

The Road of Rebellion

This is what the Lord says: “Stop at the crossroads and look around. Ask for the old, godly way, and walk in it. Travel its path, and you will find rest for your souls. But you reply, ‘No, that’s not the road we want!’
Jeremiah 6:16 (NLT)

Rebel: contentious, to be bitter, provoke, resist.

God offered them “rest” for their souls if they would only follow Him, but they **resisted, refused, and rejected (3 “R’s”)**

We will be tempted

Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! Matthew 18:7

- Spiritual Battle

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.
Ephesians 6:12

And remember, when you are being tempted, do not say, “God is tempting me.” God is never tempted to do wrong, and he never tempts anyone else. 14 Temptation comes from our own desires, which entice us and drag us away. 15 These desires give birth to sinful actions. And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death. James 1:13-15 (NLT)

For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. Galatians 5:17

- When God asks us to do hard things...

“But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, 28 bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. Luke 6:27-28

Jesus said to him, “If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” 22 When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. Matthew 19:21-22

What hard thing is God asking you to do?

THE GOOD NEWS! God gives us ALL we need to win the battle

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. 1 Corinthians 10:13

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh Galatians 5:16

Jesus' path – Resist, Refuse, Reject (3 “R’s”)

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. Matthew 4:1

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 4:4 (Deuteronomy 8:3)

Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” Matthew 4:7 (Deuteronomy 6:16)

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 4:10 (Deuteronomy 6:13)

Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him. Matthew 4:11

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. James 4:7

True rest for our souls comes when we are faithful to obey. Walking in His ways brings life!

For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. 4 For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. 5 Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? 1 John 5:3-5

God wants all of us!

And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ Mark 12:30

As Christians, we are told to love God with our heart (_____), our mind (_____) our soul (_____) and strength (_____).

Communion

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, 24 and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." 25 In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." 26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

27 Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. 28 Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. 1 Corinthians 11:23-28

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9