

# GROWING DEEPER

## Read Matthew 4:1-4

How does the temptation of Jesus by the Devil clearly reveal the nature and reality of spiritual warfare? Why is understanding the reality of spiritual warfare so important? What is the danger of ignoring the existence of both spiritual evil and temptation? How can you become more aware of spiritual attacks and temptations? How are being tempted by the Devil and being tested by God related to one another? How does Satan attack you personally with the temptation of self-gratification?

## Read Matthew 4:5-7

Have you ever experienced someone twisting scripture to justify their own sinful behaviors?

How are the Devil's temptations in your life always a test of your faith and not just your self-control?

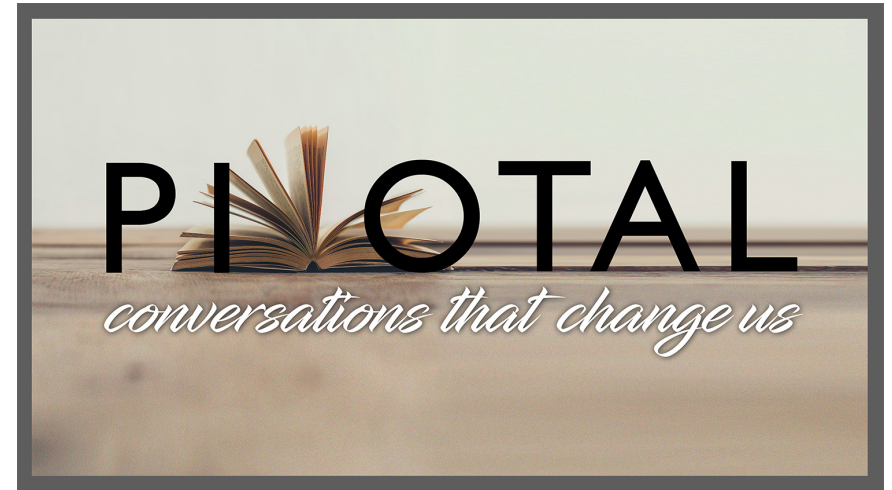
In what kinds of circumstances do you most often question God's presence, care, power or love?

There are times in all of our lives when we are tempted to wonder if God cares about us; how can you combat those thoughts?

## Read Matthew 4:8-11

How can you remind yourself of God's loving faithfulness in the past when you're in the midst of temptation? What temptation toward pride and self-exaltation are you experiencing in this stage and season of life?

What biblical truths do you need to hide in your heart (Psalm 119:11) to protect and empower you against the specific temptations that Satan uses to destroy?



## THE GREAT ENEMY

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*The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet.*

Romans 16:20 <sup>(ESV)</sup>

