

THE PLACES WE FIGHT DAY TO DAY

# BATTLEGROUND

JAMES 1:12-15

Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

BATTLEGROUND 1

## IDENTITY

Desire: Attractive, Popular, Tall, Short, Skinny, Muscular, Athletic, Smart, Funny

Sin: Idolatry - We worship self.

Death: We love self instead of God. We're God. We're never satisfied.

BATTLEGROUND 2

## PEER PRESSURE

Desire: Liked, People Pleaser

Sin: Idolatry - We worship other people.

Death: We love others instead of God. They're God. They're never satisfied.

BATTLEGROUND 3

## GOSSIP

Desire: Superior

Sin: Pride - We believe we're better than other people.

Death: We believe we're perfect. We don't need God. We think we're satisfied.

BATTLEGROUND 4

## RELATIONSHIPS

Desire: Loved, Respected, Happy, Not Alone

Sin: Lust - We pursue our passion in harmful and selfish ways.

Death: We want joy without God. We don't need God. We're never satisfied.

BATTLEGROUND 5

## POSSESSIONS

Desire: Wealthy, Happy, Recognized

Sin: Covetous - We find our worth and joy in material things.

Death: We want security without God. We don't need God. We're never satisfied.

OUR HOPE

## JESUS

Desire: Jesus is the better object of our desires.

Obedience: Desiring and pursuing Jesus produces obedience in our lives.

Life: Obeying Jesus and loving him produces true life forever with him.