

Matthew 4:1–11 (NLT)

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted there by the devil. ² For forty days and forty nights he fasted and became very hungry. ³ 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.” ⁴ 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.’”

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city, Jerusalem, to the highest point of the Temple, ⁶ 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.’”

⁷ Jesus responded, “The Scriptures also say, ‘You must not test the LORD your God.’”

⁸ 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. ⁹ “I will give it all to you,” he said, “if you will kneel down and worship me.”

¹⁰ “Get out of here, Satan,” Jesus told him. “For the Scriptures say, ‘You must worship the LORD your God and serve only him.’”

¹¹ Then the devil went away, and angels came and took care of Jesus.

1. ALLOW THE HOLY SPIRIT TO SET THE AGENDA.

“Only those people who are led by God’s Spirit are his children.” (Romans 8:14, CEV)

“Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit’s leading in every part of our lives.” (Galatians 5:25, NLT)

2. BELIEVE GOD HAS A HIGH CALLING FOR YOUR LIFE.

“For I know the plans I have for you,” says the LORD. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.” (Jeremiah 29:11, NLT)

“Examine yourselves to see whether you are living in faith.” (2 Corinthians 13:5a, NAB)

“I have been calling you, inviting you to come, but you would not listen. You paid no attention to me.” (Proverbs 1:24, GNB)

3. CLARIFY THE BIG QUESTIONS.

- What will I LIVE ON?
“Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do.” (Joshua 1:8, NLT)
- How will I GET WHERE I’M GOING?

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.” (Proverbs 3:5–6, NLT)

- **WHO** will it all be for?
“Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?” Jesus replied, “You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.” (Matthew 22:36–37, NLT)

4. DEDICATE YOURSELF FULLY TO GOD’S PURPOSES AND PLANS.

“Commit everything you do to the Lord. Trust him to help you do it, and he will.” (Psalm 37:5, The Living Bible)

**ACTION:
GET IN A GROUP!**