

The Empire Strikes Back **Esther 3:1-6**

Romans 12:21, "Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."

4 Temptations When Evil Seems to Be Prevailing

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

The BIG Idea

Even when it looks and feels like evil is prevailing, it _____; _____.

God Is Prevailing, Even When ...

1. Life _____.
 - What do you do when life isn't fair ... when the ungodly seem to be prospering while you are suffering? You take the _____ - _____ of life.
 - Psalm 37:6-7, "The LORD will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday. Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!"
2. _____ to God _____.
 - Our God so closely identifies with His people that he _____ all attacks on His people.

Applications

1. Faith in Jesus is going to _____ something.
2. Baptism is the first step in _____ as a follower of Jesus.
3. Believers in Jesus have been _____ from the power of evil and the evil one.

1 John 3:8, "The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil."

Colossians 2:13-15, "And you, who were dead in your trespasses ... God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him."