



Week Three:

## Facing Temptation

Matthew 4:1-11

### Review of Week One : Ephesians 6:10-12

- ... Spiritual warfare requires spiritual power and weaponry.
- ... In Christ we have the high ground in battle, meaning we fight **FROM** victory, not **FOR** victory!
- ... In Christ, God gives us full armament to stand against the schemes of the evil one — remind Satan and yourself!

### Review of Week Two: Detecting the Deceiver (1 Corinthians 11:2-15)

- ... Satan is a Deceiver. No matter how enticing, don't buy into his lies. He will tell you that you don't matter, that God doesn't care for you, that your sins are too great to be forgiven, that "trying" sin is OK.
- ... Satan can use people — even Christians — to do his work.
- ... In disguise, Satan labors to : 1) Make you ineffective; 2) twist/corrupt the truth; 3) shift your focus from Christ to yourself.

## FACING TEMPTATION: Two simple answers

1. Know \_\_\_\_\_ you are and \_\_\_\_\_ you are.

*"So when the devil throws your sins in your face and declares that you deserve death and hell, tell him this: "I admit that I deserve death and hell, what of it? For I know One who suffered and made satisfaction on my behalf. His name is Jesus Christ, Son of God, and where He is there I shall be also!"*

*Martin Luther, Letters of Spiritual Counsel*

2. Fight spiritual warfare with spiritual power and weaponry; that is, the \_\_\_\_\_ armor of God (Ephesians 6) used in the power God provides in His \_\_\_\_\_, in \_\_\_\_\_ with Him, and in the fellowship and \_\_\_\_\_ of other Christians.

## Temptations Will Come

“Strange, though I am saved from sin, I am not saved from sinning.”

Know \_\_\_\_\_ you are, a \_\_\_\_\_ .

*Saint Paul: “I want to do what is good, but I don’t. I don’t want to do what is wrong, but I do it anyway. Romans 7:19 (NLT)*

“Temptations, of course, cannot be avoided, but because we cannot prevent the birds from flying over our heads, there is no need that we should let them nest in our hair.”  
Martin Luther

Facing temptations requires a \_\_\_\_\_ life before God because it \_\_\_\_\_ us for temptations from Satan and our own sins and desires.

*Saint James: “So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come close to God, and God will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world. Let there be tears for what you have done. Let there be sorrow and deep grief. Let there be sadness instead of laughter, and gloom instead of joy. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will lift you up in honor.” James 4:7-10 (NLT)*

*Saint Peter: “So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time He will lift you up in honor. Give all your worries and cares to God, for He cares about you.*

*Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. Stand firm against him, and be strong in your faith. Remember that your family of believers all over the world is going through the same kind of suffering you are.*

*In His kindness God called you to share in His eternal glory by means of Christ Jesus. So after you have suffered a little while, He will restore, support, and strengthen you, and He will place you on a firm foundation. All power to Him forever! Amen.: 1 Peter 5:6-11 (NLT)*

God will not \_\_\_\_\_ you. He will provide for you a way of \_\_\_\_\_ from the temptations you face.

Saint Paul: "If you think you are standing strong, be careful not to fall. The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, He will show you a way out so that you can endure. 1 Corinthians 10:12-13 (NLT)

## Learn from Jesus

Satan normally attacks us with an " \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ " temptation, just as he did with Jesus in Matthew 4:1-11 (Eve and Adam, too).

1. \_\_\_\_ You are the Son of God, \_\_\_\_\_ satisfy Your hunger and feed yourself . God has abandoned you and you are on your own. No one is here to see You — or take care of You.
2. \_\_\_\_ You are the Son of God and trust His Word, \_\_\_\_\_ prove it to me by jumping off the Temple. People built the Temple for God and this is the place where He lives. Your Father's promised angels have got to be around here somewhere. Jump and see if Your Father's Word is good — or if it's just another lie.
3. \_\_\_\_ You are the Son of God, \_\_\_\_\_ let's cut to the chase. If You bow down to Your Father, You have to go to the cross for all these people and die a horrible death before You get to the glory part in heaven. If You bow down to me, I'll give it to You now.

Jesus responded by:

1. Knowing \_\_\_\_\_ He is and \_\_\_\_\_ He is. He knew His \_\_\_\_\_ with His Father in Heaven was sure.
2. Knowing the \_\_\_\_\_ of God and where He fit in the story of His Father's love.
3. Not believing the \_\_\_\_\_ of Satan about what benefits would come if only Jesus would fall to the Devil's temptations.

So.....

... \_\_\_\_\_ Up and \_\_\_\_\_ Up (read Ephesians 6)

... \_\_\_\_\_ to your soul and Start \_\_\_\_\_ with  
and for others (read Colossians 3:1-17)

... \_\_\_\_\_ listening to temptation's lies and  
\_\_\_\_\_ promises that things will be better  
once you give in to temptation.

*"No man should be alone when he opposes Satan. The church and the ministry of the Word were instituted for this purpose, that hands may be joined together and one may help another. If the prayer of one doesn't help, the prayer of another will."*  
Martin Luther

### My First Step:

Satan tempts me by telling me that :

IF I \_\_\_\_\_

THEN I will ..\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Satan, I know that's not true because I am God's own dear child and He loves me. His Word says that He will provide me with all that I need and He will bless me with all the desires of my heart according to His will.

*So "Get away from me, Satan! You are a dangerous trap to me. You are seeing things merely from a human point of view, not from God's." Matthew 16:23 (NLT)*

And I pray, Father, for You to surround me with Your strength. Protect me with the full armor of God. I don't want to fall into temptation and sin. Grant me a humble heart, dependent on You. Put me in a place with other Christians who can pray with me and for me. Fill my heart with song and praise. Remind me every day of who I am and whose I am. I am Your own dear child and for Christ's sake, You love me. In Jesus' holy name pray. Amen.