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THE JESUS STORY

Beating Temptation

Luke 4:1-13

The Set Up (Luke 4:1-2)

Temptation #1: Turning stone into bread (Luke 4:3-4)
The real issue: Not trusting God.

Jesus' response:
"It is written: 'People do not live on bread alone.'"
(Luke 4:4; see Deuteronomy 8:3)

Temptation #2: Authority and splendor (Luke 4:5-8)
The real issue: Seeking satisfaction in a cheap imitation.

Jesus' response:
"It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'"
(Luke 4:8; see Deuteronomy 6:13)

Temptation #3: Let's see if God saves you (Luke 4:9-12)
The real issue: Making God into a pawn.

Jesus' response:
"It is said: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"
(Luke 4:12; see Deuteronomy 6:16)

Overcoming Temptation

1. Be filled with the Holy Spirit's power.
2. Be ready for temptation.
3. Replace temptation's lies with scripture's truth.
4. Avoid vulnerable situations.
5. Surround yourself with accountability.

Dig Deeper:

Genesis 39:1-12
Matthew 4:1-11
I Corinthians 10:12-13
Hebrews 4:15
James 1:13-15
I John 1:8-9

LifeGroup Questions - Doing Life Together

Week of January 28-February 3, 2018

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Sermons can be viewed online at creeksideeg.com/sermon
Questions are based on the NIV translation of the Bible

PRAYER

Begin your time together by thanking God that Jesus stood strong against temptation and that through the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit and obeying God's Word, we can stand strong against temptation, too.

MY STORY

1. Describe a time when you were ravenously hungry. How did you get into that condition, and how did you get out of it?

DIGGING DEEPER

2. In the message this past Sunday, what point or principle gave you new insight into Jesus' resistance of temptation?
3. Read Matthew 4:1-13. How did Jesus respond to each of Satan's temptations?
4. Each of Jesus' responses was a quotation from Scripture. Look at the Scriptures below and note how the temptation of the Israelites wandering in the desert relates to Jesus' temptation.
 - Deuteronomy 8:3 (relate to Luke 4:4)
 - Deuteronomy 6:13-16 (relate to Luke 4:8,12)
5. What were some of the tactics Satan used on Jesus in Luke 4:3-12 that he also used on Eve when he tempted her in Genesis 3:1-7?

6. What role do you think the Holy Spirit had in Jesus overcoming Satan's temptations? What role can the Holy Spirit have in helping us during times of temptation? How does Galatians 5:16 apply?

DIGGING EVEN DEEPER

7. Read I John 2:16 and then discover how Jesus' and Eve's temptations match up with it. What similarities and differences do you see?

Jesus' temptation

Eve's temptation

"Desires of the flesh"

"Lust of the eyes"

"Pride of life"

APPLICATION

8. Which of the ideas for "overcoming temptation" shared on Sunday will you put into practice this week?
9. What does Luke 4:13 reveal about Satan's activity, and what might it reveal about his attempts to tempt us today?

TAKING IT HOME

10. Is there an area of your life where Satan is currently tempting you? Based on what you have learned in this lesson, what can you do to be victorious?
11. Based on this lesson, what will you do the next time you are tempted?

PRAYING TOGETHER

Pray for the needs of your group and ask God to help you stand strong against temptation through the filling of the Spirit and by believing and obeying God's Word as the standard for faith and practice. Consider opening up with someone in your group about a temptation you're facing and asking for accountability.