

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

TO FELLOWSHIP

Next Sunday –

9:00 am – Sunday School

10:15 am – Worship Service

TO SERVE

Diaconate Board Meeting - Tues. / March 3rd 6:00 pm

Panera Pick Up - Sunday / 8:30 am

LOOKING AHEAD

CE Board Meeting - Tues. / March 10th 6:00 pm

Men's Fellowship Group - Wed. / Mar. 11th 6:00 pm

Potluck Dinner - Sunday / March 15th After Worship

Church Word Day - Saturday / March 28th 9:00 am

30 CREATIVE THINGS TO GIVE UP FOR LENT THIS YEAR

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- A woman with her hair in a bun, wearing a white t-shirt and a watch, is pointing her right index finger upwards. The background is a blurred outdoor scene. The list of 30 items is overlaid on the image, arranged in two columns.
- GOSSIP
 - SHOPPING
 - FACEBOOK
 - TELEVISION
 - NETFLIX
 - DRIVING
 - CRITICISM
 - COMPLAINING
 - PRIDE
 - WORRY
 - MAKE-UP
 - UNFORGIVENESS
 - STARBUCKS
 - TALKING ABOUT YOURSELF
 - SKIPPING CHURCH
 - WORRYING ABOUT MONEY
 - VIDEO GAMES/GAMES ON YOUR PHONE
 - CHECKING YOUR BANK ACCOUNT
 - THE MIRROR
 - THE WEIGHT SCALE
 - SLEEPING IN/STAYING UP LATE
 - YOUR SMART PHONE
 - FAST FOOD
 - INTERRUPTING PEOPLE
 - MEAT
 - SINGLE-USE PLASTIC
 - ALL PLASTIC
 - CHECKING YOUR EMAIL EVERY 5 MINUTES
 - CARING ABOUT WHAT OTHER PEOPLE THINK OF YOU

FROM THE ASHES

Week 1 • Temptation

1. Temptation Is Inevitable

No one is immune. Temptation comes in subtle and obvious forms.

The danger is not being tempted — the danger is believing we can handle it alone.

2. It Begins With Identity

Before Jesus was tempted, the Father declared:

“This is my Son, whom I love.”

The enemy’s first tactic?

“If you are the Son of God...”

Temptation often begins with questioning who you are and whose you are.

Remember:

You are a beloved son or daughter of the Most High King.

3. Provision

Satan tempted Jesus to turn stones into bread.

The deeper issue: trusting God to provide.

Lent reminds us:

God’s Word sustains us more than worldly provision ever could.

4. Protection

Satan tempted Jesus to test God’s care.

Jesus refused to manipulate grace.

Trust God — but don’t test Him.

5. Position

Satan offered Jesus power and glory.

Jesus chose worship over worldly gain.

Temporary power is never worth eternal compromise.

Our Weapon: The Word of God

Every time Jesus was tempted, He responded with Scripture.

Application for This Week:

- Spend daily time in Scripture
- Guard your identity in Christ
- Trust God for provision
- Exercise wisdom and restraint
- Worship God alone

You are not broken beyond repair.
In Christ, you can rise from the ashes.

