Temptation OFTEN Follows Spiritual Victory

- Regular pattern in bible
- Called the “Elijah syndrome”
- Seen in Jesus life (Baptism/Temptation)
Temptation Is Allowed By God For Positive Spiritual Purposes

- Demonstrates our faith is real: 1 Peter 1:7
- Purifies our faith: Job 23:10
- Prepares our faith: What kind of Messiah?
Three Specific Ways Temptation Comes

- Lust of the Flesh
- Lust of the Eyes
- Pride of Life

“For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.”

1 John 2:16
Reflections

- Know when you are vulnerable
- Understand what God is doing
- Be ready for the attack
- Arm yourself

“No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. 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 stand up under it.”

1 Co 10:13