As decided by the National Youth Cabinet, our theme has to do with temptations. Our theme is “Led by Jesus, not by temptations.” There are a fair number of scriptures in the Bible that have to do with temptations, as well as examples of times where we are led by Jesus. As such, the scripture for this theme is 1 Corinthians 10:13, in which the premise is that God will not allow you to be “over-tempted.” The original verse that our theme came from was John 10:14-15, in which we acknowledge that Jesus is the shepherd and that we are led by him, not by temptations.

In today’s world, we are often tempted to do things that we don’t want to, typically by peer pressure, hunger, and media. Our lives can be dominated by these irresistible sources of temptations, but not to the point where they consume our entire being. In 1 Corinthians 10:13, God will not allow us to be over-tempted to the point that we are unable to do anything. In the case of such a temptation occurring, God will provide a way out so that we can resume our normal daily lives in prayers to God. Once we are delivered from this temptation, we will be led by Jesus, the Good Shepherd (as it is written in John 10:14-15), and not by temptations.