Avoiding Temptation
Not Alone – Part 2
Genesis 39:1–23 & James 1:12–18

How Temptation Works (James 1:14–15)

- **Desire:** *"Temptation comes from our own desires…"*
- **Deception:** *"…which entice us and drag us away."*
- **Disobedience:** *"These desires give birth to sinful actions."*
- **Death:** *"And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death."*

- **Decide What's Right *Before* The Temptation Arrives.**

"But Joseph refused. 'Look,' he told her, 'my master trusts me with everything in his entire household. No one here has more authority than I do. He has held back nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How could I do such a wicked thing? It would be a great sin against God.'" Genesis 39:8-9 (p.33)

1. **Realize the people my sin will hurt; distance yourself.**

"She kept putting pressure on Joseph day after day, but he refused to sleep with her, and he kept out of her way as much as possible." Genesis 39:10 (p.33)

2. **Remember temptation is coming; don't negotiate.**

"One day, however, no one else was around when he went in to do his work." Genesis 39:11 (p.33)

3. **Recognize it as a sin against God; run!**

"She came and grabbed him by his cloak, demanding, 'Come on, sleep with me!' Joseph tore himself away, but he left his cloak in her hand as he ran from the house." Genesis 39:12 (p.33)

Memory Verse: *"For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength."* Philippians 4:13 (p.901)

My Next Step: I will pray this prayer daily before temptation arrives:

Prayer to Shield Against Temptation:

Lord, You see the battles I carry,
even the ones no one else knows about.

I bring them into Your light,
I don't want to fight in the dark anymore.

I've decided today:
I belong to You, and I will follow You.

Temptation says no one will know or be hurt,
remind me of the faces I love, and of Your heart that loves me most.

Holy Spirit, You live in me.
"The Spirit who lives in me is greater than the spirit who lives in the world."
(1 John 4:4)

Be my strength. In Jesus name, Amen.