



# GROUP STUDY GUIDE

WEEK OF JANUARY 12, 2025 | I WILL DECLARE WAR ON TEMPTATION

During this series, our prayer is that your group will identify and take tangible steps to grow in your faith. Be sure to save at least 15-20 minutes of your group time to walk through the TAKE ACTION portion of the message guide to create your own “I will” statements.

## WARM-UP QUESTION

In 1-2 sentences, share about a challenging time when you had to be mentally tough.

## DISCUSS

Start your discussion by sharing what stood out to you from Sunday’s message. Were there any new insights or key takeaways for you?

Read [James 1:2-8](#)

- What progression do you see in this passage?
- How is biblical joy described here, and how is it different from temporary happiness?
- What does this passage show us about God’s character?
- What does it mean to have divided loyalty? How can divided loyalty impact your faith and relationship with God?
- Pause and reflect: What things in your life compete for your loyalty to God? Take time to reflect, name any lies you believe, and share with each other.

Read [James 1:12-18](#)

- How does viewing trials and temptations as temporary impact the way you persevere, knowing heaven is coming?
- What does it mean to be ‘blessed’ when we endure trials? How have you seen perseverance shape your character or faith during tough seasons?
- James describes how temptation arises from our own desires. How can we become more aware of temptation and resist it before it leads to sin?
- Where do you see God’s character in this passage, and how does knowing who He is strengthen your ability to endure?
- What role does community play in helping us stay faithful and resist temptation? How can we better support each other through difficult times?

## TAKE ACTION

Over and over in Scripture, we see the importance of knowing and doing. Take some time to make an individual commitment statement (I will...) based on what you’ve learned this week.



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What is God calling you to do in order to experience real change in your faith? Think through the following lenses:

- **Consistent:** regular and daily
- **Actionable:** I can see it and measure it
- **Behavior:** more than a feeling or good intention
- **Overtime:** I am not going to give up

Spend a few minutes praying as a group, asking God to show you what He's saying and what you need to obey to help craft your "I will" statement. Then, after praying, share your "I will" statements, keeping them as simple and practical as possible. Examples of "I will" statements could be, "*I will read my Bible each morning before breakfast.*" or, "I will confess my temptation to one person this week."