

**Self-Leadership: Charting a Path of Endurance and
Faithfulness to Christ**

Week 2 - Men For Jesus Leadership Training

REVIEW: YOUR IDENTITY IN CHRIST

Luke 9:23 Then he said to them all: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.

John 1:12 Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—

1. You are _____ in Christ. *Romans 8:1-4*
2. You are _____ by the Spirit. *Romans 8:9-11*
3. You are _____ as sons by the Father. *Rom. 8:14-17*

Romans 8:1-2

GOOD NEWS AND BAD NEWS

The good news is in Christ you are a child of God.

The bad news is you are in a war.

1. _____ is against you. *James 4:4*
2. _____ is against you. *1 Peter 5:8*
3. _____ is against you. *1 Peter 2:11*

TWO KINDS OF BATTLES WILL TEST OUR FAITH

1. Trials are painful circumstances; the test of _____
2. Temptations are attractive opportunities to sin; the test of _____

PREPARATION FOR PERSEVERANCE THROUGH TRIALS

1. God sends painful trials _____

James 1:2-4

Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

- Trials come in _____

- Trials are from _____

Genesis 22:1 Some time later God tested Abraham

Job 1-2

Job 23:10 ...when he has tested me, I will come forth as gold.

- Trials are to _____

2. The weapon for trials is _____

James 1:5–8

If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all he does.

- God has not _____

Job 16:19–20 Even now my witness is in heaven; my advocate is on high. My intercessor is my friend as my eyes pour out tears to God;

- Even in the darkest night there is _____

Acts 16:25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them.

- The reward is _____

Romans 8:18 I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.

3. God calls us to persevere in faith _____

James 1:12

Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.

1 Peter 1:6–9

In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Trials are the test of _____ to make us like Jesus

Temptations are the test of _____ we must learn to fight like Jesus

PREPARATION FOR FAITHFULNESS THROUGH TEMPTATIONS

James 1:13–16

When tempted, no one should say, “God is tempting me.” For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death. Don’t be deceived, my dear brothers.

1. Satan offers deceptive temptations _____

- Temptations come from _____
Genesis 3

- Temptations are built on _____
v. 14 ...he is dragged away and enticed.

Satan makes bad things look/sound appealing

Satan encourages making good things ultimate things (idols)

2. The weapon for temptations is _____

James 1:17–18

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

James 1:19–21

My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires. Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

You have to know it

You have to say it

You have to believe it

You have to obey it

Matthew 4:1–4

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

3. God calls us to faithfulness in temptation _____

James 1:15–16

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James 1:25

But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it—he will be blessed in what he does.

DAILY REPENTANCE AND RESTORATION

James 4:6–10

*But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says:
"God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."*

Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Come near to God and he will come near to you.

Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

Grieve, mourn and wail.

Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom.

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

