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Enticed And Allured

What looks good to you? That is quite a broad question. I'm sure that you know what I have in mind. **There is no reason to play dumb with me. I will ask you the same question a little less broadly. How are you most likely to be enticed by evil and allured into sinning. Don't think that is an unimportant question. It is a vitally important question.** Why is that? **You tell me.** I do know my own vulnerabilities. I do know when and where and how I am most likely to be enticed and allured into sinning. Only an unthinking fool would not know when and where and why and how they are most likely to be enticed and allured into temptations to sin. **Tell me more about that.** First of all, I know that enticing and alluring temptations will come through my senses. Something evil may look or sound or feel good. Next, enticing and alluring temptations will try to enter into my heart and mind. Once enticing and alluring temptations have been able to enter into my heart and mind the battle is mostly over. **How so?** I don't have the power and strength to hang around temptation. It will never be wise for me to engage in an enticing and alluring conversation with evil. **Why is that?** It is very unlikely that I will ever be able to walk away from alluring and enticing conversations with evil. Once the conversation and debate has been allowed to grow in my heart and mind I'm done. I will have been taken captive by evil. I will have given into temptation. I will have entered into sin. **Temptation is that powerful? Evil is that enticing and alluring?** It is a deadly mistake to think otherwise. **That sounds like your voice of experience.** It is.

What will you do instead of entering into a conversation with evil? First, I will not knowingly allow myself to be in obviously tempting situations. I won't go where evil is poised and ready to attack me. Next, I will run away from evil when I see it approaching. I will not give evil one second to check it out. **Where will you run?** That's a good question. **Why is that?** It is simply not enough to run from evil. Evil can run to. Evil can find me. So, I will run to you. I will run to you, so I can come under your protection. I will submit my heart and mind and life to you. As I do, I will resist evil and it will flee from me. **Yes, it will. You can be very sure of that.** For that, I am very thankful. **That is very good.**

Lord, I know that if I hang around and engage in a conversation with evil and temptation I won't win. Something alluring about the temptation will entice and trap me. Instead of hanging around evil, I will run away from it. I will run to you for your protection Amen

Spiritual Warfare

Be Like God

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And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.

ESV

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"Of course we may eat fruit from the trees in the garden," the woman replied. "It's only the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden that we are not allowed to eat. God said, 'You must not eat it or even touch it; if you do, you will die.'" "You won't die!" the serpent replied to the woman. "God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and you will be like God, knowing both good and evil." The woman was convinced. She saw that the tree was beautiful and its fruit looked delicious, and she wanted the wisdom it would give her. So she took some of the fruit and ate it. Then she gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it, too.

NLT

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Be Like God

And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.'" Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

NKJV

Genesis 3:2-6

Spiritual Warfare

Be Like God

The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate.

NRSV

Genesis 3:2-6

Spiritual Warfare

Be Just Like God

The Woman said to the serpent, "Not at all. We can eat from the trees in the garden. It's only about the tree in the middle of the garden that God said, 'Don't eat from it; don't even touch it or you'll die.'" The serpent told the Woman, "You won't die. God knows that the moment you eat from that tree, you'll see what's really going on. You'll be just like God, knowing everything, ranging all the way from good to evil." When the Woman saw that the tree looked like good eating and realized what she would get out of it—she'd know everything!—she took and ate the fruit and then gave some to her husband, and he ate.

MSG

Genesis 3:2-6

Spiritual Warfare

Be Like God

And the woman said to the serpent, We may eat the fruit from the trees of the garden, Except the fruit from the tree which is in the middle of the garden. God has said, You shall not eat of it, neither shall you touch it, lest you die. But the serpent said to the woman, You shall not surely die, For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing the difference between good and evil and blessing and calamity. And when the woman saw that the tree was good (suitable, pleasant) for food and that it was delightful to look at, and a tree to be desired in order to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she gave some also to her husband, and he ate.

AMP

Genesis 3:2-6

Spiritual Warfare

Become Like Him

"Of course we may eat it," the woman told him. "It's only the fruit from the tree at the center of the garden that we are not to eat. God says we mustn't eat it or even touch it, or we will die." "That's a lie!" the serpent hissed. "You'll not die! God knows very well that the instant you eat it you will become like him, for your eyes will be opened—you will be able to distinguish good from evil!" The woman was convinced. How lovely and fresh looking it was! And it would make her so wise! So she ate some of the fruit and gave some to her husband, and he ate it too.

TLB

Genesis 3:2-6

Spiritual Warfare

Be Like God

The woman said to the serpent, "From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat; but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat from it or touch it, or you will die.'" The serpent said to the woman, "You surely will not die! "For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate.

NASB

Genesis 3:2-6

Spiritual Warfare

Be Like God

The woman answered the snake, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden. But God told us, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden. You must not even touch it, or you will die.'" But the snake said to the woman, "You will not die. God knows that if you eat the fruit from that tree, you will learn about good and evil and you will be like God!" The woman saw that the tree was beautiful, that its fruit was good to eat, and that it would make her wise. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She also gave some of the fruit to her husband, and he ate it.

NCV

Genesis 3:2-6

Be Like God

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Spiritual Warfare – Genesis 3:2-6

In Context: *Read Genesis 3*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture: ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

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What It Means: ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

Why is it too dangerous to linger and hang around to engage in a conversation with evil?

When has evil tried to suggest to you that doing something sinful would be good for you?

Why is it the devil's evil plan to suggest to you that God does not have your best interests in mind?

When have you been tempted and allured to sin by what you have seen with your eyes?

When have lusts of your flesh drawn you into sin so that you crossed boundaries and disobeyed God?

How has the pride of life caused desires to rise up in you that led you to make sinful choices?

When has running away from temptation and running to God given you protection from evil?

Living It Out: ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Run away from temptation and evil to God so you will be able to come under His protection.

Seeing It Happen: ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that God does have your best interests in mind and that it is never a good idea to sin and disobey Him.

Get Ready To Share: ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how running away from temptation to God has protected you from evil.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you run away from evil and to God so you will come under His protection.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will run away from evil and to you so I will come under your protection.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, what evil do I need to run away from as I run to you for your protection?
