



LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION.

As someone who takes the second brownie 10/10 times, I can say the following sentence with great conviction: The words of the tempter can seem extremely enticing and desirable. Sin is sweet in the moment; and temptation is everywhere in our lives! Every single human on the planet has struggled with temptation at some point in their life - in fact, they've probably struggled with it today!

As Jesus followers, we simply must be aware of how powerful the lure of sin can be.

Why? Because it's self-destructive. When we succumb to temptation and sin, it's inevitable that we'll end up hurting ourselves and/or others..

Following Jesus, however, leads to life as God intended it.

Jesus put it this way: "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full," (John 10:10).

IN THE BIBLE.

Matthew 6:9-12

“This, then, is how you should pray:

“Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

1 Corinthians 10:13

No temptation 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.

Hebrews 4:14-16

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are - yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

QUESTIONS.

Whenever you read the Bible, ask yourself these three questions:

1. What does this tell you about God?
2. What does this tell you about yourself and the world?
3. How is this going to change who you are and how you live?