

The Sin Scenario

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- This is a stern warning against causing others to fall and unforgiveness!
- Temptation is a common and predictable experience.

1 Corinthians 10:13 (ESV)

No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

- Don't be an instrument of temptation!
- The consequences are severe.
- This is a challenging statement to parents.
- We must steward our influence well and be watchful.

Matthew 18:5-9 (ESV)

“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, ⁶ but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea. ⁷ Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! ⁸ And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. ⁹ And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

- Cutting things and people out of our lives is painful.
- Are there things or people that cause you to sin?
- Illustration: Fire Proof video clip

1 John 2:10 (ESV)

Whoever loves his brother abides in the light, and in him there is no cause for stumbling.

- How did Jesus model overcoming temptation?

Luke 17:3-4 (ESV)

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- Giving and receiving correction is difficult but necessary.
- Always check your motives when rebuking others?
- This is always done in love for the benefit of our brother/sister.
- Reconciliation is always the goal.
- Stay in the Word and remain pliable.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (ESV)

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

Matthew 6:14-15 (ESV)

For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, ¹⁵ but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

- Are you withholding grace and mercy from others?
- Love keeps no record of wrong,
- What if they don't say I'm sorry?
- Forgiveness takes love and faith.

Prayer