



Part 2: Saying “No” When You Want To Say “Yes”

GET GOING

Temptation is common to every one of us. You are no exception. We might not be tempted by the same stuff but we’re all tempted by something. The good news is that God always provides us an opportunity to flee when we’d rather flirt.

Speaking of temptation, let’s see how these kids handled their temptation with junk food.

Watch: Instant Gratification. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yo4WF3cSd9Q>

DISCUSS

1. What’s a food that you have a hard time resisting?

Read Genesis 39:1-12

2. What do you think made Joseph successful in resisting the temptation of Potiphar’s wife?
3. Joseph choose in advance that he wouldn’t cross a moral boundary with Potiphar’s wife. How might the story have ended differently if he didn’t create moral margin in his life?
4. When you give in to what you want right now, how long do you typically stay satisfied?
5. How can creating boundaries in your life keep you from sacrificing what you want most for what you want right now? What’s the long term benefit?
6. What roads of your life have you been driving down that have no shoulder? Where do you need to set up some margin? It’s as simple as listening to your conscience.

Read 1 Corinthians 10:13

7. How did knowing that God was with Joseph help him to resist his temptation? How can acknowledging God’s presence in our lives keep us from flirting with temptation?
8. Paul tells us that no temptation is unique or uncommon. Do you agree?
9. God will always provide an offramp for our temptation. Share a time where you personally experienced God’s provision. What happens when we drive past the exit?

PRAY.

The path to bondage starts with our casual thoughts. Break up into men’s and women’s groups for prayer. Share some areas or thoughts you need to start fleeing from! Being accountable helps us to escape the trap of temptation.