

And lead us not into temptation, but
deliver us from the evil one.

Matthew 6:13





JAMES

The Epistle of James

- Concise
- Vivid
- Convicting
- Practical



The Practicality of James

- The “Proverbs” of the New Testament
- More like a sermon than a letter
- Emphasis on Christian living more than doctrine
- Highest frequency of commands of any NT book
(54 commands in 108 verses)



Life Wisdom from James

Trials

Money

Anger

Obedience

Prayer

Temptation

Power of our words

Favoritism

Suffering

Helping those in need



JAMES 1:12 *niv*

Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because,
having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of
life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.



James 1:13-18

The Test of Temptation



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Source of Temptation (v. 13-14)

Outcome of Temptation (v. 15)

Response to Temptation (v. 16)

Opposite of Temptation (v. 17-18)



Source of Temptation

James 1:13 *niv*

When tempted, no one should say, “God is tempting me.”
For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone...



Hebrews 4:15 *niv*

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.



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Desire > **Temptation**

Rest > **Laziness**

Hunger > **Gluttony**

Shelter > **Materialism**

Clothing > **Vanity**

Sex > **Lust/Adultery**

Achievement > **Pride**

Provision > **Greed**

Pleasure > **Hedonism**

Laughter > **Unwholesome words**

Relationships > **Idolatry**



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Deleazo
“Enticed”

To lure; to fish or trap with bait.



Outcome of Temptation

James 1:15 *niv*

Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin;
and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.



DESIRE

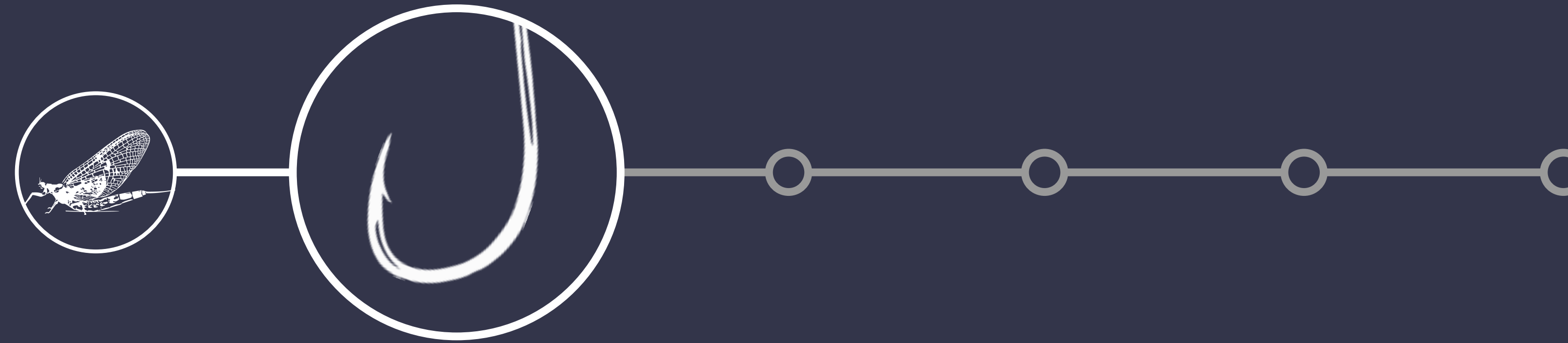


but each person is tempted when they are
dragged away by their own...desire...

James 1:14 niv



TWISTED



but each person is tempted when they are
dragged away by their own... **evil** desire...

James 1:14 niv



ENTICED

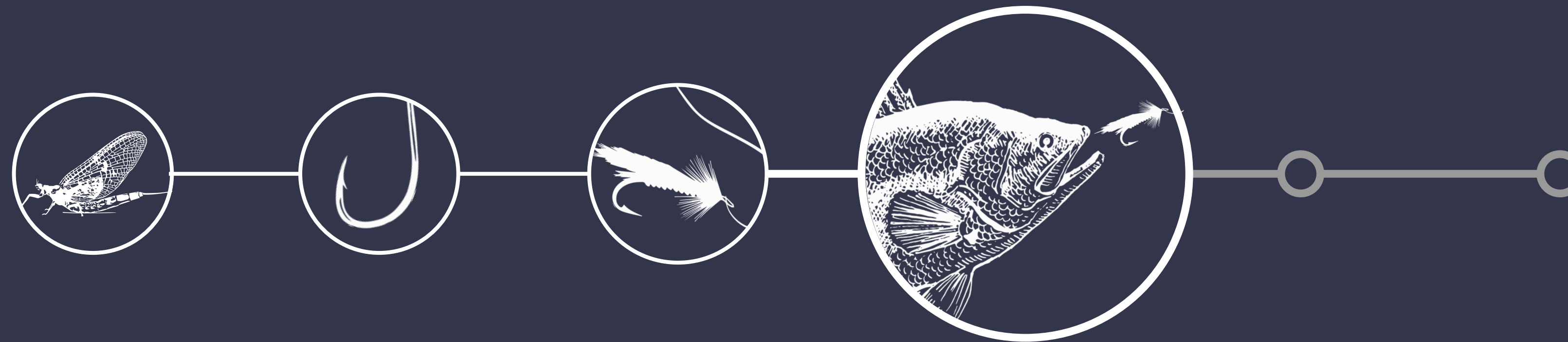


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James 1:14 niv



CHOICE

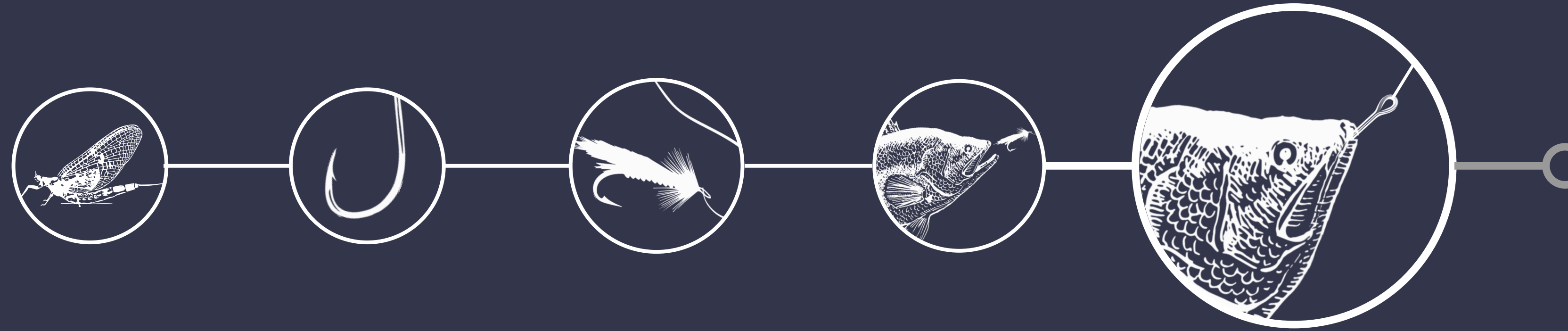


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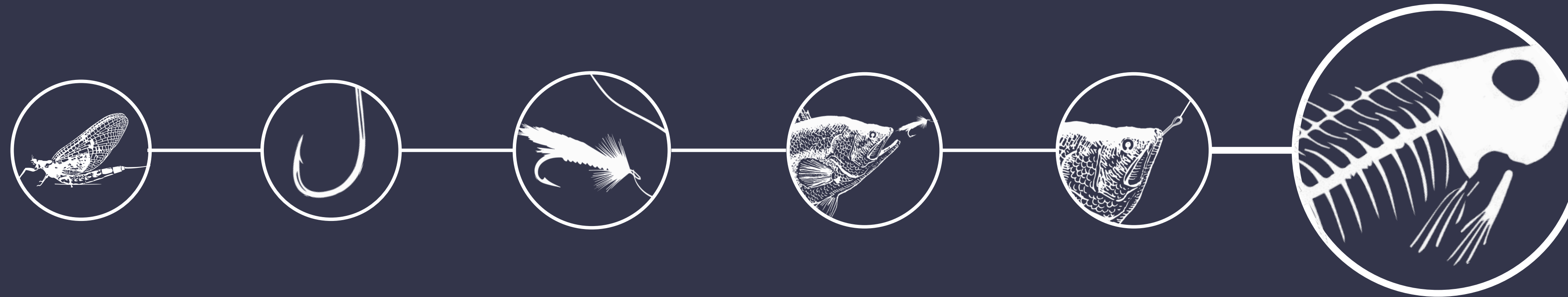
James 1:15 niv



PLEASURE



PAIN



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James 1:15 niv



James 1:14-15 *niv*

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Response to Temptation

James 1:16 *niv*

Don't be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters.



Don't be deceived:
temptation promises pleasure with no pain.



Opposite of Temptation

James 1:17-18 *niv*

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. ¹⁸ He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.



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“Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation.
The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

- *Jesus*

