

## The Stories That Remain A Wilderness Experience

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- 4) What were the circumstances of this interaction, and what was the first temptation the devil put before Jesus? How does this relate to us?
- 5) Have you ever compromised your character to take a shortcut instead of doing it God's way, and if so, will you share it with the group?
- 6) How did Jesus respond to this temptation?
- 7) What is the devil's second temptation and how is it similar to the first? How is it different? What is Jesus' response to this temptation?
- 8) What is the devil's third temptation? How is it similar to the others and how is it different? What is the devil's goal with this temptation?
- 9) How does Jesus respond to all of these temptations, and what does He have to do to be able to respond that way? How can we follow His example?
- 10) What is one thing you can do this week to imitate Jesus when it comes to temptation?

### CHAIR TIME TOOLS



This week read Luke Chapter 2-4 every day and pray about the following questions:

- 1) 1) What do these chapters teach me about character?
- 2) How can these chapters help me learn how to fight temptation like Jesus did?
- 3) What else do you see in these passages?

**Thread:** The Word of God Guides Us

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*<sup>3</sup> Then the devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become a loaf of bread."*

*<sup>4</sup> But Jesus told him, "No! The Scriptures say, 'People do not live by bread alone.'"*

*<sup>5</sup> Then the devil took him up and revealed to him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. <sup>6</sup> "I will give you the glory of these kingdoms and authority over them," the devil said, "because they are mine to give to anyone I please. <sup>7</sup> I will give it all to you if you will worship me."*

*<sup>8</sup> Jesus replied, "The Scriptures say, 'You must worship the Lord your God and serve only him.'"*

*<sup>9</sup> Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, to the highest point of the Temple, and said, "If you are the Son of God, jump off! <sup>10</sup> For the Scriptures say,*

*'He will order his angels to protect and guard you.'<sup>11</sup> And they will hold you up with their hands so you won't even hurt your foot on a stone.'"*

*<sup>12</sup> Jesus responded, "The Scriptures also say, 'You must not test the Lord your God.'"*

*<sup>13</sup> When the devil had finished tempting Jesus, he left him until the next opportunity came.*

Luke 4:1-13 NLT

**The Enemy Causes Doubt Vs. 3-4**

## The Enemy Offers Empty Promises Vs. 5-8

### God promises to:

- Strengthen you
- Give you rest
- Answer your prayers
- Be with you
- Never leave you
- Restore you
- Protect you
- Give you freedom from sin

### The Enemy Brings Confusion

- Confusion brings Chaos
- Clarity brings Contentment

### Benefits of A Wilderness Experience:

#### A Place of Encounter

#### A Place of Letting Go and Letting God

#### A Place of Restoration

<sup>7</sup> So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup> Come close to God, and God will come close to you. James 4:7-8 (NLT)

### Challenge:

- What areas of your life are you facing temptation?
- What areas are you experiencing chaos?
- Where do you need clarity in your faith?
- How can a time in the wilderness be of benefit to you?



DEVOTIONALS  
& MESSAGE  
RESOURCES

# Life Group Homework

## The Stories That Remain

Spring 2023 | Week 5

Message Date 4/30/2023

### MY STORY



- 1) What is a regularly reoccurring dream you have or a dream you vividly remember?
- 2) Do you have a favorite plant?

### QUICK REVIEW



- 5) What caught your attention from Sunday's message?

### DIGGING DEEPER / TAKING IT HOME



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