

Fighter

Summer at The Bayou

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Sin is serious business and Satan desires to break you

“Sin will take you farther than you want to go, keep you longer than you want to stay, and cost you more than you want to pay.”

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1. Avoid Triggers

Satan knows exactly what triggers you.

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*“⁵Then the devil took Him to the holy city, had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶and said to Him, ‘If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written: He will give His angels orders concerning you, and they will support you with their hands so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’ ⁷Jesus told Him, ‘**It is also written**: Do not test the Lord your God.’” Matthew 4:5-7 (CSB)*

2. Don’t entertain or negotiate with the enemy.

If you are on the fence, you are in enemy territory. The enemy owns the fence.

*“⁸Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. ⁹And he said to Him, ‘I will give you all these things if you will **fall down and worship me**.’” Matthew 4:8-9 (CSB)*

*“Then Jesus told him, ‘**Go away, Satan! For it is written**: Worship the Lord your God, and serve only Him.’” Matthew 4:10 (CSB)*

“Then the devil left Him, and angels came and began to serve Him.” Matthew 4:11 (CSB)

3. Make war on the enemy with the Word of God.

One of the reasons we lose so many spiritual battles is because we turn to scripture last, not first.

Just because you are tempted doesn’t mean you have to be taken.

“God calls you to stand. Your enemy wants you to fall. So as God’s warrior, there are only two acceptable actions. You’re either standing or you’re getting back up. Even if Satan trips you, you’re not down forever. Get back up. Never stay down.” - Craig Groeschel