

# Sermon Notes

## *Echo of Temptation - 2Pet 1:12*

### March 1, 2026

#### I. Introduction

Just keep preaching it until we get it. Pastor John Spear

- a. notice anything about me today... same outfit as last week... down to the socks... this sermon will be an echo of last Sunday... *repeat or repetition of an idea or words...*  
Gen 41:32... “the dream was repeated... established by God... He will bring it to pass...”  
Psa 136... “His faithful *love/mercy/grace* endures forever (x26)...”  
Phil 3:1... “to write the same things is not tedious... it is to safeguard your faith...”  
2Pet 1:1-15... “you have forgotten these things... I will always remind you... even though you already know them and are established in the truth... it is right to wake you up with a reminder... I will make every effort, so you are able to recall these things at any time...”
- b. why would I do that... couple of reasons... first it was really important... second, this is how most of you looked when I was preaching... that’s why we’ll do it again...  
Prov 2:2-5... “listen closely to wisdom... direct your heart to understanding... seek it...”  
Prov 15:32... “anyone who ignores instruction despises himself... listen and gain understanding...”  
Isa 6:9-10... “keep listening... keep looking... hear and understand.. and be healed...”  
Matt 13:14-16... “you will listen and listen and never understand... this people’s heart has grown hard... blessed are your eyes because they see and your ears because they hear...”  
Mark 8:18-21... “do you not remember... do you not yet understand...”  
1Cor 2:6-16... “revealed by the Spirit... understand what has been freely given by God...”  
2Cor 4:4... “god of this age has blinded minds... to keep them from seeing the gospel of Christ...”  
2Cor 10:12... “don’t compare yourself to those who commend themselves...”  
Gal 1:12... “did not come from man... wasn’t taught it... came by revelation of Jesus...”  
James 1:5... “if you lack wisdom... ask God... He will give generously...”
- c. what now... keep preaching... keep hearing... keep believing... keep receiving... pray...  
Deut 6:1-9... “repeat them again and again... when you sit, walk, lie down, get up...”  
Rom 10:14-17... “faith comes by hearing... that is, hearing the good news about Christ...”  
Gal 3:5... “God supplies HS and works miracles... by believing message you heard about Christ...”  
Phil 4:9... “what you have learned, received, heard, seen in me... practice these things...”

#### II. Echo of Temptation

- a. remember, sin can be either a noun or verb... 87% of time in Romans it is a noun...  
Rom 5:12... “just as sin (n) entered the world thru one man and death thru sin (n)... in this way death spread to all people because all sinned (v)...”
- b. temptation is not sin... Jesus was tempted, but did not sin... must go to Him for help...  
Heb 2:17-18... “like us in every way... since He was tempted... help us when tempted...”  
Heb 4:15... “Jesus... tempted in every way as we are... yet without sin (n)...”
- c. temptation begins with exposure... leads to thoughts, feelings, actions... takes hold when sin inside us responds to it... consider yourself dead to sin and you won’t respond...  
Prov 4:23... “above all else, guard your heart... everything you do flows from it...”  
James 1:14... “each person is tempted when he is drawn away by his own evil desires...”

- d. Jesus didn’t sin when tempted because He had no evil desire in Him... temptation did not reveal impurity, but flawless purity... victory found in power of Word and Spirit...  
Matt 4:1-11... “led into wilderness to be tempted by the devil... *if you are the Son of God... Jesus said, it is written, it is written, it is written...* and the devil left Him...”  
Luke 4:1-14... “Jesus went back to Galilee in the power of the Spirit...”  
John 14:12... “one who believes in Me will do works I do... and even greater works...”  
2Cor 3:5... “can do nothing of lasting value on our own... only power and success from God...”
- e. to be victorious over sin... must be victorious over temptation first... both are defeated by grace... bad habits, addictions, temptations lose their grip under the power of grace...  
Rom 5:20... “where sin (n) multiplied... grace multiplied *exceedingly beyond measure...*”  
Rom 6:1-15... “should we continue in sin (n) so grace may multiply... absolutely not... how can we who died to sin (n) still live in it... old self crucified with Him... so that body ruled by sin (n) might be rendered powerless so we may no longer be enslaved to sin (n)... since a person who has died is freed from sin (n) death no longer rules... consider yourselves dead to sin (n) and alive to God... don’t let sin (n) *have authority* or *be in control* of your body... so you obey *it’s desires and temptations...* what then, should we sin (v) because we are not under law, but under grace... absolutely not...”
- f. told to see ourselves dead to sin in the same way that Jesus died to sin... do you remember what sin Jesus died to... the noun or the verb... died to power, penalty, presence of sin...  
Isa 53:3-5... “pierced for our transgressions (n)... crushed for our iniquities (n)...”  
Rom 6:7-11... “when we died with Christ... we were set free from the power of sin (n)... death He died, He died to sin (n) once... so you too consider yourselves dead to sin (n)...”  
Heb 10... “after offering one sacrifice for sins (n) forever... He has perfected us forever...”
- g. truth sets you free... when you know and believe you have died to power of sin (n)... that’s when sinful habits (v) lose their hold on you... starts with guilt-free conscience...  
John 8:31-32... “continue in My word... know the truth... truth will set you free...”  
Acts 13:39 AMP... “everyone who believes in Him is freed from all guilt...”  
Rom 8:1... “therefore, there is now no condemnation in Christ Jesus...”  
Rom 10:11... “the one who believes in Him will never be put to shame...”
- h. guilt, shame, condemnation do NOT prevent sin... grace and righteousness do...  
Rom 6:15... “since grace has set us free should we go on sinning (v)... absolutely not...”  
1Cor 15:33-34... “bad company corrupts... awake to righteousness and sin (v) not...”
- i. sin (v) can’t be uprooted from your life until gsc of sin (n) is uprooted from your heart... most believers who struggle with repeated failures hate the things they do...  
Rom 7:14-25... “I don’t understand what I am doing... I don’t do what I want to do, but I do what I hate... I am no longer the one doing it, but it is sin (n) living in me... I do not do the good that I want to do, but I practice the evil that I do not want to do... who will rescue me... Jesus...”
- j. defeating temptation is not about correcting behavior... it’s about correcting belief... belief is highest form of obedience in NC... freedom from sinful actions and behaviors only comes when you are first delivered... by Christ’s obedience... from sin the noun...  
John 6:28-29... “we want to do works of God... *this is the work, believe in His Son...*”  
Rom 1:5... “grace brings about the obedience of belief...”  
Rom 6:16-18... “slaves of sin (n) leading to death... slaves of obedience leading to righteousness... thank God you obeyed this teaching we have given you... set free from sin (n) into righteousness...”  
1John 3:22-23... “this is His command... that we believe in the name of His Son...”
- k. to be victorious over temptation and sin... look to the cross... receive overflow of grace... gift of righteousness... you will exercise power, authority, control... not sin... pray...  
Rom 5:17... “receive overflow of grace... gift of righteousness... reign in life...”  
2Cor 5:17-21... “not counting sins (n)... He became sin (n)... we become righteousness of God...”