

## West Valley Church of Christ – July 20, 2025

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Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday Devotional: 6:30 p.m.

### **DON'T PLAY WITH TEMPTATION**



The story comes from London where a world-famous animal trainer gave a performance featuring his wild animals. All kinds of animals were involved, lions, tigers, elephants, horses, and other circus animals. The trainer was most famous for a particular act he did with a boa constrictor that was 35 feet long. He had raised this snake since it was a few days old. The trainer had fed it, cared for it, and worked with it daily. In his act, the trainer would lie down on the ground with his pet boa and the snake would wrap around his body. The massive reptile was easily strong enough to crush the man into pieces, but it would always release him as it had been trained to do.

One day as the trainer performed with this snake and suddenly before the watching crowd, the boa kept squeezing and squeezing and before the crows knew he was in danger, it was too late. That is exactly how Satan comes coiling himself around our lives. At first yielding to temptations may seem harmless, but unless we are careful their grip gains the upper hand in our lives. The Evil One desires to suffocate our spiritual lives to death. Don't play with temptation as if it were a harmless pet.

Clark Tatum