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4. But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word that proceeds from the mouth of God.' "

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9. And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me."
10. Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.' "
11. Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.

# Silver Bullets & Meaningful Membership

***Anatomy of a Revived Church Book Study***

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**A REVIVED  
CHURCH**

Will choose  
“Meaningful  
Membership”

**A REVIVED  
CHURCH**

Will no longer seek  
“Silver Bullets”

## **SILVER BULLET...**

a quick, simple, and  
seemingly magical  
solution to a  
complicated problem

*A Revived  
Church*

## **Silver Bullets No More**

- The Pastor silver bullet
- The Money silver bullet
- The Music silver bullet
- The Location silver bullet
- The Facility silver bullet

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## **The Truth**

... there are no shortcuts to genuine spiritual vitality

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## 2. Other options

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### **3. Success without the price**

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# God's way to being a Revived Church

## ▶ **Matthew 28** NKJV New King James Version

- 18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.
- 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy
- 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

# THE CHALLENGE TO BE REVIVED

- ▶ No alternative of man will ever supplant the truth and wisdom of God's way
- ▶ Strive to reject the deception of Silver Bullets as we experience true revival as a church and followers of Christ

# *A Revived Church*



- *Silver Bullets No More*
- *Meaningful Membership Chosen*

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