

FIGHTING FOR JOY Sermon #11 ~ March 14, 2010



“Resisting Temptation”

1 Peter 5:5-14

SERMON NOTES



KNOWING GOD

- a) Read **1 Peter 5:5-14**. What does this passage tell us to do in the face of temptation and suffering?

- b) There are many attributes of the devil: adversary, accuser, destroyer, tempter, 'prince of this age,' murderer, etc.? Do you feel the church as a whole does enough to talk about Satan? Why or why not? What do you know about him?

- c) What does it mean to 'cast all of your anxiety on Him because He cares for you (v. 7)?' How do we do this?



GROWING TOGETHER

- a) In his sermon, Seth stated the phrase, “When times are good, there is a temptation to be prideful, which leads to arrogance.” Describe a time in your life when things were good, and you faced the temptation to be prideful.

- b) In his sermon, Seth stated a second phrase, “When times are tough, there is a temptation to be fearful, which leads to hopelessness.” Describe a time in your life when times were tough, and you faced the temptation to be worried or afraid?

- c) Peter emphasized to his readers twice that there were others in the world who could relate to what they were going through (v. 9, 13). Why is it important for us, as Christians, to know we aren’t alone and that there are others around the world who are experiencing some of the same things we are?



SERVING OTHERS

- a) The world claims that humility is weakness. Why is it important for our society to know that humility is moral strength and not weakness? What can we do to show humility to a prideful world?

- b) Spend a few minutes in prayer for those in our church who you know are undergoing trials & suffering. Read, reflect, and pray verses 10-11.

- c) Although we do not practice the 'kiss of love' as a formal greeting (v. 14), why is it important for us to give each other a warm welcome in Christ? What are some things can we do to help each other feel more accepted in the Church?
