

Week 4: Moral Margin

"When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; ¹⁴but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. ¹⁵Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death." - James 1:13-15

MORAL MARGIN: Putting DISTANCE between you andTEMPTATION.**#** #GCCmargin

1. <u>RUN AWAY</u>

"<u>Flee</u> from <u>sexual immorality</u>... All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body. ¹⁹Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; ²⁰you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body." - 1 Corinthians 6:18-20

2. Eliminate EVERY HINT

"But among you there must not be even a <u>hint</u> of <u>sexual immorality</u>..."

- Ephesians 5:3

Better places to draw the line...

- DRESS for spiritual success.
- Keep <u>FOUR</u> feet on the floor.
- No <u>SLEEPOVERS</u> or playing <u>HOUSE</u>.
- No tonsil HOCKEY.
- Avoid dangerous PLACES.
- Monitor <u>INTERNET</u> activity.
- Avoid time alone with the <u>WRONG</u> people.
- Guard your EYES, mind, and HEART.

What now?

____ For the first time I see my need for a relationship with Jesus. What is one thing that you will begin doing this week to create moral margin in your life?