

Today's sermon:

"The Lure"

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The Bible wasn't given just to increase our knowledge, the Bible was given to change our life...

- today we ask the spirit of God
- to use the word of God
- to transform us to be like the Son of God

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James 1:13-18 (NIV).
When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; 14 but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by

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their own evil desire and enticed. 15 Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death. 16 Don't be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters. 17 Every good and

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perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. 18 He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of first fruits of all he created.

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Hebrews 4:15 (NIV)
For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are – yet he was without sin.

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1 Corinthians 10:13 (NLT).
The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure.

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Lies We Tell Ourselves To Rationalize Our Sins

1. God ***failed me.***

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James 1:13-14 (The Message).
Don't let anyone under pressure to give in to evil say, "God is trying to trip me up." God is impervious to evil, and puts evil in no one's way.

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The temptation to give in to evil comes from us and only us. We have no one to blame but the leering, seducing flare-up of our own lust.

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1. God ***failed me.***
 2. Sin is ***worth*** it.

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James 1:15
(Contemporary English Version)

Our desires make us sin, and when sin is finished with us, it leaves us dead.

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It brings death in every area of our life:

- **Physically**
- **Relationally**
- **Emotionally**
- **Spiritually**

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**James 1:17-18 (NLT).
Whatever is good and perfect is a gift coming down to us from God our Father, who created all the lights in the heavens. He never changes or casts a shifting**

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shadow. 18 He chose to give birth to us by giving us his true word. And we, out of all creation, became his prized possession.

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**In Verse 18
He chose to give us birth ...**

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Lies We Tell Ourselves To Rationalize Our Sins

1. God ***failed me***.
2. Sin is ***worth*** it.
3. I just ***couldn't help*** it.

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First thing that directly contradict the "I cannot help myself" argument:

- A. God's Word says ... he will not let us be tempted above that which we can bear ... He is faithful ... He will never ever give us a test too hard for us to pass.

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Second thing that directly contradict the "I cannot help myself" argument:

B. The Bible says that you are a "New You" ... with a divine nature now ... that is able to conquer the sinful nature.

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**1 Peter 1:3-4 (NIV).
Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the**

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resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you.

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