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## “THE NOISE OF TEMPTATION”

Galatians 5:16-25



### WHY IS IT SO DIFFICULT?

- Why do things we know we should do, have to be so difficult?
- Why are bad habits easier to do than good habits?

### ON A MORE PERSONAL LEVEL...

- You may want to stop:
  - Worry
  - Pessimism
  - Being too busy
  - Being disorganized
  - Procrastinating
  - Breaking your word – promising something you never did?
  - Etc.

### WHY ARE TEMPTATIONS TO SIN SO DIFFICULT?

- Why is it so difficult to say “no”?
- So easy to give in?
- Even though we feel so guilty afterward?
- Why doesn't God make the struggle of sin in your life easier for you to [manage], say “NO”?
- Couldn't God **make** it easier? – *Sure.*
- *(Matthew 6:13) Jesus told the disciples in the model prayer...*

### IT ALL COMES DOWN TO THIS:

- Why is it so difficult to say “no” to that stubborn temptation?
- Why do we keep falling over and over again?
- Why can't we be free?
- AND (*now be honest, you've said this*) why doesn't God help me more?
- Why doesn't God **make** it easier?
- The truth is – He could make it easier, but has chosen not to!

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## WHY IS TEMPTATION SO POWERFUL? 3 REASONS, 3 PURPOSES:

### I. It's God's method of testing our loyalties

- A. We cannot say we love God or trust Him unless we've said “no” to temptations.  
*Genesis 22:12* – “Then He said, Do not lay a hand on the boy or do anything to him. For now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your only son from Me.”
- B. With each temptation we get better or worse...

### II. It's His vehicle of character development

- A. God is doing something in your life  
*Deuteronomy 8:2* - And you shall remember all the way which the Lord your God has led you in the wilderness these forty years, in order to humble you, putting you to the test, **to know what was in your heart**, whether you would keep His commandments or not.
- B. God is doing a work in the school of hard temptations.
- C. God also has given us fellow believers to help
- D. He gives us His Holy Spirit (Gal. 5:16, 24-25)  
*2 Peter 1:4*: “And because of his glory and excellence, He has given us great and precious promises. These are the promises that enable you to share His divine nature and escape the world's corruption caused by human desires.”

### III. God uses our weaknesses (sin struggle) to show us His grace and power on our behalf.

- Romans 5:20*
- 2 Corinthians 12:9* – Paul's thorn in the flesh (was it a temptation?) – God's response...

### CONCLUSION:

- God wants to deliver you. He wants to empower you.
- He wants to renew us, strengthen us, work through us, even to help others in their struggle with temptation.
- Are you willing to let God, - to let Him root out the evil and replace it with something far better!!
- *Romans 12:1-2*
- What is your most difficult temptation most frustrating struggle?
- Are you ready to give it up to Him?