



Sermon Title: Foundation Project week 5

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Right after Jesus was baptized, he faced Satan in the wilderness (**Matthew 4:1-11**). Since that happened, how can you and I stand in victory against Satan? Satan is knowledgeable, crafty, has lived a long-long-time, and is not subject to decay and death or loss of memory, like you and me. The answer lies with our Big Idea:

Big Idea: Use God's Word to over-power Satan.

Before the face-off with Satan, Jesus was baptized in the Jordan River by John. Jesus was immediately compelled and driven or thrown out by the Spirit of God into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. The temptation was ordained personally by God the Father. Luke tells us that during the 40 days, Satan tempted Jesus the whole time, but only the last three are recorded for us. Why does this happen to Jesus? **Hebrews 2:18**

1. Claim God's Word in weakness

Matthew 4:2-4

Jesus is Famished! Forty days is a LONG time to go without food and on top of that, all of the unrecorded temptations; it's in that weakness where the enemy comes to Jesus with the final three - Attacking Jesus' position as the Son of God just heard by John the Baptist.

Instead, Jesus Claims God's provision in his weakness (**Matthew 4:4**). Jesus claims God's promise, not his own power, because He did not need to prove himself to anyone.

When you and I are tempted, we are faced with the same choice – continue to travel down the road of independence leading to sin city, or instead stop and claim the provision of God that when we submit to God's plan, we can resist the devil he WILL flee.

2. Recall ALL of God's Word when tempted

Matthew 4:5-7

Satan transported Jesus to the Temple. Most likely the southeastern portico of the Temple. The structure's height and the ravine below were over 450 feet. Satan tempts Jesus with a PARTIAL quote of God's word. Satan twists and distorts God's word. He takes Psalm 91:11-12 out of context. Satan leaves out the part that says the angels are sent "to guard you in all your ways." That is - to guard Jesus against unintentional or Satanic attacks from the outside – not intentionally throwing Himself off a building.

Jesus quotes Deuteronomy 6:16 and rebukes the devil with the truth that God is not to be tested.

3. Proclaim God's Word in the face of a lie

Matthew 4:8-10

This is Satan's big lie: Jesus came proclaiming: behold, the kingdom of God is at hand! God the Father already Proclaimed – this is my Son in whom I am well pleased. Jesus is already the Ruler!

The Devil is Tempting Jesus with a FALSE OFFER. Satan is not the creator able to give these kingdoms away. In John 12:31, 14:30, and 16:11, Jesus describes Satan as the Prince of this world. But that is a designation of management, not dominion. Jesus uses the Greek word Archon = identifying Satan as a subordinate prince, or a manager – NOT OWNER

In the garden of Eden, Satan tempted Adam and Eve with the false offer that if they ate the fruit God told them to avoid, they would be like God. At every turn with these three temptations, Jesus was in the process of facing the same temptations that Adam and Eve faced; Victoriously- Jesus Proclaims God's Truth!

After Satan left, Jesus received assistance from angels. You and I need assistance. Jesus sends the helper: The HOLY SPIRIT.

God's Word is a powerful weapon against Satan. PICK UP and KNOW YOUR WEAPON. Be careful because, as we've seen today with Jesus - Satan adapts his temptations based on our external situations and inner condition.

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

Discussion Questions:

- What about the sermon stuck with you this week? What part challenged your thinking?
- What are some reasons that Christians drop their guard against Satanic attacks?
- Ephesians 6:17 and Hebrews 4:12 describe God's word as a sword. Why is scripture described as a sword?
- How does reading the bible every day help defend against Satan's lies?
- Describe your Bible reading plan and why you chose it.
- Describe a time when you used scripture to defend against Satan's lies.

Reading Guide week 5

<input type="checkbox"/>	November 13	John 18:1-40	Arrest and Trial
<input type="checkbox"/>	November 14	John 19:1-42	The Crucifixion
<input type="checkbox"/>	November 15	John 20:1-21:25	The Resurrection
<input type="checkbox"/>	November 16	Acts 10:1-11:18	Good News for All
<input type="checkbox"/>	November 17	Romans 8:1-39	More than Conquerors
<input type="checkbox"/>	November 18	Colossians 1:1-23	The Supremacy of Jesus
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<input type="checkbox"/>	November 20	Revelation 21:1-22:21	The New Jerusalem