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Share a story of going through this process. Or, try to map a more subtle sin (pride, selfishness, gossip, etc.) on to this process.

Try to map this process on to your besetting sin this week.

Read James 4:7-8 How do you feel when you hear the word submit? Why? Why do you think submission needs to come before resistance? What does it mean to submit to God in general? What does it mean to submit to God specifically in relation to your biggest temptations? What would it look like to submit early in the temptation process?

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How did you feel afterwards?

What were the keys to your success?

How can you apply this to other temptations in your life?

A Prayer of Submission - close with this prayer, consider using it daily this week.

God, you alone are God. You are Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. You are One. You are holy, you are the first and the last. You are the King of the Universe, and I choose today to submit myself fully to you. I give you my thoughts, conform them to the mind of Christ. I give you my words, may they bring life to those around me. I give you my hands, feet, eyes, ears, my whole self, may my body bring honor and praise to you. I give you my fears and anxieties, may they find peace in you. I give you my desire, may it be only for you. Take all that I am and use it for your purposes. And if I am unwilling to submit, please take my will and change it so that I have the faith to trust and obey. I give you permission to mold me, you are the potter and I am the clay. Protect me from trusting in myself. Empower me to live in conscious dependance on your Holy Spirit. In Jesus' name.

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