



Into the WILDERNESS

February 19, 2023 – “Temptations”

LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE, AND SERVE THE WORLD

The Bible speaks both fondly and extensively about the wilderness experiences of people.

✦ The main reason for Jesus being in the wilderness was that He was led there by the _____.

James 1:13

✦ Jesus was all of God without the _____, and all of man without the _____.

Question: When temptation comes, what is our first response?

We don't resist the temptation, we resist the source of temptation...the _____.

James 4:7-8, 1 Corinthians 10:12-13

✦ We come close to God by coming close to His Word and we purify our hearts by washing our minds with God's Word.

✦ Four things we learn from Jesus' story of temptation in Matthew 4:1-11:

1. Jesus trusted the Word of God.

✦ Jesus not only studied the Word, He knew the Word, and in His hour of need, He _____ the Word.

2. Jesus trusted the _____.

3. Jesus trusted where the Holy Spirit was _____ Him.

✦ We must trust where the Lord leads and by faith where He is taking us, even if it is right into the _____.

1 Corinthians 10:13

4. Jesus trusted His true _____ that came from God.

Matthew 4:1-11

_____ was part of the story of Jesus' life and it will be part of the story of our life.

✦ Our story will be marked by the way we _____ to the temptations of life.

Psalms 119:11

We must develop the habit of *turning* from temptation, by *turning* to scripture.

Answers: Holy Spirit, glory, sin, devil, spoke, purpose, leading, wilderness, nature, temptation, respond.

*all verses were taken from the NLT unless otherwise noted.