



Not- So-Good Streets

James 1: 12-15

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1. When you were younger, what was a dream, goal, or strong desire that shaped some of the choices you made — whether or not it ever came true?
2. James describes desire as something that grows and leads somewhere. Where have you seen a desire in your life gradually shape your thoughts, choices, or direction — either in a harmful way or a healthy one?
3. Collin said, “Sin affects those around you; rarely does it not. But so does holiness.” Where have you seen someone’s choices — good or bad — deeply impact a family, friendship, workplace, or church community?
4. Collin challenged us to ask, “Jesus, why do I want that, and where does it lead?” Is there a desire in your life right now that may need a more honest look before God?
5. Romans 6 reminds us that, through Christ, we are no longer slaves to sin. Why is it important to remember that we are not powerless against unhealthy or impure desires?
6. Because of the freedom we have in Christ, what is one desire you may need to say “no” to this week, and what Godly desire do you want to intentionally say “yes” to instead?

Reminders:

- Teaching Opportunities: Are you looking for a teaching opportunity or know of anyone who would like to teach? Renew Christian Academy (**RCA**) is **hiring for part time positions for the 2026-2027 school year!** There are openings for Geometry, Algebra 2, Culinary, Theatre, Film, 7th & 8th Grade science, and 8th Grade English. Contact Shannon Carpino at shannonc@renewchristianacademy.com for more info!
- Summer Studies and DK Summer Camp: Mark your calendars for Wednesday Evenings in June for **Summer Studies, and DK Summer Camp!** There will be 4 classes offered at Harpeth: “Conversational Evangelism,” “A Study of the Psalms,” “Marriage Communication,” and “Going Deeper in Prayer.”

DK Summer Camp will meet at the same time. Register for a class, and for Summer Camp (childcare), by scanning the QR code below!

