

## KEY VERSE:

The only temptation that has come to you is that which everyone has. But you can trust God, who will not permit you to be tempted more than you can stand. But when you are tempted, he will also give you a way to escape so that you will be able to stand it.

*1 Corinthians 10:13*

RESIST PERSEVERANCE compromise  
FAITHFULNESS HABITS FINANCES ENEMY  
impulse attraction Confrontation CHARACTER  
CONFIDENCE TEST cause SIN ADVERTISING  
greed Lead us not into temptation  
weaknesses TRIALS but deliver us from evil  
words satisfaction actions righteousness LUST seduce AMBUSH  
HONOUR inclination COUNTERFEIT LIBERATION  
response self-reliance choice FAMILY language  
RELATIONSHIPS ALTERNATIVE choice MARKETING  
opposition FEELINGS TRUST WORK indulge



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# FOUNDATION CAFÉ SERVICE

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**The Lord's Prayer 5:  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil**



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## KNOW WHAT:

- Today is part five of our series looking at the Lord's Prayer – a special prayer that Jesus taught his friends.
- Over the past four weeks we have thought about God being our Father; that His name is special, and should be treated as such; that we should live according to God's will for us and rely on Him to provide for our daily needs; and that we should forgive others, just as we have been forgiven by God.
- This week we focus on 'Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil'.
- We recognise that temptation is tricky.
- We learn that Jesus experienced temptation, but overcame it by quoting God's word.
- We also learn to ask God to protect us from bad things happening to us (evil).

## SO WHAT:

- Temptation is not wrong in itself; what is important is how we respond to it.
- We are better equipped to deal with temptation when we know God's ways, as taught in the Bible.
- We know that we can find forgiveness through Jesus when we do give in to temptation.

## NOW WHAT:

- Let's get to know the Bible better this week, by reading some of it every day.
- Let's learn to rely on God more to help us resist temptation and to be kept safe from all that would harm us.

## JIM'S JOTTINGS

We were leading a youth camp in the midst of a very wet British winter. I was driving the lead minibus when, on a winding country lane, we came across a ford which looked rather deep. I stopped the vehicle and told everyone that we would have to go back. Not entirely to my surprise no-one wanted to retreat. Then another driver told me that driving through the ford safely was perfectly simple if I was a competent driver. I should not be scared. He was quickly backed up by others egging me on. I went back and looked at the ford. It was wide with a lot of water flowing across the road. But it looked shallow, only a few inches deep where the tarmac disappeared under the water and came out on the other side. Wisdom told me to go back but by this stage I had some 40 voices egging me on. So I got back into the vehicle and drove forward carefully, revving hard to keep water from entering the exhaust pipe. I can still remember the sinking sensation when the wheels drove off tarmac onto a muddy river bed. What had looked like tarmac all the way through turned out to be fairly steep slope down into the water, fine in summer but not navigable in a wet winter. For a few seconds the vehicle struggled to keep going, then the engine died and the wheels began to sink in the mud. Water seeped in through the doors and rose nearly to seat level. We exited via windows onto the roof rack and clambered back to the dry bank. Later a breakdown crew towed us out, even managing to dry out the electrics.

I felt very foolish and had learned a lesson – not to be influenced by siren voices egging me on. And no surprise – all those who had egged me on told me how foolish I had been and that they would never have done it.

The moral of the story: if in doubt – don't.