Learning to Pray Like Jesus
Lead Us Not Into Temptation
Matthew 6:9-13
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The Content Of The Prayer

- **Temptation:** to solicit to evil
  Gen 3:1-5

- **Trial / Test:** to undergo trial, testing or pressure to approve
  1 Peter 1:6-7
Our Prayer...

God, I know that sometimes it is your will to purify me, test me, stretch me and make me better. But I'm asking you when those times come (and I pray they don’t!) that you move me through them safely to the other side!
Principles of Trials / Testing

- **God “tests” us ... He never “tempsts” us**
  
  James 1:13

- **When God “tests” us it is always for the purpose of making us better**
  
  James 1:2-4

- **When you are being tested the question to ask is WHAT ... not WHY!**
  
  James 1:5
Principles of Temptation

- Temptation is not just difficulty. It always involves solicitation to evil

  James 1:13

- Temptation comes from 1 of 4 places

  James 1:2-4

  > Satan or demonic influences  
  > Internal desire  
  > World or Circumstances  
  > Other people

  Eph 6:12  James 1:14  1Jn 2:16  Mt 22:18
Principles Common To Both

- Jesus understands trials and temptations
  - Heb 4:15
- God always provides a way of escape
  - 1Co 10:13
- Both Come in “Seasons” of opportunity
  - Luke 4:1
- Both are temporary
  - Prov 10:25
A Strategy For Troubled Times

- **Determine if it is a trial ... or temptation**
- **Ask God for wisdom and strength to respond**
- **Look for an example from Jesus or others in the Bible**
- **Hide the Word of God in your heart to help**
- **Interrupt the temptation EARLY**
- **Build a support team**
- **Hold on ... and Hold out for it to pass!**