

**BUT GOD
Changes Everything
We Are Tempted, BUT GOD Overcomes
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- D. Recognize the negative consequences of yielding to the temptation.

⁷ *“Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.*

⁸ *For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.”* Galatians 6:7-8

²⁴ *“By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter,*

²⁵ *choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin,”*
Hebrews 11:24-25

- E. Rule your environment.

¹⁴ *“But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.”*

Romans 13:14

²⁸ *“Can one walk on hot coals, and his feet not be seared?*

²⁹ *So is he who goes in to his neighbor’s wife; whoever touches her shall not be innocent.”*

Proverbs 6:28-29

- F. Reveal your struggle to a friend.

⁹ *“Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labor.*

¹⁰ *For if they fall, one will lift up his companion. but woe to him who is alone when he falls, for he has no one to help him up.”* Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

¹⁶ *“Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.”*
James 5:16

BE CHANGED BY BUT GOD OVERCOMES

Introduction:

- A. Two powerful words can change everything. BUT GOD.

But God moments occur when life takes a particular course, but God intervenes and presents a fresh path and a glimmer of hope for our lives!

²⁶ *“But Jesus looked at them and said to them, ‘With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.’”*

Matthew 19:26

- B. Attend the But God Teaching Series and discover how to transform your “But I...” limitations into “But God!” breakthroughs with every challenge you encounter!

April 20 Jesus Was Dead, BUT GOD Resurrects

April 27 We Are Evil, BUT GOD Redeems

TODAY We Are Tempted, BUT GOD Overcomes

May 11 We Are Dysfunctional, BUT GOD Functions

May 18 We Are Weak, BUT GOD Strengthens

May 25 We Are Sinners, BUT GOD Saves

- C. **TEXT:** I Corinthians 10:12-13

Key Verse:

¹³ *“No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.”* I Corinthians 10:13

HOW BUT GOD OVERCOMES CAN CHANGE YOU

I. WE ARE TEMPTED BUT GOD OVERCOMES

A. We all face temptation.

¹² *“Therefore, let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.*

¹³ *No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man...”*

I Corinthians 10:12-13a

B. Temptation is our oldest problem.

¹ *“Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, ‘Has God indeed said, ‘You shall not eat of every tree of the garden’?”*

Genesis 3:1

C. It is not a sin to be tempted, only if we yield to it.

¹⁵ *“For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.”*

Hebrews 4:15

II. BUT GOD IS FAITHFUL

A. God is faithful to control temptation.

¹³ *“...but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able...”*

I Corinthians 10:13b

B. God is faithful to conquer temptation.

¹³ *“...but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.”*

I Corinthians 10:13c

III. OVERCOME TEMPTATION

A. Refuse to be intimidated.

¹⁰ *“Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.*

¹¹ *Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.”*

Ephesians 6:10-11

¹⁶ *“I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.”*

Galatians 5:16

B. Request God’s help.

¹³ *“And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one...”*

Matthew 6:13a

⁴¹ *“Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”*

Matthew 26:41

C. Refocus your attention.

¹⁴ *“But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed.”*

James 1:14

¹ *“Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.*

² *And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry.*

³ *Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, ‘If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.’”*

⁴ *But He answered and said, ‘It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.’”*

Matthew 4:1-4

¹⁰ *“With my whole heart I have sought You; Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments!*

¹¹ *Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You.”*

Psalms 119:10-11