

Sermon Title: When I'm Tempted

Sermon Series: Kids Church

Scripture: Matthew 4:1-11

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Temptation

Psalm 119:11 NIV

“I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.”

Matthew 4:1 ESV

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

Matthew 4:2 ESV

2 And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry.

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 4:2 ESV

2 And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry.

Matthew 4:3 ESV

3 And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread."

John 5:19 ESV

19 So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise.

1. Do What's _____**Matthew 4:4 ESV**

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."

Matthew 4:5-6 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."

Psalm 91:11-12 ESV

11 For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

12 On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.

Matthew 4:7 ESV

7 Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Romans 5:8 ESV

8 but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

2. _____ the Bible to get what we want

Matthew 4:8-9 ESV

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."

3. Take the _____ way out

Matthew 4:10 ESV

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.'"

Matthew 4:11 ESV

11 Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

Romans 5:19 ESV

19 For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Trust _____ and the _____ to beat _____

Questions:

Getting to know you Questions:

1. Many of us are tempted by food. What are your “guilty” pleasures?

2. Why do you think you struggle with temptation?

3. When you are tempted, what do you normally do to defeat the temptation?

Into the Bible Questions:

Read Matthew 4:1-11

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4. What was something from the passage or sermon that surprised you, helped you, confused you, or bothered you?

5. What does this passage tell us about God? People? Living to please God?

6. What did Jesus say was the most important thing to do?

7. What helped Jesus obey God when Satan wanted Him to do wrong?

8. How does Jesus' approach to Satan help him to deal with temptation?

9. Of the 3 temptations (Getting comfort before listening to God, Twisting the Bible to get what we want, Taking the easy way out), which one do you struggle with the most? why?

For Extra Study: Read Romans 5:12-21

Romans 5:12-21 ESV

12 Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— 13 for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. 14 Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

15 But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. 16 And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. 17 For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

18 Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. 19 For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. 20 Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, 21 so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

1. How does the passage describe Adam?

2. How does it describe Jesus?
3. How does Jesus defeating temptation relate to this passage?
4. What comfort does this passage bring to your life?
5. What needs to change in your life so that you can live this out?
6. Jot down any insights, questions, or key observations.

Application Questions

1. Have you ever had to say no to sin to say yes to God? How hard was that choice?
2. *How can Jesus' example help you to defeat temptation this week?*
3. *Because Jesus is our perfect sacrifice that was without sin, he can comfort and empower us when we deal with temptation. How might this encourage you to deal with temptation?*
4. *How can you hide God's Word in your heart this week? How can this group help?*