Sermon Summary: July 14, 2019

**James 1:12-18 – The Blame Game**

* To blame others for our mistakes is an intrinsic part of our sinful human nature.
  + We blame God, others, and our circumstances.
* God is not to blame: (Jam 1:17)
  + God does indeed test us through trials but temptation comes from within ourselves.
* We are to blame: (Jam 1:14)
  + God may orchestrate every occasion but He always leaves our free will intact and it is our own free will that tempts us.
  + Free will means that you always and ever do only what you desire most to do.
* Our decisions do not leave us unaffected but lead us one of two directions. (James 1:12, 15)
* The only true way to conquer sin is to love God more than the sin because we will always do what we want the most.

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