

Hi, I'm Crawford Loritts with a Legacy Moment.

I have a friend with a teenage son in high school. One Friday this young man went to a party with some friends. My friend expected him to be home around midnight. Well, his son came home early—probably closer to 10 o'clock. His dad looked up and said, “Boy, what are you doing home so early?” He said, “Dad, there were some things going on at that party that weren't right, and I thought if I stuck around there too long I might get pulled into some of that stuff. So I decided to leave early and come home.” This friend told me, “Crawford, I was so proud of him that I embraced him and told him how proud I was of his choice.”

How about you? What do you do when your heart is pulled toward something wrong, when it's yanked in that direction? Paul gives us a strategy in 1 Corinthians chapter 10, verse 13, for how to walk through temptation to overcome it. He says; “No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man, and God is faithful who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but will with the temptation provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.”

You may be listening to me right now, and you may be struggling with some area of sin in your life, some temptation, something that keeps pulling you back, maybe it's your thought life, maybe it's dishonesty, maybe it's something else, but it's there. Don't empower the temptation.

In fact, here's what I want you to remember today. When you're tempted, look for God's way out and then take it. Don't delay. The problem comes when we contemplate the options. Take the exit. You may be “leaving the party early,” so to speak, but your conscience will be free.