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Side by Side

Walking with Others in Wisdom and Love

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Help Fellow Sinners

Overview

We have already established that our sin is more problematic than our suffering. And although talking about sin is difficult, God calls us to help one another deal with it. Only then will we flourish in the ways God intends. Being alert to temptation and what triggers it—both in ourselves and in those with whom we walk—is an important part of growing up in our faith and helping others do likewise. We also need wisdom for handling failure, for times when we've succumbed to temptation. And most of all, we need to help one another see that where sin abounds, God's grace abounds more (Rom. 5:20).

Questions for Discussion or Reflection

1. How does wealth make one vulnerable to temptation? How about solitude?
2. How are we helped by bringing temptations out into the open?
3. Paul writes: "No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it" (1 Cor. 10:13). Name specific ways you have seen this work out in your own life.
4. Why do many addictions have their roots in wilderness times?

