

DISCOVERY

Freeway – Part 3 of 7

Key Observation: Tests reveal our WEAKNESS so we can discover God's STRENGTH.

“After his baptism, as Jesus came up out of the water, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and settling on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy.”
Matthew 3:16–17 (NLT)

“Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted there by the devil. For forty days and forty nights he fasted and became very hungry. During that time the devil came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become loaves of bread.” Matthew 4:1-3 (NLT)

Truths We Must Remember When Tests Come:

Key Truth #1: Trust God's PROVISION.

“But Jesus told him, ‘No! The Scriptures say, ‘People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” Matthew 4:4 (NLT)

- Jesus says there is one thing that is more vital in this world than food, shelter and clothing: TRUSTING the God who provides all the food, shelter and clothing.

“So don't worry about these things, saying, ‘What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?’ These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.” Matthew 6:32-33 (NLT)

Key Truth #2: Jump TOWARD God, not away.

“Then the devil took him to the holy city, Jerusalem, to the highest point of the Temple, and said, “If you are the Son of God, jump off! For the Scriptures say, ‘He will order his angels to protect you. And they will hold you up with their hands so you won't even hurt your foot on a stone.’” Matthew 4:5-6 (NLT)

“Jesus responded, “The Scriptures also say, ‘You must not test the Lord your God.’” Matthew 4:7 (NLT)

“So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come close to God, and God will come close to you.” James 4:7-8 (NLT)

Key Truth #3: WORSHIP God alone.

“Next the devil took him to the peak of a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. “I will give it all to you,” he said, “if you will kneel down and worship me.” Matthew 4:8-9 (NLT)

“Get out of here, Satan,” Jesus told him. “For the Scriptures say, ‘You must worship the Lord your God and serve only him.’”
Then the devil went away, and angels came and took care of Jesus.” Matthew 4:10-11 (NLT)

The Bottom Line: The thing you WORSHIP is the thing you give ultimate SAY over your life.