Message: Welcome the Wilderness – The Temptation of Jesus **Scripture:** Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. Matthew 4:1

"If you are the Son of God, <u>command these stones</u> to become loaves of bread." Matthew 4:3

THE TEMPTATION OF PLEASURE.

It is written, Man <u>shall not live by bread alone</u>, but every word that comes from the mouth of God. Deuteronomy 8:3

"If you are the <u>Son of God, throw yourself down</u>, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you,' and "On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'" Matthew 4:6

THE TEMPTATION OF PRIDE.

"It is also written: Do not <u>put the Lord your God to the test</u>." Matthew 4:7

"Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain, showed him all the kingdoms of the world and all their splendor. <u>All this I will give you, he said, if you bow down and worship me."</u> Matthew 4:8-9

THE TEMPTATION OF POWER.

"Away from me, Satan. For it is written: <u>Worship the Lord your God and serve him only</u>." Matthew 4:10

Then the devil left and behold, the angels came and ministered to Him. Matthew 4:11

BE IN <u>THE FIGHT</u>.

BE RESOLVED ABOUT WHAT YOU BELIEVE.

BE BRUTALLY HONEST WITH YOURSELF AND OTHERS WHEN YOU GIVE IN TO TEMPTATION.

RESPOND TO SATAN'S LIES WITH GODS TRUTH.

CHOOSE TO BELIEVE THAT JESUS IS BETTER.