Turning From Sin Part 2

Greg Kline · James 1:13–15 · Series: **Turning From Sin**

INTRODUCTION

- Sin literally being a poison to us. It will result in our death, that it is so important for us to understand where temptation comes from and how I can stop losing that battle.
- We need to realize that our sin leads to that same outcome. That is death.
- Sin carries a high weight. It is a terrible cost that we need to count.

1 Stopping the Desire: Crucify Fleshly Desires

Galatians 5:16–24; 2 Timothy 2:22; 1 Timothy 6:10–11

- We need to crucify our fleshly desires.
- When I have these desires that are going to lead me to sin, the first step is not to treat the symptom, but to treat the problem, treat the illness.
- And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.
- So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.
- We need to not only detach from evil, we need to not only flee, but we need to pursue those good things.
- If we're pursuing the good, we're no longer on the path to sin.

2 Opportunity: We May Need to Literally Flee

Genesis 39:1–12; Matthew 26:41; Psalm 101:2–3

- My desire might be so strong that the opportunity is what I need to cut at.
- Well, I can't control my desires. You can control a lot of the opportunity.
- But he left his garment in her hand and fled and got out of the house.
- Fleeing sin, getting away from these situations, may not be comfortable. But it must be done.
- Watch and pray. That you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.
- A true commitment to God that I will know nothing of evil. I won't be around it.

3 It Comes Down to Action

1 Corinthians 10:13; Proverbs 25:28; James 1:14–15

- Whether we have the sinful desire or not, whether we have the opportunity to act on it, there still is a major barrier to this sin.
- God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation, he will also provide the way of escape that you may be able to endure it.
- Maybe it's cutting out the desire. Maybe it's limiting the opportunity. But truthfully, sin is a choice.

- I need to know that the way of escape is there, and I must take it. But it's my choice. It's my sin.
- A man without self control is like a city without walls.
- We must exercise self-control. Why? Like Joseph, we know our sin is against God. Why? We know sin leads to death.

THE CHALLENGE

We need to check the warning labels on those decisions that we make and read and decide carefully.

MY NOTES