



## Decide in Advance wk2: Overcome Temptation

**Introduction:** Everyone faces temptation, yet few people plan to overcome it. What if we recognized in advance that temptation will come and planned to overcome it?

### Discussion Questions

1. What do you think of the famous quote, "If you fail to plan, you plan to fail?" Can you name some important areas of your life where you would never not make a plan?
2. Read **1 Peter 5:8 & 1 Corinthians 16:13** Both Peter & Paul give a warning about Satan and temptation. Why is it important to be reminded that we have an enemy (and who that enemy is)? How can you prepare to face temptation? Why do you think we don't plan in advance how we will deal with certain temptations?
3. Read **1 Corinthians 10:12-13** Verse 12 contains a caution while verse 13 reminds us that we don't have to yield to temptation. Is being tempted a sin? What does God provide for every temptation?
4. In the sermon, Jeremy mentioned "moving the line" or putting a barrier between you and temptation. What are some practical examples of that? Where is the potential for that to go wrong?
5. We often think in "worse case scenarios" about many things, but thinking about how bad it might go if you yield to temptation is rarely one of them. Why is that? What benefit might there be to thinking like this about temptation? Does the worst case scenario involve losing salvation?
6. Why do you suppose there are some temptations we should plan on resisting and some where we should flee? Is fleeing from sin/temptation always the right call?
7. What have you found to be the most helpful part of a plan to overcome sin? Anything that works better for you?

**Shaping Your Mind** – *"Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans."* Proverbs 16:3

**Moving Forward** – *Because we know we have an enemy who is trying to trip us up, plan to defend against him.*