

Text: 2 Samuel 11:1-3
Topic: Temptation. Sin.
Series: Book of 2 Samuel

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Life as a Target

Essential Strategies for Beating Temptation



1. Don't _____ (v.1)

2. Anticipate _____ (v.2)

3. Borrow _____ (v.3)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's message. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others. This can take place with friends, your family, accountability partners, or ministry groups within the church. For more information about groups at PCC that use these questions as the basis for their weekly discussion please call the church office at (949) 489-2600.

1. Read 1 Peter 5:8. How does it feel to know that you are a target?

Think carefully about what is at stake if *the tempter* were to be successful this week in ensnaring your life in a particularly heinous sin. Describe some of the possible ramifications. What might it cost you and those around you?

2. What are some of the areas of vulnerability in your life? In other words, where would the enemy go first in your life if he got serious about "devouring" you?

How have past compromises widened the chinks in your armor?

3. There are items you possess that are "for sale" if the price were right, and others that are not, no matter what someone was to offer. Write out a prayer that expresses your commitment to have "no price" when it comes to your purity.

4. Describe an episode of temptation in your life in which "clear thinking" seemed to be a virtual impossibility.

On whom do you rely to be an objective "mental assistant" when you are caught up in the confusion of temptation?

Be sure to remind that person that you are counting on their help during your next temptation (whether big or small).