

FIRST SERIES Week 3 "First comes Temptation"

Matthew 3:17 (ESV)

17 and behold, a voice from heaven said, "**This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.**"

First comes Temptation

Matthew 4:1-11 (ESV)

4 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. 2 And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. 3 And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." 4 But he answered, "It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

Deuteronomy 8:2-3 (ESV)

2 And you shall remember the whole way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. 3 And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

Matthew 4:1-11 (ESV)

5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple 6 and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you,' and "On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'" 7 Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You

shall not put the Lord your God to the test.” 8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. 9 And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” 10 Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written, “**You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.”** 11 Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

TEMPTATION IS ANYTHING THAT TAKES OUR FOCUS OFF OF GOD

1 John 2:15-17 (ESV)

15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. 17 And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

3 TYPES OF TEMPTATIONS

1. **Desires of the flesh**
2. **Desires of the eyes and power**
3. **Pride of life**

TEMPTATION IS WHEN THE DEVIL TAKES SOMETHING AND PERVERTS/DISTORTS A GOD GIVEN DESIRE TO BE USE OUTSIDE OF IT'S INTENDED PURPOSE

James 1:13-15 (ESV)

13 Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. 14 But each person is tempted when

he is lured and enticed by his own desire. 15 Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

WE GET TAKEN OUT EASIEST WHEN

1- Alone

2 - Idle

TEMPTATIONS

1. Sexual
2. Attitudinal - Anger, lazy
3. Verbal - speech, how we talk, speaking life, honoring our leaders, honoring our workers
4. Trust - money, possessions
5. Vices, Drugs, & Possessions - Food, animals, etc (enjoy)

BIGGEST TEMPTATION IS TO SUCCEED AT STUFF THAT DOESN'T MATTER

WAYS TO OVERCOME TEMPTATION

1. Remember Jesus

Hebrews 4:15-16 (ESV)

15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect **has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.** 16 Let us then with **confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.**

2. Remember we are beloved sons and daughters
3. Remember there is a way out & God knows

1 Corinthians 10:13 (ESV)

13 No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

Hebrews 2:18 (ESV)

18 For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

4. Work out them obedience muscles!

1 Samuel 15:22 (ESV)

22 And Samuel said, "Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams.

2 Corinthians 10:5 (ESV)

...take every thought captive to obey Christ,

Romans 6:1 (ESV)

1 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? 2 By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?

5. Get around people who have experienced victory and don't condemn
6. Stay on mission

Hebrews 12:2 (ESV)

2 looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

7. Set boundary lines far from the edge

1 Corinthians 10:11-12 (MSG)

11-12 These are all warning markers—danger!—in our history books, written down so that we don't repeat their mistakes. Our positions in the story are parallel—they at the beginning, we at the end—and we are just as capable of messing it up as they were. Don't be so naive and self-confident. You're not exempt. You could fall flat on your face as easily as anyone else. Forget about self-confidence; it's useless. Cultivate God-confidence.

8. Be Honest that we are broken

9. Victory is the Gospel

Lamentations 3:22-23 (ESV)

22 The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
his mercies never come to an end;
23 they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.