

Sermon Outline + March 29, 2015

Lead Us Not Into Temptation

1 Corinthians 10:12-14; Mark 14-15

The Lord's Prayer

The Introduction: Our Father who art in heaven

First Petition: Hallowed be thy name

Second Petition: Thy kingdom come

Third Petition: Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven

Fourth Petition: Give us this day our daily bread

Fifth Petition: Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us

Sixth Petition: Lead us not into temptation

Seventh Petition: Deliver us from evil. ***This Thursday!***

The Doxology: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

From Martin Luther's Small Catechism

The Sixth Petition: Lead us not into temptation.

What does this mean?

God tempts no one to sin, but we ask in this prayer that God would watch over us and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful self may not deceive us and draw us into false belief, despair and other great and shameful sins. And we pray that even though we are so tempted we may still win the final victory.

1. When is temptation happening?

- Temptation is happening when we are being _____ to violate God's _____ or to disregard God's _____ for us.
- How can we know God's values?
- What is the great value of having the whole Bible to guide us?
- When are we being tempted to disregard God's particular will for us?

2. What can we learn from how Jesus faced his temptation in the Garden of Gethsemane?

3. Is it fair to compare how Jesus and Peter faced temptation? _____

4. What was the difference in the way Jesus and Peter faced temptation?

5. *"No temptation[a] has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it."* 1 Corinthians 10:13 What does this mean?

6. Next step: Before, at, during, and following the moments of temptation, pray for the way out God promises in 1 Corinthians 10:13.

- Stop the _____.
- "Drop" to _____.
- "Roll" around _____.

7. Some closing encouragement ...

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- Remember, when you are being tempted, do not say, "God is tempting me." God is never tempted to do wrong and he never tempts anyone else. Temptation comes from our own desires, which entice us and drag us away. These desires give birth to sinful actions. And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death. James 1:13-15*

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