



# SeriesNotes



## Part 3: Out of Bounds | September 4-5, 2010

**Main Point:** We need to break free from our “signature” sins.

**What do you do when you are tempted? How do you protect yourself from yourself? How do you protect your weak side and your blind side? How do you hold the line of your faith?**

### #1 Riding the Line (Dealing With Our Temptations)

**Temptation in itself is not wrong, but it is real and a real threat!**

1 Thessalonians 5:19, 21-22. Do not stifle the Holy Spirit...but test everything that is said. Hold on to what is good. Stay away from every kind of evil.

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### #2 Protecting the Blind Side (Dealing With Our Lives)

**We all have a blind side. It starts when we lie to ourselves. We often lie to ourselves to the point of desensitization.**

John 10:10. The thief’s purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.

1 John 1:9. But if we confess our sins to Him, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.

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### #3 Watching the Weak Side (Dealing With Our Sin)

**We are prone to do the things we consciously know are wrong. We have signature sins tailored specifically to us.**

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Psalm 139:23-24. Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life.

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James 5:16. Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.

#### **#4 Holding the Line (A Hopeful Solution)**

**Repentance is part of our hope. It's God's gift to us. It doesn't necessarily draw Him closer to us, but us closer to Him.**

Ezekiel 18:30b-31a. Repent, and turn from your sins. Don't let them destroy you. Put all your rebellion behind you, and find yourselves a new heart and a new spirit...

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**Jesus can rescue us. Jesus can set us free. You are no longer bound by your sins. You can confess. You can repent. You can choose to live free from sin.**

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