

III. CELEBRATE JESUS WALKS WITH US AND IS FOR US

A. We have immediate access to Jesus.

¹ *"My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.*

² *And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world."*

I John 2:1-2

Jesus is the One who is...

- Our Advocate
- The Righteous One
- The Atoning Sacrifice For Our Sin

B. Peter and his denials of knowing Christ and how Christ restored him illustrates our hope.

³¹ *"And the Lord said, 'Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat.*

³² *But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren."*

Luke 22:31-32

¹⁵ *"So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me more than these?'*

He said to Him, 'Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.'
He said to him, 'Feed My lambs.'

¹⁶ *He said to him again a second time, 'Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?' He said to Him, 'Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.' He said to him, 'Tend My sheep.'*

¹⁷ *He said to him the third time, 'Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?' Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, 'Do you love Me?' and he said to Him, 'Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You.'*
Jesus said to him, 'Feed My sheep.'"

John 21:15-17

FIND HOPE WHEN YOU DON'T ESCAPE

ESCAPING TEMPTATION

Finding Hope When You Don't Escape

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Introduction:

A. Do you struggle with persistent temptations?

Temptation touches every life, often leaving us feeling weary, discouraged, or alone. Yet God speaks hope into our struggle through His Word:

"No temptation has overtaken you except such is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make a way of escape, that you may be able to bear it" (1 Corinthians 10:13).

A brief theology of temptation:

- It is not a sin to be tempted.
- We face common temptations.
- There is always a way to escape temptation.

B. In this Escaping Temptation teaching series, we will explore how God meets us in our weakness, strengthens us through His faithfulness, and lovingly guides us toward the way of escape restoring our confidence, renewing our hearts, and leading us into freedom.

Feb 22	Escaping The Temptation Of Lust
March 1	Escaping The Temptation Of Worry
March 8	Escaping The Temptation Of Procrastination
March 15	Escaping The Temptation Of Anger
March 22	Escaping The Temptation Of Social Media
TODAY	Finding Hope When You Don't Escape

TEXT: I John 1:3-2:2

The Apostle John provides us with the assurance of God's forgiveness when we don't escape temptation.

⁹ *"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."* I John 1:9

HOW TO FIND HOPE WHEN YOU DON'T ESCAPE

I. UNDERSTAND HOW WE DON'T ESCAPE

A. What is the source of our temptation?

Our source of temptation is not God, but it comes from within us.

¹³ *"Let no one say when he is tempted, I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone.*

¹⁴ *But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed."* James 1:13-14

B. Not escaping temptation is a three-step process:

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

¹⁵ *Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death."*

James 1:14-15

- Evil desire drags us away.
- The lure entices us.
- Desire conceives and gives birth to sin and death.

C. The remedy is to seek God's wisdom for the way of escape.

⁵ *"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him."* James 1:5

II. RECEIVE GOD'S PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS AND CLEANSING

A. Our joy is fellowship with Jesus.

³ *"that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.*

⁴ *And these things we write to you that your joy may be full."* I John 1:3-4

B. There is hope for those who sin. We can restore our fellowship with Jesus.

I John 1:5-10 gives us the instruction for what we need to do to live in fellowship with Jesus. The walk of fellowship with Jesus is revealed in the five "if we" statements.

⁵ *"This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.*

⁶ *If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.*

⁷ *But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.*

⁸ *If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.*

⁹ *If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

¹⁰ *If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us."* I John 1:5-10