

# The Fight of Your Life

## In The Fight Against Sin, I Must Know the Enemy

<sup>14</sup> But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. <sup>15</sup> Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death. <sup>16</sup> Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers.

- James 1:14-16

### How we think sin works:

\_\_\_\_\_ → \_\_\_\_\_.

So, if we can just \_\_\_\_\_, then we won't \_\_\_\_\_.

But temptation cannot exist where \_\_\_\_\_ does not exist first.

All temptation can do is point out the \_\_\_\_\_ to fulfill desires I already have.

Consider Eve in the Garden of Eden ...

\_\_\_\_\_ → temptation → sin

But my real problem remains: I still \_\_\_\_\_ sin.

My \_\_\_\_\_ (what I love or what I hate) drive \_\_\_\_\_ I do. (I only ever \_\_\_\_\_ what I \_\_\_\_\_).

But desires only exist when we feel something is \_\_\_\_\_. Our desires come from a sense of \_\_\_\_\_ ... something could be better or more satisfying ...

\_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ → desires → temptation → sin.

So, if I want to change an \_\_\_\_\_, I have to first change the \_\_\_\_\_ that drives it.

But the underlying cause of a misplaced affection goes still deeper. Its root is \_\_\_\_\_.

We wrongly believe that what \_\_\_\_\_ can provide what we want/need better than \_\_\_\_\_ can.

\_\_\_\_\_ → want/lack → desires → temptation → sin

Every sin – at its root – betrays some unbelief in God or His Word.

Every sin is \_\_\_\_\_ because it is an act of \_\_\_\_\_ against the King, as we crown some lust, desire, or pleasure the new king in our lives.

We become like Eve at the tree ...

### So, what do we do?

\_\_\_\_\_ → want/lack → desires → opportunity → righteousness.

Only the power of Christ can \_\_\_\_\_ our hearts. What we need is more \_\_\_\_\_.

Whereas unbelief created a lack of \_\_\_\_\_ in God, faith creates a sense of \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ of Him!

It's not that we don't have Christ; it's that we don't have \_\_\_\_\_ of Him. The more we desire Christ – and \_\_\_\_\_ that desire – the more we will seize upon the opportunities to be/do \_\_\_\_\_.

### So, I kill sin by ....

*What is it that my heart does not trust God to provide that I thought this sin would take care of?*