Series:

Sermon: Temptation, Sin & God's Way Out

Passage: 1 Corinthians 10:13 (ESV)

Illustration:

Need: God always provides an escape for those tempted with sin.

I. We're Free!

- The death and resurrection of Jesus has broken sin's control over the believer. (Romans 6:3-11, 18)
- The believer still must choose to avoid sin in their lives. (Romans 6:12-14)

II. We're At War!

- We wrestle with our own sinful lusts. (James 1:14-15)
- We are bombarded by the ways of this world. (1 John 2:15-17)
- We are enticed by the Tempter. (1 Thes. 3:5; 1 Pet. 5:8)

III. We have a Way Out! (1 Cor. 10:13)

- No temptation is unique to us. They're old tricks that everyone faces, even Jesus Himself. (Heb. 4:15)
- Every temptation believers face is regulated by but not caused by God. (James 1:13)
- God will alway provide a divine "escape hatch" for avoiding sin.

IV. God's divine Escape Hatches!

- God's Omnipresence. (Psalm 46:1; Matt. 28:20; John 14:16-17)
- The guidance of the Holy Spirit. (Gal. 5:16)
- The Word of God. (Eph. 6:17)
- Prayer. (Matt. 6:13)
- Accountability of others. (<u>Heb. 3:13</u>)
- RUN! (2 Tim. 2:22)