

Overcoming Temptation Matthew 4:1-11

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Why is my faith so weak? Why do I keep repeating the same mistakes? What is wrong with me? At some point, every true follower of Christ struggles with these questions. We all battle with temptation and sins of the flesh. The struggle is real!

Even Jesus battled with temptation. Because He battled with temptation and conquered it, there is no one better to teach us how to overcome temptation than Him (Heb. 2:18; 4:15; 12:3-4).

In our text, Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

Main Thought	
→	It is God's will for us to overcome
1.	Temptation is (v. 1-2).
	Mt. 6:13; 2 Cor.11:3; Jm. 1:13-15
2.	Temptation can be (v. 3-10).
	• to give in to the flesh (v. 3-4).
	• on God's Word in faith (v. 5-7).
	• to make Satan flee (v. 8-10).
	Gal. 5:16; 1 Cor. 10:12-13; Ps. 119:11; Is. 5:20; Jm. 4:7; 1 Pt. 5:8-9a
3.	Temptation will (v. 11).
	Lk. 4:13; Rm. 8:37b; 1 Jn. 4:4b; Rev 12:11a
Final Thoughts	
→	What with temptation are you facing today?
→	Will you firm in faith and resist the tempter?

