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The Gospel of Matthew Part 1

WEEK 4 - THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS OVERVIEW

In this message we will walk with Jesus through his moments of testing in the wilderness. We will see not only that he remains true to the heart of God and resists the temptations of the Evil One, but also that his means of *doing* this is through deep internalization and meditation on Scripture. Unlike the ancient Israelites who *failed* their tests in the wilderness, our rabbi here demonstrates that the way to endure trials is not through willpower alone, but through dependence on and trust in the Word of God.

"Get out of here, Satan," Jesus told him. "For the Scriptures say, 'You must worship the LORD your God and serve only him.'"

Matthew 4:10

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What does trusting God look like?
2. What is the significance of following God's heart rather than following your gut?
3. Read [Job 11:13-19](#) and [Proverbs 3:5-6](#).
 - a. Discuss the importance of having a heart fully surrendered to God.
4. Barry asked the question, "Who do you worship?" Read [Matthew 4:10](#), [Matthew 6:21](#), [Exodus 20:3-10](#), and [Isaiah 45:5-6](#). Why does this matter?
5. How well do you know the Word of God?
 - a. Why is this important as a Disciple of Jesus? Read [John 8:31-32](#) and [Hebrews 4:12](#).
6. How confident and content are you in your relationship with the Lord?
 - a. Do you trust Him when life presents problems?
 - b. If not, what are some steps you could take to change this?

PRAYER

Father God, thank you for loving us and blessing us with your active and living Word. We long to learn, and grow, and be transformed to be more like You each and every day. Please help us to trust you as the faithful Father that you are with hearts that are fully surrendered to You. It's in Jesus' name we pray.