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FUNDOCY Homework: Save Us From Trial and Deliver Us From Evil

Lesson Taught on Sunday, May 5

Homework Due: Sunday, May 19

A. Save us from Trial

Life is filled with ample reasons to lose heart. If we're going to live, there will be times when we are tested, torn, and tempted. But you don't have to be defeated. The power of God is ours for the asking. And even when we can't hold yourself, Jesus can hold us.

There is a power that can see you through any weakness; a light that cannot be extinguished by the deepest darkness. And that power is only a prayer away. So, what now?

Part I: The Lesson

1. Read Matthew 6:13a. This is the sixth petition of the Lord's Prayer. It says:

"And do not _____ us to the time of _____ trial".

2. In your own words, what is this petition asking God to do?

3. What does "save us" mean?:

- a. Protect us,
- b. Watch over and keep us safe,
- c. Both A & B,
- d. Come in for us at the end of our lives and pitch the last three outs so we don't blow our lead and lose the game

4. A temptation is:

- a. A member of a popular Motown singing group from the 60s,
- b. A short-term opportunity,
- c. A desire that lures us away from God's good and gracious will for our lives,
- d. A & C

5. How do people set themselves up for trouble?:

- a. By hanging around people who are bad influences,
- b. By allowing dangerous thoughts to get hold of our imaginations,

- c. By engaging in risky behavior,
 - d. All of the above and then some
6. God tempts people to sin so that:
- a. God can catch us and punish us,
 - b. God can make us better people,
 - c. God can force us to change when we hit bottom,
 - d. None of the above—God doesn't tempt anyone to sin
7. An effective way to resist temptation is to:
- a. Go live in a monastery on top of a mountain in Tibet,
 - b. Reject association with all evil people,
 - c. Fill your life with prayer and God's Word, and fill your time with positive friends and influences,
 - d. Beat yourself with willow branches when tempted
8. Read 1 Peter 1: 6-7. The writer says that our faith is more precious than what? _____
9. Gold ore, which is what is used to make gold, is full of potential, but can't be made into anything until it goes into the fire. Unless the gold ore faces the test of fire, the impurities will never melt away and the artist can't use it. 1 Peter says that our faith works in the same way...when we are tested by hard times and hold on in faith, the impurities of our life melt away and our faith shines through. We shouldn't walk into temptations [and God never leads us there...the devil does!], but by weathering these hard times, doing right (making the right decisions!) and hanging on to the power of God, we can come through every ordeals stronger than before.
- What are two temptations you've faced recently?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - What have you learned from your experience with these temptations?

10. Muscles are similar...unless you USE your muscles (by running, doing sports, or lifting weights), they will never get stronger. Read Romans 5:3-4 and complete the verse:
- "And not only that, but we also boast in our _____, knowing that _____ produces _____, and _____ produces character, and character produces _____, and _____ does not disappoint us, because God's

_____ has been poured into our hearts through the _____ that has been given to us”.

11. Read 1 Corinthians 10:13. This verse promises that, when we are tested, God will always provide what? _____
In your own words, what does this mean?

Part II: Reflection Questions (There are NO wrong answers here!)

1. Why does the Bible make such a big deal about sin?

2. Make a list of the Top Ten Temptations your people have today in your town.
- a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
 - d. _____
 - e. _____
 - f. _____
 - g. _____
 - h. _____
 - i. _____
 - j. _____
3. Which three of the temptations you listed in #2 are the easiest for you and your friends to resist?
- a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
4. Which three of the temptations you listed in #2 are the hardest for you and your friends to resist?
- a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
5. A classmate shows you an entire library of pirated DVDs and music CDs. They offer to make you copies of anything you want. “There’s nothing wrong with copying from huge entertainment

companies that charge \$8 for a movie ticket and \$6 for a box of popcorn! They have it coming!"
What do you say?

B. Deliver us from Evil

Every day, we see evidence of the Evil One's work in our world—violence, abuse, indifference, lying, cheating, stealing... We know that the struggle against the Evil One was ultimately won in Jesus' death and resurrection...but it still remains a very real struggle from day to day. There is an evil that wants to destroy us but a power that will deliver us. There is an Evil One who wants to steal us away from God and a God who has died to set us free. So, what now?

Part I: The Lesson

1. Read Matthew 6:13b (this is the eighth petition of the Lord's Prayer) and complete the phrase:

"But _____ us from the _____ one".

2. In your own words, what is this petition asking God to do?

3. What does "deliver us" mean?:

- a. To slap a Fed Ex® sticker on someone,
- b. To bring us out from danger to safety,
- c. To give us a ride,
- d. To perform an emergency liverectomy

6. In your own words, define "evil":

7. Now use a dictionary to define "evil":

8. The Bible teaches that God has a powerful adversary—a dangerous enemy who wants to destroy all that is good and drag God's children with him to hell.

- a. In Genesis, this enemy tempts Adam and Even first to doubt God ("Did God really say...") and then to disobey. What form does the enemy take in Genesis? (See Genesis 3:1 if you need help)?

In Genesis, the enemy becomes a _____

- b. In Job, Satan is the accuser, destroying a good man's life and testing him almost to the point of breaking. Read Job
- c. In the Gospels, Satan is seen as a very real spiritual being. Read Luke 4:1-11. Here, the devil appears to Jesus in the wilderness and tells him to turn a stone into what? _____
- d. In Paul's letters, Satan is described as a hungry lion, lurking about and searching for someone to devour. Satan's spiritual army torments people, but the demons are no match for Christ. A single word from Jesus can send them running. Even the name of Christ can chase them away. Read 2 Corinthians 12:7. Paul experiences the devil's presence in the form of what?

9. Who works to destroy everything God creates as good and holy?:
- a. Little brothers,
 - b. Little sisters,
 - c. God's enemy, Satan,
 - d. Simon on *American Idol*

10. Read Matthew 4:1-11. How did Jesus fight evil?

11. Read Ephesians 6:10-17. Paul (who wrote this letter) instructs Christians to put on "the whole armor of God" so that they are able to resist the devil. He says to put on the :

- a. "belt of _____"
- b. "breastplate of _____"
- c. Shoes that will make one ready to "_____"
- d. "shield of _____"
- e. "_____ of salvation"
- f. "_____ of the Spirit, which is the _____ of God"

12. The Seventh Petition, Matthew 6:13b, tells us:

- a. Evil is easy to avoid,
- b. God controls every decision we make so we can blame God for the evil, pain and suffering in the world,
- c. We are to pray to God to be our ultimate defender,
- d. Absolutely nothing

Part II: Reflection Questions (There are NO wrong answers here!)

1. Do you believe evil and Satan are real? _____

Why or why not? _____

2. What do you think is the worst thing that can happen to a young person today? _____

Why? _____

3. A friend says there is no such thing as evil, the devil, or spiritual powers. She says that everything is simply a matter of personal choice. How do you respond?
