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**SURVIVAL SKILLS**

**“WEEK #2 – THE TEMPTATIONS”**

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Scripture: James 1:9-18

**SECTION 1 – GROWTH GROUPS QUESTIONS**

1. If you have been on any kind of diet, how did you deal with the temptations of eating foods that were not a part of your nutritional plan?
2. In what ways do you put your confidence in your earthly possessions or wealth above your confidence in God? What dangers are there in putting your confidence in things other than God?
3. If your legacy cannot be connected to anything earthly or tangible, what do you think your legacy will be after you are gone?
4. According to this passage, where do temptations come from? How does knowing where they come from help you to overcoming them?
5. What happens when we give into temptations according to the passage. What happens to you in your life when you give into your temptations? How do you feel? How does it affect your walk with Jesus?
6. If you look at verses 17-18, what does it reveal about who God is? Read those verses in the Message translation. Does that translation give you a better idea of what James means to say here?
7. What are the good rhythms that you are in that can keep you from the temptations in your life? What are new rhythms that might help you stay aligned with what God would want for your life?
8. Who are the people in your life that can help you in your spiritual walk? How can you invite them to be with you on the journey in a more intentional kind of way?

**SECTION 2 – PRAYER**

Take some time to share some prayer requests with one another and then spend some time praying for each other. Specifically, what are the temptations that are drawing you away from God and what are actions you can take to stay in better step with God?