The Way of Escape

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INTRODUCTION

- With all of the temptations that surround us on a daily basis, many Christians feel helpless and powerless to overcome.
- When temptation overtakes us, we must learn to take the escape route that God has provided.
- We can know with all confidence that we can overcome temptation. At the same time, we must not be overly confident about our own ability to overcome.

1 Do Not Be Overconfident

1 Peter 5:8; Luke 4:13; Ephesians 6:12

- Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed that he does not fall.
- Confidence in overcoming sin is a good thing when it is based in reality.
- Never ever let your guard down. Be sober. Be vigilant. For your adversary, the devil walks about as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.
- We need to realize that temptation never goes away for good.
- Overestimating your own power is underestimating the power of Satan.
- He is the world's fiercest opponent. He's God's fiercest opponent.

2 Do Not Be Unconfident

1 Corinthians 10:13; Hebrews 4:15; Philippians 4:13

- God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also provide the way of escape, so that you may be able to endure it.
- Number one, temptation is common to all humanity. Your temptations are not unique. Your situation is not unique.
- Second thing we need to realize is that no temptation is impossible to overcome.
- We need to stop saying I can't. And we need to say I can. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.
- No matter how far the temptation has progressed, you can still stop.
- As fierce as Satan is, if you resist him, he will flee from you.

3 Don't Just Stand There, Flee

1 Corinthians 10:14; 1 Corinthians 6:18; 2 Timothy 2:22

- Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry.
- You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons.
- We flirt with sin. We get right up to the edge.

- The idea is proactively get away from sin with all intensity and focus.
- So it's not only fleeing from sin, but it's running towards righteousness.
- Flee from youthful lusts and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **When temptation surrounds us, you need to take the way of escape. I mean, that's the moment where you have to get out. You can't just stand there.**

MY NOTES