

# Convinced By Convenience

## SCRIPTURES TO STUDY

- What looks good isn't always God: Genesis 3:1-8
- Know your authority and trust His word: Matthew 4:1-11 ESV
- Joy in trials: James 1:2,13 ESV,
- Suffering strengthens us: Romans 5:3-5 NLT,
- God refines us: Isaiah 48:10-11 NLT
- Adopt His mind and ways: Isaiah 55:8-11 NLT, 1 Corinthians 2:16 NLT

## MAIN POINTS

- Convenience does not always equal God's Co-sign:
  - Genesis 3:1-8
  - Sometimes it's easy to misconstrue good opportunities for God opportunities.
  - Just because something seems convenient, enjoyable or good, does not mean it's got God's co-sign.
  - The enemy convinced Eve that the fruit was "good" and "desirable," even though she knew God told them not to eat it.
  - They chose to follow what "looked good" and it caused them to sin & hide from the very presence of God.
  - Matthew 4:1-11 Jesus shows us in a similar situation, how to exercise our authority over the enemy and stick to the truth/word of God.
  - Where Adam and Eve experienced separation from God as a result of their decision, Jesus experienced the very presence of God through ministering angels. Similar scenarios, 2 very different results.
- Testing does not mean tempting:
  - James 1:2,13, Romans 5:3-5, Isaiah 48:10-11
- Allow the framework of your mind to be constructed by Him alone:
  - Isaiah 55:8-11, 1 Corinthians 2:16

## 2022 VISION CASTING POINTS TO REMEMBER:

- Sometimes the "good" choice isn't the "God" choice.
- Reference the WORD and not the WORLD!
- Just because something is hard or complicated doesn't mean it's not God. He refines us through suffering.
- "Are we willing to yield to His purpose, and go through His process, to receive His promise?"