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“Facing Temptation” | Luke 4:1-13

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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 shall 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; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to.

⁷ 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 is said: ‘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.

—Luke 4:1-13





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**29 Are not two sparrows sold for a penny?
Yet not one of them will fall to the ground
outside your Father's care. 30 And even the
very hairs of your head are all numbered.**

—Luke 10:29-30



27 “Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. 28 If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith!

—Luke 12:27-28



⁵ May the Lord direct your hearts into God's love and Christ's perseverance.

—2 Thessalonians 3:5



¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

—Romans 15:13



¹⁶ I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith...



And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love,¹⁸ may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ,¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

—Ephesians 3:16-19



3:1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman,
“Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden’?”

—Genesis 3:1



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—Luke 4:4,8,12



4 For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.

—Romans 15:4



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² In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron.

³ The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the Lord’s hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death.”

—Exodus 16:2-3



¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.

—Hebrews 4:15



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—Luke 4:13



³⁶ Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, **“Sit here while I go over there and pray.”** ³⁷ He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. ³⁸ Then he said to them, **“My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.”** —Matthew 26:36-38



39 Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, **“My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.”**

—Matthew 26:39



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