROCESS OF TEMPTATION

The Book of James in the New Testament provides us with one of the clearest descriptions of how temptation works. In addition to discussing the Devil, our most obvious enemy, James identifies two other enemies we all have.

¹ What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? ² You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³ You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. ⁴ You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. ⁵ Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"? ⁶ But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." ⁷ Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

James 4:1-8

Our three enemies are the flesh, the world, and the devil.

1. The flesh is that part of us not yet submitted to God.
2. The world is the corporate expression of the flesh—many people living as if God does not exist.
3. The devil is a fallen angel who opposes God and His people.

How does each one of our enemies play upon our passions?

Of these three enemies, which one does James speak about most in the passage you just read? What does the emphasis on that enemy tell you about the nature of temptation?

A key to fighting temptation is to recognize that many sins are not merely single acts but the result of an unchecked process. Look at how James describes the process:

¹² Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. ¹³ Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. ¹⁴ But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. ¹⁵ Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

James 1:12-15

James uses two metaphors to describe the process of temptation. The first (in v. 14) is a fishing metaphor. Even if you've never been fishing, you know the basic principle: you've got to hide the hook. You need bait. The reason sin looks good to us is because we are only seeing the bait. We are fish biting down on the hook. We focus on the short-term pleasure (the bait) and fail to see the long-term consequences (the hook).

Consider a current temptation you are experiencing.

What is the bait?

What is the hook?

The second (in v. 15) is a human growth metaphor—from conception to adulthood. All sinful actions begin as embryonic in the human heart—a tiny desire that begins to grow. Our whole beings are involved in this process. Our emotions latch onto something. *I want that. I have to have that.* Our mind rationalizes and justifies it. *It's not that bad. No one will see.* Then our will acts upon it. That tiny desire becomes an action that results in consequence. The seemingly harmless baby steps, a little thing here and there, lead us down a path into full-grown sinfulness that we never would've imagined. In the end, sin is always destructive.

So for each sin, we can ask the following questions: What is the embryo (desire)? What is the baby (action step)? What is the adult (consequence)?

Take lust for example. What is the embryo? *You are attracted to someone.* What is the baby? *You begin to fantasize about him or her.* What is the adult? *You have sex outside the marriage covenant.*

How would this growth process play out with anger?

Embryo:

Baby:

Adult:

Try it with another temptation. Identify the growth process from desire, to action, to consequence.

Embryo:

Baby:

Adult:

The wisdom that James provides us is crucial in understanding how temptation works. Even starting to identify this process in our own lives is an important tool for resisting temptation. In Personal Study 2, we'll look at how we can overcome temptation.

Close your study time in prayer, asking God for awareness of temptation and the strength to resist.

Personal Study 2

OVERCOMING TEMPTATION

Even though we have enemies from without (Satan and the world) and from within (the flesh), it's possible to resist temptation. Read these words from the apostle Paul:

No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

1 Corinthians 10:13

How does Paul challenge you in this passage?

What hope does Paul give you in this passage?

One of the reasons we give into temptation is that we try to face it alone. We are prone to hide from God and one another—just like Adam and Eve.

Recall an occasion when you tried to overcome a recurring sin on your own. How much success did you have?

What fear(s) prevented you from confessing that struggle to someone?

Paul reminds us that we are not alone. Other people have experienced temptations like ours. Other people can identify with our struggle. So, we can turn to others for help. God Himself can identify with our struggle. Notice what the book of Hebrews says about Jesus and temptation.

¹⁷ Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Hebrews 2:17-18

How does it make you feel to know that Jesus can relate to you in the temptations you face?

In your own life, what might it look like for Jesus to help you resist temptation?

Certainly one way, if not the most significant one, is through prayer—both His and ours. In what is often referred to as the High Priestly Prayer (see John 17), we see how Jesus prayed to the Father, specifically asking for protection—not just for His original disciples, but for all of His disciples: “I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one” (John 17:15). Now seated at the right hand of the Father, “he always lives to make intercession” for “those who draw near to God through him” (Heb. 7:25).

Jesus also receives our prayers. Believers are encouraged to “draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need” (Heb. 4:16). We come near “with confidence” (4:16) because Jesus is able “to sympathize with our weaknesses” since He “in every respect has been tempted as we are” (4:15). Jesus understands our struggle. His ears are open to us.

How does this image of Jesus as High Priest shape the way you pray?

The Gospels actually record Jesus’ first encounter with Satan (see Matt. 4:1-11; Mark 1:12-13; Luke 4:1-13). After His baptism, Jesus was led into the wilderness to be tempted in preparation for His public ministry.

Read Matthew 4:1-11.

With what three things does Satan tempt Jesus?

How does Jesus respond each time?

How does Jesus' response shape the way you respond to temptation?

While we can look to Jesus as an example in our fight against temptation, we need more than someone to sympathize with us in our weakness. We need someone to save us from our sin. That is why it is of the highest importance that Jesus faced temptation “yet without sin” (Heb. 4:15). His sinless life was a necessary prerequisite to becoming the perfect sacrifice and through the cross, He not only resisted Satan but defeated him:

¹⁴ Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.

Hebrews 2:14-15

On the cross, Jesus “bruised” Satan’s “head,” whereas Satan only bruised “his heel” (Gen. 3:15). The first Adam was tempted by Satan and failed. Jesus, the “last Adam” (I Cor. 15:45) was tempted by Satan and succeeded. Now we get to share in His victory.

Close your study time in prayer, thanking God for victory over sin and death.