

FAITH THAT HITS HARD – WEEK 2

James 1:13-18

MESSAGE RECAP

Temptation is not an if – it's a when. This week, we explored James's unfiltered wisdom on temptation and how it works. Temptation isn't sin, but it's designed to drag us toward sin, and ultimately death. James used vivid language to show how temptation lures us in like bait on a hook, and unless we're alert, we can get hooked. Don't get hooked! God is not the source of temptation – He's our way out! Every good and perfect gift comes from Him, and through Jesus, we can break free.

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. After listening to the message, what stood out to you?
2. What's a light-hearted temptation you often fall for (e.g., snacks, impulse purchases, late-night binge watching, etc)?
3. Read James 1:13-15.
 - a. What stands out to you about James's description of how temptation works?
 - b. James outlines a progression from desire -> temptation -> sin -> death. Where have you seen that pattern play out in real life?
4. Read James:16-18.
 - a. How does focusing on God's goodness help us when we're facing temptation?
 - b. What's the difference between the enemy's trap and God's gifts?
5. What's one practical way you can remind yourself that God is in your corner?
6. What's one area of your life where you need to "submit to God" this week? (James 4:7)
7. How can your group encourage one another in the fight against temptation?