

**BBCC Bible Study Notes**  
From the Series: **Courage Under Fire**  
*“Lessons from the Lion’s Den”*  
November 19, 2017

**Lesson #1: Jealousy is a very \_\_\_\_\_ emotion.**

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**How temptation works:**

D \_\_\_\_\_ (James 4:1-3)    D \_\_\_\_\_ (Hebrew 3:12)    D \_\_\_\_\_ (John 8:44)  
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**How to overcome temptation:**

1. R \_\_\_\_\_ that being tempted is not a sin. (1 Cor. 10:13)
2. R \_\_\_\_\_ where you are most vulnerable. (1 Peter 5:8)
3. R \_\_\_\_\_ your struggle to a trusted friend. (James 5:16)
4. R \_\_\_\_\_ God’s help. (Hebrew 4:14-16)

**BBCC Verse of the Week: “Do not be overcome by evil but overcome evil with good.”**  
*Romans 12:28 NIV*

*Note: adapted from an outline by Pastor Rick Warren*

## BBCC DEVOTIONAL GUIDE for November 19 to 25, 2017

**Sunday:** Read James 4:1-3. Many times we think that temptation is found in the circumstances around us but the Bible makes it clear that temptation lies within us. Thank God today that He is able to help you resist the temptations that you face.

**Monday:** Read Hebrew 3:12-13. Satan tries to get you to doubt what God says is true. This unbelief can cause you to turn away from God. The writer here exhorts us to encourage one another daily. Who can you encourage today?

**Tuesday:** Read John 8:44. Satan is a liar. He will try to get you to believe something that is untrue or partially true. He tries to get you to believe lies like, “Just once won’t hurt” or “no one will ever know” or “it’s only a little sin”. What lies have you bought into?

**Wednesday:** Read James 1:13-16. When you finally act on what you have been thinking about you give birth to disobedience. This is the culmination of the temptation process which starts in your mind. What can you do today to guard your mind? How can you focus your attention away from the temptation?

**Thursday:** Read 1 Corinthians 10:13. Remember that the temptations that come into your life are no difference from what others experience and that with each temptation God will provide a way out. One way out may be to enlist a prayer partner who can help you defeat a persistent temptation. Who could you ask to do this?

**Friday:** Read 1 Peter 5:8-9. One of the things we need to be alert to is our own vulnerability to temptation. Ask yourself; “When am I most tempted? Where am I most tempted? How do I usually feel when I am most tempted—tired, lonely, stressed?” Identify your patterns of temptation and avoid them as much as possible.

**Saturday:** Read Hebrew 4:14-16. When you are tempted request God’s help. Jesus is sympathetic to your struggle so call out to him. When temptation comes you usually

don't have time for a long prayer so just send up a "skygram" and expect God to answer.

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**How temptation works:**

**Desire** (James 4:1-3) **Doubt** (Hebrew 3:12) **Deception** (John 8:44) **Disobedience** (James 1:13-16)

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