**Facing Temptation – Week Two**

***The Temptation of the Pride of Life***

1. **We face temptation because we are HUMAN.**

*“For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our* ***weaknesses****, but one who has been* ***tempted*** *in all things as we are,* ***yet without sin****."* **Hebrews 4:15**

*“For what the Law could not do,* ***weak*** *as it was through the flesh, God did: sending His own Son in the* ***likeness*** *of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh.”* **Romans 8:3**

1. **We can overcome temptation with the LORD’S STRENGTH.**

*“Finally, be* ***strong******in the Lord****, and in the* ***strength of His might****. Put on the full armor of God, that you may be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil.”* **Ephesians 6:11-12**

**THIS REQUIRES HIS POWER BUT OUR CHOICE!**

1. **The temptation of the pride of life is Satan’s MOST EVIL TEMPATION.**

*“For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the* ***boastful pride of life****, is not from the Father, but is from the world. And the world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God abides forever.* **I John 2:16-17**

* **The pride of life is the root cause of strife in families & churches.**
* **The pride of life prevents us from being God’s servants and thinking of others.**
* **The pride of life exalts the self; it’s the exact opposite of the Christian lifestyle of denying ourselves and taking up the cross of Christ.**

**(Matt. 16:24)**

1. **It’s time to circle the wagons and look out for FAMILY (Home and Church).**

*“Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord is one! And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart; and you shall* ***teach them diligently*** *to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up.”* **Deuteronomy 6:4-7**

*“So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all men, and* ***especially to those who are of the household of faith****.”* **Galatians 6:10**