



LIVE JESUS MINISTRIES

LJM TOP TWELVE (TT9) How Do You Hold The Line Against Sin?

PRAY

Start by utilizing the **PRAY** step of your mentor training.

CONNECT

Check In: Peaks, Pits & Prayer Intentions

Go around the group and ask:

- What's one **Peak** (high/victory) and one **Pit** (low/struggle) since we last met? (or a similar type question)
- What's something you want us to **pray for** today? (Write down intentions to pray for at the end)

Encourage honesty and vulnerability. After everyone shares, affirm and thank them for sharing.

DISCUSS

Content References

- **Romans 5:8** – “But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.”
 - **2 Cor 12:7–10** – “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.”
 - **The Human Condition (St. Augustine)**
 - **Ignorance** – Not knowing what brings happiness
 - **Concupiscence** – Seeking happiness in the wrong places
 - **Weakness of Will** – Knowing what is good but struggling to choose it
 - Explain: This is why we **struggle with sin**. It's part of the human condition.
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Discussion Questions

Q1: Do you believe that you are fully loved by God—even when you sin?

💡 *Mentor Tip: Talk about God's unchanging love (Rom 5:8), the mercy of the Father in the Prodigal Son.*

Q2: What are the Seven Deadly Sins? What do you think is so “deadly” about them?

- Are you struggling with any of these in particular right now more than others?

💡 *Mentor Tip: Pride, Greed, Lust, Envy, Wrath, Gluttony, Sloth. Help them explore how these sins damage relationships with God, others, and self. Explain how overcoming the temptations of one sin may expose another (developing pride after overcoming lust, etc.). This is the ongoing battle of the spiritual life.*

Q3: Imagine a battlefield. If temptation is constantly coming at us, is it really possible to “Hold the Line” against sin?

- Do you believe God can take a sin you committed and turn it into something good? If so, how?
- What virtues would be most helpful to battle each of the deadly sins? Pride: **Humility**. Greed: **Generosity**. Lust: **Chastity**. Anger: **Patience**. Gluttony: **Temperance**. Envy: **Kindness**. Sloth: **Diligence**.

💡 *Mentor Tip: A prideful heart hides sin; a humble heart brings it into the light for healing. Confession, prayer, support of community are key tools. Reduction in sin's frequency, intensity, and duration is spiritual growth. Celebrate small wins.*

Cornerstone Statement

“Holding the line” is not about being perfect. It's about relying on God's grace and mercy, responding to it with humility and a resolve to live more virtuously, not with shame. St. Paul, who was deeply close to Christ, still struggled with a “thorn in the flesh” (2 Cor 12:7–10). He found strength in weakness through God's grace, not self-reliance.

COMMIT

- Go to Confession this week.

Close in prayer. (Pray for the intentions spoken earlier. Have each person pray for the person next to them, etc)