

**FAMILY LIFE CHURCH OF THE VALLEY  
LIFE GROUP - RIVERSIDE COUNTY**

**TITLE: THE INVISIBLE WAR**

**SESSION ONE: Understanding the Sources and Purpose of Temptation**

**TWO KINDS OF TESTING**

**Trials:** A situation designed by God in order to \_\_\_\_\_ to him.

**Temptation:** A situation designed by Satan in order to \_\_\_\_\_ to him.

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.

James 1:2-4 (NIV)

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

James 1:13 (NIV)

**GENERAL FACTS ABOUT TEMPTATION**

**It is not a \_\_\_\_\_ to be tempted.**

Jesus was in all points tempted like as we are, yet he sinned not.

Hebrews 4:15 (NKJV)

Walk in the spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

Galatians 5:16 (NKJV)

**I will never \_\_\_\_\_ temptation.**

No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way of escape so that you can stand up under it.

1 Corinthians 10:13 (NIV)

**Temptation will \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Temptations are \_\_\_\_\_ to everybody.**

**God \_\_\_\_\_ every temptation we go through.**

**God will \_\_\_\_\_ if I trust him.**

## THE INVISIBLE WAR SESSION ONE (Cont.)

### THE THREE SOURCES OF TEMPTATION

- **Your own** \_\_\_\_\_.
- **The** \_\_\_\_\_.
- **The** \_\_\_\_\_.

When tempted, no one should say, “God is tempting me.” For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; but each person is tempted when, they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. Then after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin, when it is full grown, gives birth to death.

James 1:13-15 (NIV)

**Lust is an unrighteous way to fulfill a** \_\_\_\_\_.

For everything in the world – the lust of the flesh, the lust of his eyes and the pride of life – comes not from the father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.

1 John 2:16-17 (NIV)

**The devil’s purpose in temptation is to** \_\_\_\_\_.

### WHY GOD ALLOWS TEMPTATION

**The necessity of** \_\_\_\_\_

**Temptation shows us:**

- **What we** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Where we** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Where we’re** \_\_\_\_\_  
**In the future if we don’t change.**
- **It allows a choice that is essential for character Building. It’s an opportunity for growth.**

**THE INVISIBLE WAR SESSION ONE (Cont.)**

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

**1. What did you hear?**

**a. Was there a particular point that stuck out to you?**

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**b. Was there a Bible verse that spoke to you personally**

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**2. What do you think about what you heard?**

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**3. What will you do? How will you put into practice what you heard?**

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