

A DATE WITH THE DEVIL

The Truth About Temptation

THE TEMPTATION

STORY

Luke 4:1-14

An Obvious Question:

Could Jesus Have Sinned?

Hebrews 4:14-16/ 2 Corinthians 5:21/ 1 Peter 2:21-22/ 1 John 3:5

- 1 Jesus **didn't sin**
- 2 The devil **thought he might**
- 3 The temptations **were real**

Jesus' Three Big Temptations:

The Same Ones We Face

- 1 Who would he trust in a **crisis**?
- 2 Would he **serve** God or try to **use** God?
- 3 Would he **sell out** to avoid **pain**?

THE TRUTH ABOUT TEMPTATION

- 1 It is not a **sin** to be **tempted**
Hebrews 4:15
- 2 Our temptations are never too **strong** to **resist**
1 Corinthians 10:13
- 3 When we're tempted – what we **do** reveals who we **are**
James 1:12-16/ 1 Peter 1:6-7
- 4 The Holy Spirit **empowers** us
Matthew 3:16-4:1/ Philippians 2:13/ Romans 7:18-8:9
- 5 The Bible **instructs** us
Psalm 119:9-11/ Ephesians 6:16/ James 4:7/ 2 Timothy 3:16-17/ Proverbs 3:5-6

TAKING IT HOME

To prevent ourselves from falling into temptation, we need to set up safeguards to resist and avoid temptation. We also may need to develop strategies to help us flee from temptation.

Can you think of any safeguards or strategies you have seen others use or you yourself have in place to resist and/or avoid temptation? If so, explain.

Are there any specific areas of temptation you need prayer for to resist and/or avoid?

PRAYER REQUESTS:

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Christmas Tree Sales for Community Service

Starting Nov. 6, the Community Service ministry will be pre-selling Christmas trees, wreaths and garland online and in the Plaza to help raise money for the 2011 Weekend of Service. Our holiday tree pick-up event will be Friday evening, Dec. 3 and Saturday morning, Dec. 4 at the Vista Campus. You may also want to consider purchasing a tree for a needy family. Questions? Contact Ashleigh at 760-724-6700 x 251 or earnest@northcoastchurch.com.

Growth Group Homework

For the week of October 31, 2010

QUICK REVIEW: Looking back at your notes from this week’s teaching, was there a particular point, verse or comment that caught your attention, challenged you or raised a question?

MY STORY

1. What’s your response to the fact that Jesus was tempted just like you are?

2. “If it feels good, it can’t be wrong” is a powerful lie the Enemy uses to tempt us. It offers deceptive shortcuts to fulfillment. Below is a short list of temptations we regularly encounter. Next to each temptation write what we consider to be a benefit of giving in to that temptation followed by what we lose.

Temptation	What do we “gain” by giving in?	What do we lose by giving in?
Cheating		
Gossip		
Over-spending		
Sexual Impurity		
Not working through conflict		
Exaggerating the truth		
Harsh Words		
Any others you can add?		

DIGGING DEEPER

1. The Enemy is an amazing strategist and deceiver when it comes to tempting us. This week we saw how the Enemy strategically tempted Jesus on multiple levels. Genesis 3:1-13 is the first story in history of the Tempter in action going after Adam and Eve. As you read this story, make a list of how the first “yielding to temptation event” resulted in a domino effect of multiple compromises.

Have you ever experienced a similar domino effect in your own life?

2. None of us want to be known as the person who’s blowing it. Realizing that we are giving in to temptation can be quite humbling and frightening to admit. What hope and incentive do the following verses give us when this occurs?

Proverbs 18:12

Isaiah 57:15

Hebrews 4:14-16

James 4:6

3. How does Galatians 6:1-5 show us how to help those who are asking for help to overcome temptation they have given in to?