

PRIORITIZING THE WORD OF GOD



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Our Purpose: To be a community of believers where, no matter who you are, you can experience life change through Jesus Christ.

Jesus is not *AN* example, he is *THE* example of how to live.

1 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. 2 And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. 3 And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." 4 But he answered, "It is written, " 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.' " 5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple 6 and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, 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.' " 7 Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.' " 8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. 9 And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." 10 Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, " 'You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.' " 11 Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

—Matthew 4:1-11 (ESV)

1. Jesus KNEW the Word of God.

*And Jesus **increased** in wisdom and in stature*

—Luke 2:52 (ESV)

2. Jesus **TRUSTED** the Word of God.

According to Jesus the Scriptures are...

- a. **True** (Matthew 22:29)
- b. **Unbreakable** (John 10:35)
- c. **From God** (Matthew 15:3)

3. Jesus **USED** the Word of God.

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

—Hebrews 4:12 (ESV)

“Nothing has a greater impact on spiritual growth than reflection on Scripture.”

—Greg Hawkins, REVEAL study

“Show me a chair ... where you spend 15 minutes with God, with His Word, maybe with a journal that you can write down some thoughts and prayers in and you’re going to become a different kind of person in the not too distant future.”

—Bill Hybels, SIMPLIFY video curriculum

1. Pick a **PLACE**
2. Pick a **PARTNER**
3. Pick a **PATTERN** (new?)