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## SERMON SUMMARY

During times of Crisis, like the one we face today, or any you have in your life, we can get weak and stumble spiritually. James tells us how we can stumble or fall into temptation. He also tells us how to avoid falling.

"Don't blame God when you are tempted! God cannot be evil, and he doesn't use evil to tempt others. We are tempted by our own desires that drag us off and trap us. Our desires make us sin, and when sin is finished with us, it leaves us dead." James 1:13-16 CEV

It's like Satan is trying to beat us at Chess. We need to learn some counter moves to go against Satan if we do not want to stumble.

## MESSAGE NOTES

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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

(Do not feel like you must cover every question below. Decide which one or ones really apply to your group or stir up an interest in your group. Do not rush to “get through them all.” It is more important that you discuss openly and honestly than that you go over every question.)

1. WHEN AM I MOST TEMPTED? Open up to the group and admit those times when you are the most easily tempted.
2. WHERE AM I MOST TEMPTED? Open up to the group and admit those places when you are the most easily tempted.
3. WHO IS WITH ME WHEN I'M MOST TEMPTED? Is it when you are alone, with friends, co-workers, in front of a tv or a computer?
4. WHAT TEMPORARY BENEFIT DO I GET IF I GIVE IN? What feeling do you get when you give in that makes you want to give in?
5. HOW DO I FEEL RIGHT BEFORE I'M TEMPTED? Do you feel bored, threatened, left out, afraid, etc?
6. How can you replace the thoughts that want to drag you down?
7. Who are people you can put in your life to help you?
8. Discuss the graphic below and how they work or do not work in our life.

### How Sin Works

Attention ➤ Arousal ➤ Action

### What To Do With A Temptation

Think It ➤ Reject It ➤ Replace It