

Why do I fall to the temptations I face?

I stroke my lusts.

My source of significance is
determining the course of my actions.

The Beginning of Victory over Temptation

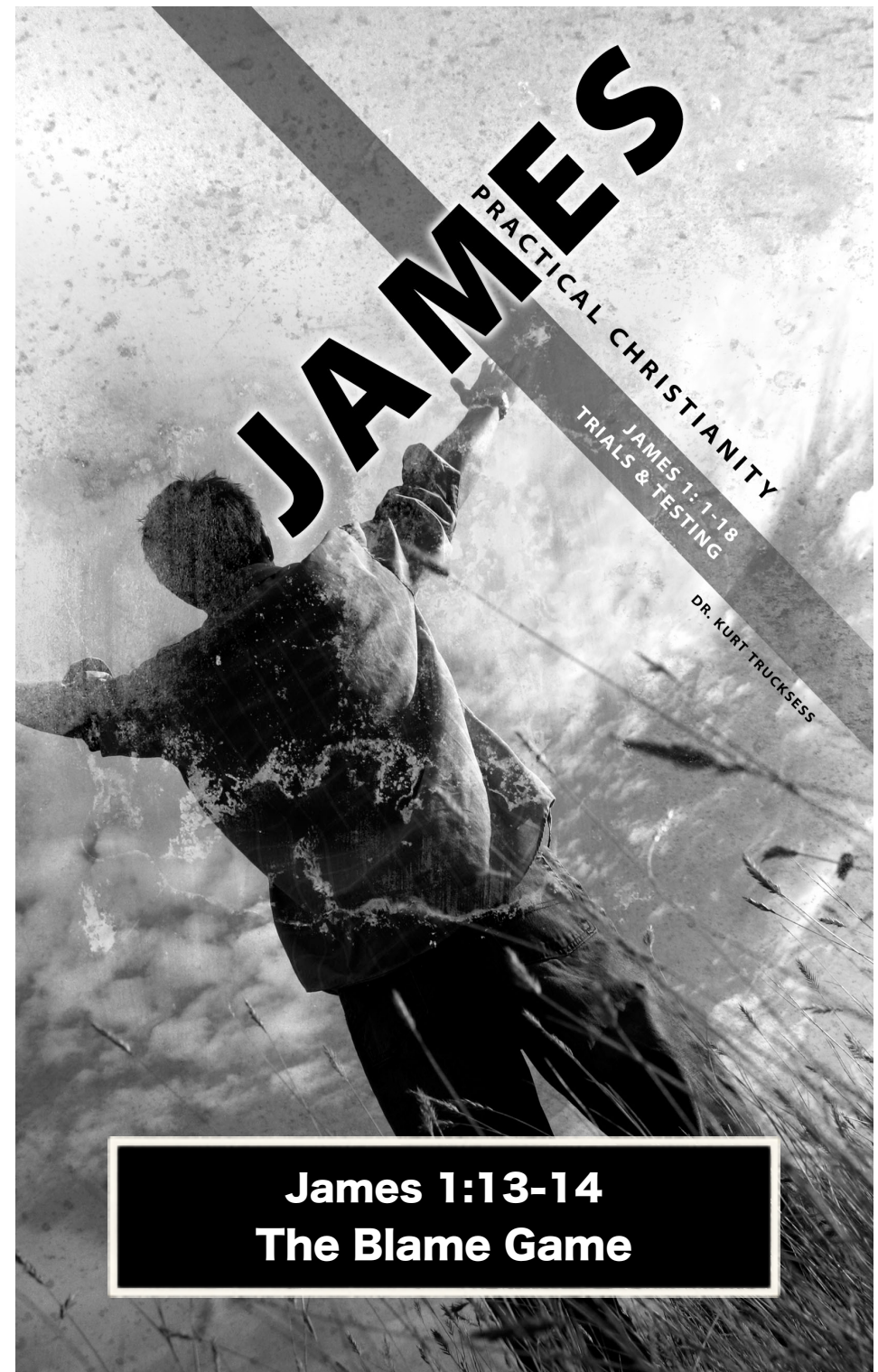
1. Repent of blame shifting.
2. Trust God's character.
3. Resist the lusts of the flesh.
4. Satisfy my soul with Jesus.

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James 1:13-14 - The Blame Game

A trial is what I experience on the outside of my life, temptation to sin is what I experience on the inside of my life.

The most important thing someone can pray for me in a trial is not release from the trial but not giving in to the temptation of the trial.

Every trial offers one of two paths.



Trials ➡ Testing ➡ Steadfastness ➡ Completeness + Maturity

Trials ➡ Temptation ➡ Sin ➡ Death

Then Satan stood against Israel and incited David to number Israel. 1 Chronicles 21:1 (ESV)

What about Job?

What about Jesus' temptation in the wilderness?

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. Matthew 4:1 (ESV)

My sin is my fault.

But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. James 1:14 (ESV)



Will I ever face temptation that is too strong to resist?

No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it. 1 Corinthians 10:13 (ESV)

Playing the Blame Game is a dead end road.



The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” Genesis 3:12 (ESV)

Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.” Genesis 3:13 (ESV)

We ultimately blame God for our sin.

Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,”... James 1:13 (ESV)

God can not be tempted, therefore, he can not tempt.

...for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. James 1:13 (ESV)

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. 1 John 1:5 (ESV)

For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Hebrews 7:26 (ESV)

What about times when it looks like God is behind temptation?

Didn't God incite David to number Israel?

Again the anger of the Lord was kindled against Israel, and he incited David against them, saying, “Go, number Israel and Judah.” 2 Samuel 24:1 (ESV)