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WHAT WE SHOULDN'T MISS

Three Key Life Lessons:

1. It's not wrong to be **TEMPTED**; it's wrong to **SIN**.
2. If you want more **VICTORIES**, you need **HELP**.
3. Being a child of God **DOES NOT** necessarily mean an **EASY** life.

For Further Study

Getting Started

1. If you were facing a great difficulty in life, what would you want someone to do—or not do—in their attempt to help/comfort you?

Digging Deeper

2. Read the following passages:

- **James 1:2-4:** Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.
- **1 Peter 1:6-7:** In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.
- **2 Corinthians 1:3-6:** Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ. If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you patient endurance of the same sufferings we suffer.

Which passage from above is most encouraging to you and why? Which is most challenging?

3. Read the following passages:

- **John 14:25-27:** “All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”
- **Philippians 4:6-7:** Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
- **Psalms 119:9-11:** How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word. I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.
- **Ecclesiastes 4:9-12:** Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up. Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

What resources do you find in these passages that help you cope, handle, and even grow through a hard season in life?

Driving It Home

4. Looking back to Sunday’s message, what is most important for you to remember?