

# Temptation's Invitation

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## Luke 4:1-14

1 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert, 2 where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry. 3 The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread." 4 Jesus answered, "*It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone.'*" 5 The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. 6 And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor, for it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. 7 So if you worship me, it will all be yours." 8 Jesus answered, "*It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'*" 9 The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down from here. 10 For it is written: "'He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; 11 they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" 12 Jesus answered, "*It says: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'*" 13 When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time. 14 Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside.

## 1. TEMPTATION IS SOMETHING YOU SHOULD EXPECT... EVERY DAY

### Luke 4:2

... for forty days [Jesus] was tempted by the devil...

### Luke 4:13

When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

### Hebrews 4:15

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are — yet was without sin.

## James 1:13-15

13 When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; 14 but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. 15 Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

## 2. TEMPTATION IS SOMETHING YOU SHOULD PREPARE FOR... EVERY DAY

### • AVOID VULNERABLE SITUATIONS

### • AVOID TOXIC PEOPLE

#### 1 Corinthians 15:33

Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character."

### • SEEK OUT POSITIVE PEOPLE

#### Proverbs 27:17

As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.

### • CREATE PROTECTIVE BOUNDARIES & ACCOUNTABILITY

James 5:16 Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed...

### • DIG INTO GOD'S WORD Jesus said, "It is written..."

Luke 2:52 ... Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

## 3. TEMPTATION IS SOMETHING YOU CAN OVERCOME... EVERY DAY

### 1 Peter 5:8-9

8 Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. 9 Resist him, standing firm in the faith...

James 4:7 Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

### 1 Corinthians 10:13

No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.