

New Morality

Series: New & Improved (message 2) **Date:** December 5/6, 2020

Intro

BECAUSE OF CHRISTMAS, EVERYTHING IS IMPROVED AND ABOUT TO BE MADE NEW.

Luke 3:38-4:13

JESUS' SUPERPOWER IS A SUPER MORALITY.

- 1 Peter 2:21–24
- 1 John 3:5
- Hebrews 4:14–15

JESUS DIDN'T JUST SHOW US HOW TO LIVE, BUT ENABLES US TO LIVE IT.

- 1 Peter 2:21–24
- Philippians 2:12-13

But we still sin!?

- Romans 8:5
- Romans 8:12–17

sermon discussion

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. What are some stories of temptation you remember from Scripture? How do these stories make you feel about the temptations you face?
2. **Read Luke 4:1-13.** Of the three areas of Jesus' temptations (taking shortcut vs 1-4, seeking after power w. 5-8, testing God's promises or failing to trust God vs 9-13), in which do you most often find yourself?
3. What have you found helpful in overcoming temptation and what have you found to be ineffective? How is the way you face temptation similar and different to how Jesus faced them?
4. What are some specific ways you've seen God's power at work in your life when you've faced temptations?
5. **Read Romans 8:5-8.** What characterizes a person who lives according to the flesh versus according to the Spirit?
6. **Read Romans 8:9-13.** Why is knowing the constant presence of God's Spirit a powerful deterrent to giving in to the temptations that come with our struggle with sin?
7. FOR THESE FINAL TWO QUESTIONS, DIVIDE INTO GROUPS OF 3-4 PEOPLE OF THE SAME GENDER TO DISCUSS:
 - a. What is one area of your life in which you are trying to obey God but are feeling tempted?
 - b. What are some practical ways you can remind yourself of God's strength as you are tempted this week? How might we as a group support each other during such times?

PRAYER

MEMORIZE SCRIPTURE

For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. **Romans 8:13**