

STAY AWAY

A Street in California is called “Salsipuede” which means “leave if you can”. When the Street was first named, the area bordered on a marsh that sometimes flooded, and the Spanish - Speaking City planners dubbed the location with a not-so-subtle warning to stay away.

God’s word cautions us to stay away from “wrong road” of Sin and temptation; “Avoid it, do not travel on it; turn from it and go on your way” (Prov. 4:15). But Scripture doesn’t just say “leave if you can”. It offers assurance and tells us where to turn. “God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it” (1Cor.10:13).

The promise that God will not allow us to be tempted above our ability to withstand is an encouraging reminder. When we turn to God in the moments when temptation comes, we know He is more than willing to help us stay away.

The Bible affirms that Jesus is able “to empathize with our weaknesses”. But He was “tempted in every way, just as we are - yet he did not sin” (Heb.4:15). Jesus knows the way out of every temptation. He will show us as we run to Him.

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