

Message Notes | Encounters with Jesus

Part 6: The Accuser

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#1 _____ is a spiritual matter.

- a generous offer - vs. 5-7
- label "it" irrelevant - vs. 8

#2 God's will is _____.

- taking scripture out of context - vs. 9-11
- why "testing" God is bad - vs. 12

#3 Trust _____ God. Testing _____ God.

- the opportune time - vs. 13, Luke 22:3-4

#4 You fight _____, not for it.

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1. What are some reasons why people might prefer to believe that the devil isn't real?

What's the danger in denying his existence?

2. **Read Luke 4:1-4.** The devil tempted Jesus to make a small compromise to use his identity as the Son of God for his own benefit. Share a time when a "small compromise" felt harmless in the moment but ended up having big consequences.

3. **Read Luke 4:5-8.** Jesus immediately rejected the devil's offer of authority and splendor because it would have required a compromise of values. Do you find it easy or difficult to stick with your values when "generous offers" are extended to you?

4. **Read Luke 4:9-12.** The devil showed his ability to quote scripture out of context so as to twist what it actually said. How do you know if someone is twisting scripture to say something that it doesn't really say?

5. If we know God's will is good, what are some reasons why we might negotiate it in exchange for something else?

6. What's the difference between trusting God and testing God?

Are there any areas of life where you're not sure of the difference between the two?

7. You fight the devil from victory, not for it. How does that shape the way you prepare to battle temptations, and what's one thing you can do this week to practice this in your life?

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Bible Reading for Today

Luke 4:1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.

³ The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread."

⁴ Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone.'"

⁵ The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. ⁷ If you worship me, it will all be yours."

⁸ Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'"

⁹ The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down from here. ¹⁰ For it is written:

"'He will command his angels concerning you
to guard you carefully;

¹¹ they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'"

¹² Jesus answered, "It is said: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

¹³ When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.