



**Supernatural – The Way of Escape**  
**Pastor Dave Patterson 10.15.2023**

**USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE**

We have provided all the Scriptures references in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to discuss the weekend message.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together. Give priority to the needs and pace of your group members.

While the questions are important, remember your group's goal is to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships. Use the discussion questions as you see fit but emphasize the relationships.

**[1 Corinthians 10:13]**

The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can bear. When you are tempted, he will show you the way of escape, that you may be able to endure.

**Temptation / Greek. *peirasmos* =**

- a. an invitation to sin that comes as a test of our faith.**
- b. An enticement to wander from the Word and the ways of God.**  
***(as Jesus was tempted in the wilderness)***

**[1 Corinthians 10:1-2]**

For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea.

**[1 Corinthians 10:3-4]**

They all ate the same spiritual food and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ.

**[1 Corinthians 10:5-6]**

Yet God was not pleased with most of them, and their bodies were scattered in the wilderness. These things happened as a warning to us, so that we would not crave evil things as they did,

**[1 Corinthians 10:7-11]**

Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: “The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry.” We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did—and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died. We should not test Christ, as some of them did—and were killed by snakes. And do not grumble, as some of them did—and were killed by the destroying angel. These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come.

**[1 Corinthians 10:12-13]**

If you think you are standing strong, be careful not to fall. The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can bear. When you are tempted, he will show you the way of escape, that you may be able to endure.

**Idolatry: When the throne of my heart (*the highest place of my affections and desires*) is occupied by anyone or anything other than Jesus**

**1. The antidote for idolatry is a surrendered life of true worship.**

**2. The antidote for sexual immorality (*the desires of the flesh*) is a renewed mind.**

**[Romans 12:2]** “Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.”

**[Ephesians 4:22]** “Be renewed in the spirit of your mind” (*your thoughts and attitudes*)

**[Colossians 3:2]** “Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.”

**[Philippians 4:8]** “Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—meditate on these things.”

**[Psalm 1:2-3]** “Blessed is the one. . . whose delight is in the law of the LORD, meditating on it day and night. They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do.”

**[2 Corinthians 10:5]** “. . . We take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ”

**[Romans 8:6]** “So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace.”

**[James 3:8]**

No one can tame the tongue. It is restless and evil, full of deadly poison.

**[James 3:2]**

Indeed, we all make many mistakes. For if we could control our tongues, we would be perfect (*fully matured in virtue and integrity*) and could also control ourselves in every other way.

**[Exodus 16:2]**

Then the whole community of Israel complained about Moses and Aaron. “If only the LORD had killed us back in Egypt,” they moaned. “There we sat around pots filled with meat and ate all the bread we wanted. But now you have brought us into this wilderness to starve us all to death.”

**[Proverbs 18:21]**

Death and life *are* in the power of the tongue,

### **3. The antidote for a deadly confession is a vocabulary of gratitude.**

**[Psalm 34:1-3]**

I will praise the LORD at all times. I will constantly speak his praises. I will boast only in the LORD; let all who are helpless take heart. Come, let us tell of the LORD’s greatness; let us exalt his name together.

### Key Points:

1. The antidote for idolatry is a surrendered life of true worship.
2. The antidote for sexual immorality is a renewed mind.
3. The antidote for a deadly confession is a vocabulary of gratitude.

### Applications for the Week:

1. Take inventory of the safeguards you have (or lack) to keep you from temptation. Prioritize any changes that would better set you and your family up for success.
2. Write a note of gratitude as a proactive measure to counter any idolatry that could creep in.

### Discussion Questions

1. In what ways, is temptation common to all humanity? What kinds of things do folks idolize in our present culture? How do they impact our hearts, our minds, and our mouths?
2. What does the Greek word for temptation (*peirasmos*) indicate about the strategy of the enemy?
3. In 1 Corinthians 10:1-16, what was the setting, and how were the people immersed in what God was doing? What is the warning to them (and us)?
4. Why do you think the “way of escape” is more access to temptation and egress away from it instead of an emergency evacuation? What happens to believers who embrace the path?
5. What did God's people set their heart on? What did it lead them into? (1 Corinthians 10:7-13)
6. What are some temptations that try to draw you away? Who have you invited to speak into your life for accountability?
7. How do our conversations and investments indicate who, or what, is on the throne of our hearts?
8. How is it possible to be in a healthy, supportive community, but you can still succumb to temptation?
9. Which of the antidotes for idolatry do you need to focus on this week? Why is remembrance of what God has done for us important to our attitude and conversation?
10. How can you live supernaturally in the time and culture we are living today?