



## OVERCOMING OPPOSITION

Sometimes when a person decides to be baptized they face opposition from the family. We may also face opposition from Satan. Remember we learnt that once we belonged to the kingdom of darkness, which is ruled by Satan or the devil, but now we belong to the kingdom of Light. Satan is not pleased and may try to pull you away from God.

### **1. FACING OPPOSITION**

✚ What happened after Jesus had obeyed His Heavenly Father and was baptized?

Matthew 3:16-17, 4:1 \_\_\_\_\_

✚ How do you think Jesus could have been feeling at the time when the devil came to Him?

Matthew 4:2-3 \_\_\_\_\_

When we have obeyed God, or experienced His blessing in our life, Satan may try to discourage us or even tempt us to disobey God. Just as Satan came to Jesus at a time when He must have felt physically and emotionally weak, he often attacks God's children at times like this.

💡 Perhaps you have had an experience in your life when Satan tried to pull you away from God. Can you share with us?

### **2. PROMISES FROM GOD**



Perhaps the things we have read make you afraid. We don't need to be! We are on the winning side.

✚ What has Jesus already done for us on the cross?

Colossians 2:15 \_\_\_\_\_

✚ How can we be sure Jesus will understand us when we face temptation?

Hebrews 4:14-16 \_\_\_\_\_

✚ What promise does God give to us when we face temptation?

1 Corinthians 10:12-13 \_\_\_\_\_

### **3. OVERCOMING TEMPTATION**

Let's look at another person who faced temptation and learn from his example how to overcome.

✚ What are the stages in the temptation that Joseph faced?

Genesis 39:7, 10-12 \_\_\_\_\_

💡 How do you think you would feel if you were in Joseph's situation? What excuses could he have given if he had done what Potiphar's wife wanted?

✝ How was Joseph able to overcome this strong temptation?

Genesis 39:3, 7-10, 12 \_\_\_\_\_

✝ What does God's word tell us to do when we are tempted?

1 Peter 5:8-9 \_\_\_\_\_

1 Timothy 6:11 \_\_\_\_\_

We need to learn to rebuke or resist the devil when he puts wrong thoughts into our minds. There may be times when we need to choose not to respond, and like Joseph, we may need to run away from evil. However we also need to protect ourselves from such attacks. When an army is training soldiers for war, they not only teach how to attack the enemy, but they provide protection from the enemy. In the same way, God has provided protection for us.

✝ What are the pieces of armor we need if we are to be protected?

Ephesians 6:10-18 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



💡 Share a time when you know Jesus has helped you overcome a temptation.

So let's put on this armor and keep close to Jesus, so we will be safe. Satan may try to attack and tempt us to disobey God, but God is with us. Proverbs 18:10 says; "The name of the Lord is a strong fortress, the godly run to him and are safe."



Is there any opposition you have been facing that you want prayer for? Do you have any other needs?

### Memory Verse

"And God is faithful. He will keep the temptation from becoming so strong that you can't stand up against it.

When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you will not give in to it."

1 Corinthians 10:13