

## **Discussion Starter**

How might pride and a lack of humility keep us from meeting our full spiritual potential? How does humility (a proper understanding of our position relative to Jesus) keep us between the "guardrails"?

## Jesus desires to build us into something substantial

- What is temptation? Does giving into temptation always result in sin? Is experiencing temptation a sin?
- Last week we studied the purpose of suffering. How are suffering and temptation related? How do these assist our spiritual growth?
- How is temptation a tool of the enemy? Pastor Dave mentioned a negative character attribute that leads to entertaining temptation what is this attribute?

## If you are not battling temptation, you are probably not living for Jesus

- What are some character traits that we can call on when we begin to give in to temptation? (verse 6-10)
- How might our close relationships with Christian friends help us resist temptation?
- Do you sometimes resist being governed by God's instruction? Are there Biblical instructions that are no longer relevant (topics might include husband/wife roles, divorce, and gender roles as examples)?

## **Trespass and Guardrails**

- What is the purpose of God's "guardrails"? What are God's "guardrails"?
- What does "trespass" mean in scripture? How is this related to temptation? On what are we trespassing?
- How might guardrails (boundaries) actually lead to spiritual growth?
- Why is humility so important to our spiritual growth? How is this related to temptation?