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Wisdom for Resisting Temptation | Proverbs 8:32-35

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This past weekend we continued in our series in Proverbs by looking at how we can walk in the way of wisdom that leads to life and avoid the pathways that lead to shame.

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Proverbs 8:32-35; Proverbs 1:19; Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-13

Pause. Take time to prayerfully consider what has been read,

D I S C U S S

- 1) Why are the warnings in scripture about resisting temptation so strong? What is truly at stake when it comes to choosing the way of wisdom over foolishness?

We looked at how temptation usually works in our lives through the story of Adam and Eve in Genesis 2-3.

- I. We believe a lie about God's character
 - II. There's an enticement toward something we want
 - III. We fantasize about the thing we desire
 - IV. An opportunity arises to realize the fantasy
 - V. We decide to act on it or not
- 2) In what ways have you seen this pattern happen in your own life? Why do you think we are so prone to keep repeating this in our lives?

We also looked at how we can resist the temptation toward sin.

- I. We believe the truth about God's character
- II. We interrogate our desires

- III. We invite the Holy Spirit to renew our minds
- IV. We confide in trustworthy people
- 3) How can you practice these acts of resistance in your life? What would that look like?
- 4) What hope is there for us when we do give in to temptation? What does Jesus say to us in our failings?

R E S P O N D

*Share how the Spirit is inviting you to respond today and the week to come – to **be with** Jesus, to **become like** Jesus, or to **do what** Jesus does.*

P R A Y

Pray that we would be partnering with Jesus and counting on his power in helping us resist temptation

Pray that the power of shame would be broken so that we can come into the light to be healed from all our broken ways..

Take time to wait and pray together. What is Jesus praying for? Come into agreement with His prayers.

