

HIGHLANDS CHURCH

Overcoming Temptation

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There is a blessing and reward for those who remain steadfast under trial -- proven genuine like approved currency (dokimos)

James 1:12

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One of the reasons God allows pain in our life, so we can learn how to navigate more and more and more pain. Why? Because pain oftentimes equals growth. And God loves us right where we're at, but you've heard the saying, He loves us too much to keep us there.

at 8:15

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Temptation is inevitable but God is not its source -- Satan is the tempter who seeks to steal, kill, and destroy

James 1:13

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There was this group of bankers that actually came to be known as the docimus. If you wanted real legit money, you would go to the docimus.

at 11:16

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**Temptation originates from our own desires
and the devil exploits those desires to lure and
entice us toward destruction**

James 1:14

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*There's all sorts of things in the world that are shiny and awesome
and they want people's attention, but if it's not what your heart
desires, then it's not actually real temptation.*

at 20:15

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Unchecked desire leads to sin and sin when fully grown brings forth death -- physical, spiritual, and relational

James 1:15

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So yes, Jesus was tempted, but he overcame temptation so that we might be able to as well.

at 18:22

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Victory over temptation comes through the Holy Spirit -- God is faithful and always provides a way of escape

1 Corinthians 10:13

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No temptation has seized you, except that what is common to man. Here's what this means. There's no temptation the devil will throw at you that you can't say no to.

at 34:26