

Pastor: **Guy**

MESSAGE NOTES **THINK AHEAD**

Topic: **Temptation**

**Bible Passage:** Proverbs 22:3, Hebrews 4:15-16, 1 Corinthians 10:13, 1 John 2:1-2

**NOTES**

Think Ahead for better tomorrows with fewer regrets.

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**3 Main Points**

When it comes to temptation & sin?

1. Pray & ask for grace
2. Look for & use the exit
3. Be quick to repent & confess

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**Beginners Bible Reading Plan- Read One Chapter A Day**

1. The Gospel of John- 3 times
2. The Gospel of Matthew
3. The Gospel of Mark
4. The Gospel of Luke
5. James
6. Proverbs
7. The New Testament (Matthew through Revelation)

**TAKE ACTION**

How will I incorporate prayer in my life?

**Gather-** Join a Think Ahead Group - [foxriver.cc/groups](http://foxriver.cc/groups)

**Grow-** Begin a Daily Rhythm of Bible Reading & Prayer- [Youversion.com](http://Youversion.com)

**Give-** Ask God, *How can I honor you in the giving of my time & finances.*

**Go-** I will pray by name for \_\_\_\_\_ to come to know Jesus.

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**BLOOD DRIVES  
SAVE LIVES**

**SOUTH WAUKESHA**  
OCTOBER 7 | 2:00 - 7:00PM

**MUSKEGO**  
OCTOBER 7 | 2:30 - 7:30PM

**INVITE A FRIEND TO  
FOXTASTIC  
WEEKEND**

**FOX KIDS PARTY,  
APPLE CIDER &  
KETTLECORN  
FOR ALL**

**ALL CAMPUSES  
OCTOBER  
19/20**




2024 | LET'S GROW IN FAITH & HAVE FUN!



# THINK AHEAD

## Think Ahead: Temptation

Think Ahead for  
Better tomorrows with fewer regrets

*The prudent see danger and take refuge, but the simple keep going and pay the penalty.*

*Proverbs 22:3*

\*My Decisions today affect my life tomorrow.

Temptations keep coming

Sin – “My choice to do what I know God does not want me to do or my choice to not do”

*So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.*

*Galatians 5:16-18*

Today I will be tempted to sin (*at least once*)

## Hitting The Gas

*But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called “Today,” so that none of you may be hardened by sin’s deceitfulness.*

*Hebrews 3:13*

The deceit of sin – it won't affect you

Sin affect: hardens ie desensitizes

Truth: Sin may be fun at times, distracting to cares and burdens; but sin is never life-giving!

## Roadmap of Temptation

*When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.*

*James 1:13-15*

-What's baiting you?-

## Think Ahead

### 1. Pray and ask for grace

*For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.*

*Hebrews 4:15-16*

### 2. Look for and use the exit

*No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. 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 endure it.*

*1 Corinthians 10:13*

### 3. Be quick to repent and confess

*My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.*

*1 John 2:1-2*

*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.*

*1 John 1:9*

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