

SERMON MESSAGE FOR FEBRUARY 9/10, 2019

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PILGRIM

Put to the Test!

1 John 2:15-17 (p. 1039)

THE MAIN CHALLENGE → Be _____ for worldly _____.
(1 Cor. 10:13)

HOW? BY ...

1. Remembering our _____ with Abba.
(2:15; Gal. 4:6; Rom. 8:38-39)
2. Addressing our _____ with the world.
(2:15; Ps. 142:1-2)
3. Protecting our daily lives from _____.
(2:15-16; 1 Pet. 4:3; Rom. 12:2; James 1:14-16)

_____ → _____ → _____ → _____ → _____
Wants Warps Whispers Wills Wasted

THE KEY → _____ temptation on every _____. (1 Cor. 10:13)

4. Trusting our _____ to His Word. (2:17)

THE CRITICAL DECISION → Will I live for _____ pleasure or
_____ joy? (1 Cor. 10:12)

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FROM FEBRUARY 9/10, 2019 SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR SERMON-BASED LIFE GROUPS

Personal preparation: Read the passage, review your outline, and think through the questions. With your group, watch the video blog together.

CONNECTING

1. What are some examples of things which you love and hate at the same time?

GROWING

2. What are some of the bigger temptations this world's system throws at you, and which you fight against? Keep these areas in mind as you read over and consider the following questions:
 - a. How does it help your fight to remember that God loves you and lives in you? (v. 15; Gal. 4:6)
 - b. Read Psalm 23 together as a group. What specific truths in this text help you in your fight? How so?

3. We are fighting temptation on every front! What are two or three practical things you do, or need to do, in order to be successful at this?

SHARING

4. How do you see this week's Critical Decision applying to your life over the next seven days?

Pilgrim Week 6 Memory Verse

"Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you."

1 John 2:15 (NLT)

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(For Scripture references and fill-in the blanks)

"But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh." Galatians 5:16

"... pardons all your iniquities." Psalm 103:3

"... the ruler of this world ..." John 12:31

"... the whole world lies in the power of the evil one." 1 John 5:19

THE MAIN CHALLENGE: Be **prepared** for worldly **temptation**. (1 Cor. 10:13)

"No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man;" 1 Corinthians 10:13

HOW? BY ...

1. Remembering our **love relationship** with Abba. (2:15; Gal. 4:6; Rom. 8:38-39)

"Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!'" Galatians 4:6

"For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."
Romans 8:38-39

2. Addressing our **sinful compromises** with the world. (2:15; Ps. 142:1-2)

"I cry aloud with my voice to the LORD; I make supplication with my voice to the LORD. I pour out my complaint before Him; I declare my trouble before Him;" Psalm 142:1-2

"It's better to be an honest mess before God than a dishonest saint." John Ortberg

3. Protecting our daily lives from **spiritual enemies**. (2:15-16; 1 Pet. 4:3; Rom. 12:2; James 1:14-16)

"The time already past is sufficient for you to have carried out the desire of the Gentiles, having pursued a course of sensuality, drunkenness, carousals, drinking parties and abominable idolatries." 1 Peter 4:3

"Do not be conformed to this world ..." Romans 12:2

"But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust. Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death. Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren." James 1:14-16

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Wills

Behavior
Wasted

THE KEY: Fight temptation on every front. (1 Cor. 10:13)

"No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide a way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it." 1 Corinthians 10:13

4. Trusting our wills to His Word. (2:17)

THE CRITICAL DECISION: Will I live for temporary pleasure or eternal joy? (1 Cor. 10:12)

"Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed that he does not fall." 1 Corinthians 10:12