



### **Part Three: Lead Us...Not! // Andy Stanley // July 18, 2021**

Jesus told his followers to pray to avoid temptation. But before we can pray that with a clear conscience, there are some things we need to ask ourselves first. The path that leads you away from temptation is saying yes to the invitation from Jesus to follow him.

**Scripture:** [Hebrews 4:15-16 NLT](#), [Matthew 6:13 NLT](#)

**Bottom Line:** Temptation is the threshold to loss. Choosing to follow Jesus is the threshold to life.

#### **Getting Started:**

1. What or who leads you into temptation? Do you lead yourself into temptation? Why do you think this happens?

#### **Jumping In:**

2. When you were first told about Jesus, was the emphasis more on following him or simply believing in him?
3. Do you play or have you ever played the "Sin now, Ask forgiveness later" game with God? When did that start?

#### **Discuss:**

4. Andy shared provision, pardon, and protection as three key parts of how we are to pray in following Jesus' instructions. Which of the three is easiest for you to pray for? Which is the most difficult?
5. Read [Hebrews 4:15-16](#)
  - a. What stands out to you as you read this passage?
  - b. What difference does it make that Jesus was tempted in every way?
6. Read [Matthew 6:13](#).

Can you honestly pray: "Lead me not into temptation, but deliver me from evil"? Does the thought of that create a bit of anxiety? Tension?

7. If you've never made the decision to *follow* Jesus before (not just believing in him), what is holding you back? Why?

**Moving Forward:**

*This week, would you be willing to organize your prayers around this model?*

*Address God as Father.*

*Declare His greatness.*

*Surrender your will.*

*Acknowledge your dependence by asking for **provision**, **pardon**, and **protection**.*