**The Breakout Series: Week 4**

Welcome to the Breakout series.

In Week 1 we looked at how to breakout of the prison of Anxiety.

In Week 2 we looked at how to breakout of the prison of Fear.

In Week 3 we looked at how to breakout of the Depression.

This week we are going to look at how to breakout of the prison of Temptation.

Sharing: What would you do if you were invisible for a day?

Would you be tempted to do wrong if you were invisible for a day?

Definition of the word Temptation: The desire to do something especially something wrong or unwise.

We are going to look at a few “Temptation” stories in the bible:

1. Joseph (Genesis 39)

2. David (2 Samuel 11)

3. Jesus (Matthew 4)

Small Group Activity. You are seated in small groups and half the groups are going to look at the story where Joseph was tempted by Potiphar’s wife and the other half are going to look at the story where David was tempted by Bathsheba. You have 3 questions to answer that will help you learn why temptation is difficult to deal with and what to do to escape falling when tempted. Here are the group questions:

Joseph’s Temptation (Genesis 39)

(1) Why do you think the temptation was really tough to handle?

(2) What helped Joseph to have victory over temptation?
(3) What did Joseph do when he was tempted?

David’s Temptation (2 Samuel 22):

(1) Why do you think the temptation was really tough to handle?
(2) What factors helped David's get defeated by temptation?

(3) What did David do when he was tempted?

Small Group Feedback. Each group will feedback one answer for each question.

The things I got out of Joseph’s story:

\* The Lord was with him and granted him favour – even in prison.

\* He ran from temptation and made it clear to her he was not interested.

\* He believed that he would be sinning against God if he slept with her.

The things I got out of David’s story:

\* David was not where he was supposed to be (a time when Kings when off to war).

\* David got up from sleeping in the afternoon - he was lazy

\* David did everything possible to cover up his sin

Even Jesus was tempted when he was in the desert for 40 days, but he did not give in as he kept throwing Gods Word back at Satan.

Closing: As I close this morning, I want to leave you with three principles that will help you to escape Temptation:

1. Watch and Pray. “Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.” (Matthew 26:41)

2. Find the Escape. “No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.” (1 Corinthians 10:13)

3. Expect to Grow. “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.” (James 1:2)

Prayer

Next week we will look at how to breakout from the prison of Heartache.