

**Nobody's Fault but Mine**  
October 8, 2023 – James 1:13-15  
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1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Temptation

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3. \_\_\_\_\_ over Temptation

## Discussion Questions:

1. What are some of the ways in which people blame other people or things for their sin? According to James, what is the problem with that?
2. James gives two definitions of sin in this book. The first defines sin by God's law. The second defines sin by a person's own "law". What is the value of having both of these definitions in God's word? How does this affect your own understanding of sin?
3. How does the cross reveal the true nature of sin? How might you use this practically to fight temptation?
4. Through the gospel, we can be forgiven of our sin. But the gospel also provides power for us to overcome temptation. How does this work in your own life?

## Next Steps:

1. If you are a visitor with us, we would love to connect with you. Please fill out a Connection Card and turn it at the Welcome Center. We would like to give you a gift as a thank you for joining us.
2. If you are interested in baptism, let Pastor Jon know in person or email him at [pjpickens@fbclowell.org](mailto:pjpickens@fbclowell.org).
3. Read the Bible with us to know God and respond to Him! Below is our current schedule.

October 2023			
(Two Year Reading Plan, Month 22)			
Week 1 Starting Oct 3	Week 2 Starting Oct 9	Week 3 Starting Oct 16	Week 4 Starting Oct 23
Day 1: Acts 7	Day 1: Acts 15,16	Day 1: Acts 23,24	Day 1: Romans 5,6
Day 2: Acts 8,9	Day 2: Acts 17	Day 2: Acts 25,26	Day 2: Romans 7,8
Day 3: Acts 10,11	Day 3: Acts 18,19	Day 3: Acts 27,28	Day 3: Romans 9,10
Day 4: Acts 12	Day 4: Acts 20	Day 4: Romans 1,2	Day 4: Romans 11-13
Day 5: Acts 13,14	Day 5: Acts 21,22	Day 5: Romans 3,4	Day 5: Romans 14-16

<sup>5</sup> If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.  
<sup>6</sup> But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.

James 1:5,6 (NIV)

**What was your big take-a-way from the message this morning?**