

JANUARY 1

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**READ**

*1 Peter 5:8-9*

How will we overcome the attacks of Satan? How do we recognize sin before we fall into it? We resist our greatest enemy with faith in Jesus. We resist Satan when we walk in obedience to God. We're all fighting the same battles, and we will all overcome them the same way. Sin is supposed to offend us, but it's hard not to get accustomed to the ungodliness in the world around us. When we look at stories in Scripture of people who sinned, there was a moment when they crossed the line. When we live close to that line of sin, in the territory of Satan, we make ourselves vulnerable to the enemy's deception. Deception leads to disillusionment, and then apathy and sin. In order to stay far from that line of sin, we must read and pray, staying close to God. We must read His Word daily, meditate on it and let the Holy Spirit show us the truth of the God of grace. He has provided a way of escape. He will give us eyes to see sin, and feet to run from it.

**PRAY**

Lord, in this new year, give me the determination to live a holy life by Your power. By Your Spirit give me discernment to recognize sin, however small. Give me the discipline to read and pray, and to stay close to You.