

SERMON

DATE: Saturday/Sunday, September 1-2, 2018

SERIES TITLE: WHAT EVERY CHRISTIAN NEEDS TO KNOW

SERMON TITLE: How to Stand Strong in Trials and Temptations

SCRIPTURE: James 1:12-15

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[12] Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.

[13] When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone;

[14] but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed.

[15] Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

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Title: How to Stand Strong in Trials and Temptations

1. Know your enemy.

- Scripture says: Satan is a liar and murderer. He intends to kill, steal, and destroy.
- His last, most hurtful words to his victims: “Look at what a mess you have made of your life.”
- Our sinful nature is also our enemy.

2. Know your power.

~ *Philippians 4:13* I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

~ *Ephesians 6:10-11* Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes

~ *Psalms 23:4b* I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

- Christ in you.
- God's people – the church.

3. Know your God.

- Your greatest defense is knowing God.

~ He is eternal, invisible, immortal. *1 Timothy 1:17* Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

~ He is good, caring, and kind. He wants the best for you for all eternity. He is love.

~ He wants you to live with Him forever.

~ He has a crown of life for those who love Him.

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The construction on our campus is almost complete. We do have other areas to update and reconfigure which will be discussed below. We are thankful for the amazing buildings which have been built and the opportunities those bring for our ministry.

This week the fire marshal will come, and the contractor and architects start work on the punch list. If all goes as planned, we will move into the Administrative Office Building the week of September 17. During that week, we may have to work from our cell phones, but we should be able to move forward with our normal ministries and activities. At this time, we don't expect any disruption to our normal schedules.

The new office building means that we will move our offices to the front of the new construction, adjacent to the South Entrance and right next door to our new worship center. We are all excited to move into a new modern office complex. For the first time in years, we will have all of our pastors and assistants under the same roof. All those who had offices in other buildings will move to the new complex as well. We are hopeful this new building will help with our efficiency and planning.

As a result of the new building, we will soon begin the renovation of our present office space to be used by our Special Friends Ministry. This location will call for minimal renovation - consisting of new flooring, wall coverings and themes similar to our preschool and children's area. We are excited about this new aspect of our growing and significant Special Friends Ministry.

Thank you for your giving through the years to make all of this happen. When the remainder of our Rise Up! and Forward! campaigns are complete, we should have the funds for the renovation. Please continue to pray for the ongoing work of our ministry and expansion.