



A MINISTRY OF HEARTSWAY BAPTIST CHURCH

WEEK THREE | STANDING FIRM

THURSDAY

Resisting the Enemy

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE (KJV)

James 4:7

"Submit yourselves therefore to God.
Resist the devil, and he will flee from
you."

KEY TRUTH

Successful resistance begins with
complete submission to God.

GOOD MORNING!

Many people want the enemy to flee, but James first tells believers to submit themselves to God.

Resistance is not accomplished through loud words or personal confidence. Spiritual authority grows from a life surrendered to the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

The enemy gains influence wherever we tolerate compromise, feed temptation, or ignore God's direction. Submission closes those doors by bringing every area beneath God's truth.

Resist immediately. Do not negotiate with temptation or entertain accusations. Turn toward God, answer with Scripture, and choose obedience. The devil is persistent, but he is not sovereign. Christ is Lord, and surrendered believers do not stand alone.

TAKE FIVE CHALLENGE

Take five intentional minutes today.

- 1 **Read James 4:7 aloud.**
- 2 **Surrender one resistant area to God.**
- 3 **Remove one source of recurring temptation.**
- 4 **Spend five minutes praying for discernment.**
- 5 **Ask a trusted believer to pray with you.**

SONG FOR THE JOURNEY



"Yield Not to Temptation"
- Horatio R. Palmer

"Yield not to temptation, for yielding is sin."
Victory over temptation grows through watchfulness, prayer, and dependence upon the Savior.

SHARE THE BLESSING

Strengthen someone without condemning them. Honest accountability joined with grace can help close the door to temptation.

PRAYER

Father, I submit every part of my life to You. Reveal compromise, remove pride, and strengthen me to resist every temptation and accusation. Fill my mind with truth and keep my heart near Jesus. Thank You that the enemy cannot overcome the authority of Christ. Amen.

PASTOR MIKE'S THOUGHT

The safest place in spiritual battle is not self-confidence, but complete surrender beneath God's authority.

THE GOSPEL IN ONE VERSE

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

John 3:16 (KJV)

TOMORROW'S TAKE FIVE

**Week Three | Friday | Steadfast Under Trial |
James 1:12 (KJV)**

Walking with you in Christ,

Pastor Mike

Doing God's work, God's way, in Jesus' name!