

SERMON NOTES

SERMON DATE: **Sunday, January 19, 2020 - AM Service**
SERMON TITLE: **The Most Dangerous Battle: Our Overcoming of Opposition**
PREACHER: **PASTOR BRENT SNOOK**
BIBLE TEXT: **1 Corinthians 10:13**

Review: In the last sermon *Our Opposition to Overcoming*

- *The origin of temptation and sin*
- *The opposition to temptation and sin*

In this sermon – our overcoming of opposition

1. Delays are normal

Read 1 Cor. 10:13a

“Temptation is the tempter looking through the keyhole into the room where you’re living. Sin is your drawing back the bolt and making it possible for him to enter.” – J. Wilbur Chapman

Roadblocks come in many forms – and temptation does as well.

2. Dead ends are noteworthy

Read James 1:15 – “Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.”

“First sin fascinates. Then it assassinates. First sin thrills. Then it kills.”

3. Detours are necessary

God always provides a way of escape – but He may also require great effort from us.

1 Cor. 10:13 "...but will with the temptation also make a way to escape that ye may be able to bear it."

Detour escape routes:

A. Expect the possibility of temptation

1 Cor 10:12 "... Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall."

B. Exert help in time of temptation

The Lord's Prayer: "... and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil."

Matt 26:41 – "Watch and pray lest ye enter into temptation, the spirit indeed is willing but the flesh is weak."

R.A Torrey: "*Anticipate your battles – fight them on your knees before temptation comes.*"

C. Exercise resistance and the devil will flee from you

James 4:7 – "Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."

Ephesians 6:17 – "... the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."

D. Exit from certain kinds of temptation

Mark Twain: "There are several good protections from temptation but the surest is cowardice."

1 Corinthians 6:18 "Flee fornication"

2 Timothy 2:22 "Flee from youthful lusts"

E. Expel any means of sin far from you

Proverbs 4:14-15 – "Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men. Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away."

Romans 13:14 – "...make not provision for the flesh.."

F. Evacuate from bad influence and replace with good influence

Proverbs 13:20 – "He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed."

G. Examine in order to take the high road