

Crossway  
Multinational  
Church

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While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.  
*Romans 5:8*

sinners = people who have offended God or have been disloyal to Him

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thank you for coming early!

August 9, 2020

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**for, of and by**  
the peoples of many nations

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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August	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
September	30	1	2	3	4	5	6
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13

Zoom breakout sessions after today's service

Prayer gathering, 4:30 On Zoom and at building

Zoom for worship services

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**GREETINGS**

Take a moment to turn on video and "look around"

- Feel free to use the chat function to greet others too

Waving poll: **Give a big wave if ...**

- **You are looking forward to fall**
- **You are concerned (or worried) about fall**
- **You already feel behind for the fall!**
- **You need to find rest in God our Savior**

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***He Came Down***

He came down that we may have hope,  
He came down that we may have hope,  
He came down that we may have hope.  
Hallelujah forevermore.

He = Jesus Christ  
came down = became a human being  
Hallelujah = Praise God!

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He came down that we may have peace,  
He came down that we may have peace,  
He came down that we may have peace.  
Hallelujah forevermore.

Hallelujah = Praise God!

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He came down that we may have joy,  
He came down that we may have joy,  
He came down that we may have joy.  
Hallelujah forevermore.

Hallelujah = Praise God!

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He came down that we may have love,  
 He came down that we may have love,  
 He came down that we may have love.  
Hallelujah forevermore.

**Hallelujah = Praise God!**

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He came down that we may have life,  
 He came down that we may have life,  
 He came down that we may have life.  
Hallelujah forevermore.

**Hallelujah = Praise God!**

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### **Hebrews 2:10-18**

In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through what he suffered. Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family.

**pioneer = the one who made salvation possible**  
**salvation = rescue from judgment and death**  
**perfect = complete and holy**  
**holy = completely good and set apart**

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So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters.  
 He says,  
 “I will declare your name to my brothers and sisters;  
 in the assembly I will sing your praises.”  
 And again,  
 “I will put my trust in him.”  
 And again he says,  
 “Here am I, and the children God has given me.”

**assembly = gathering of God's people**

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Since the children [of God] have flesh and blood, Jesus too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil— and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.

devil = the supreme adversary of God  
death = physical death as well as final judgment

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For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham's descendants. For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people.

Abraham's descendants = people of faith in God through Jesus  
atonement = fulfilling the just payment  
sins = actions, words, and attitudes that are less holy than God

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Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

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*And Can It Be*

And can it be that I should gain  
an interest in the Savior's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain?  
For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be  
that Thou, my God shouldst die for me?  
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interest = benefit  
blood = death  
Thou = You (Old English)  
shouldst = should (Old English)

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He left His Father's throne above;  
 so free, so infinite His grace.  
 Emptied Himself of all but love  
 and bled for Adam's helpless race.  
 'Tis mercy all, immense and free,  
 for O my God it found out me.  
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**grace = forgiveness**  
**Adam's helpless race = broken humanity**  
**'Tis = It is (Old English)**

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Long my imprisoned spirit lay  
fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
 Thine eye diffused a quickening ray,  
 I woke, the dungeon flamed with light.  
 My chains fell off, my heart was free.  
 I rose, went forth and followed Thee.  
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**fast bound = securely tied up**  
**sin and nature's night = physical and spiritual despair**  
**diffused = cause to shine**  
**quickening ray = life-giving light**

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No condemnation now I dread;  
 Jesus, and all in Him, is mine  
 Alive in Him, my living Head,  
 and clothed in righteousness divine;  
 Bold I approach the eternal throne  
 And claim the crown, through Christ, my own.  
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 And claim the crown, through Christ, my own.

**condemnation = judgment**  
**dread = fear**  
**living Head = protector and provider**

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### *Creation Awaits*

I am alive, saved by your sacrifice.  
 Death overcome, glory dispels the night.  
 You call the lifeless to wake from death to life,  
 out of darkness arise.

**overcome = defeated**  
**dispels = makes disappear**

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I am set free, saved from the power of sin.  
 Guilt overcome, your Spirit at work within.  
 You break the chains of the law, I am released  
 from the burden of sin.

overcome = defeated  
 chains of the law = judgment for wrongdoing  
 burden of sin = guilt and shame

21

Now we cry, Father we are your children,  
 we are adopted as your own.  
 No condemnation, we are forgiven,  
 nothing can take us from your love.

condemnation = punishment by death

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I am redeemed, raised with my saviour Christ.  
 Fear overcome, I will be glorified.  
 You will forever defend and stand beside.  
 I am safe in your love

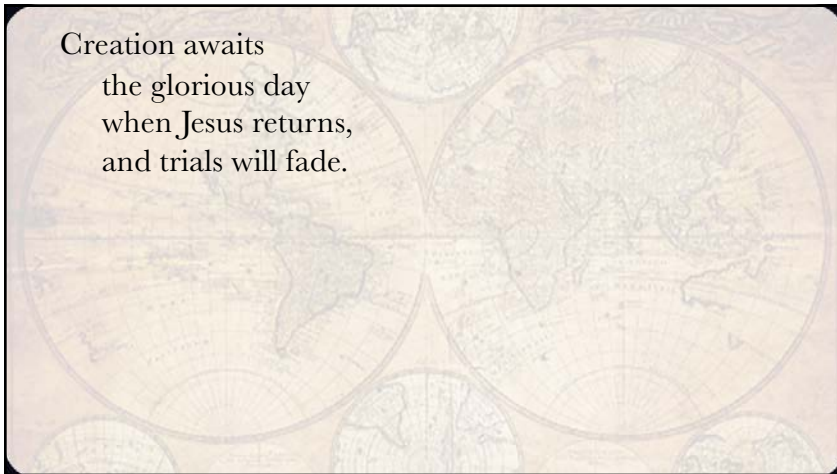
redeemed = rescued  
 overcome = defeated

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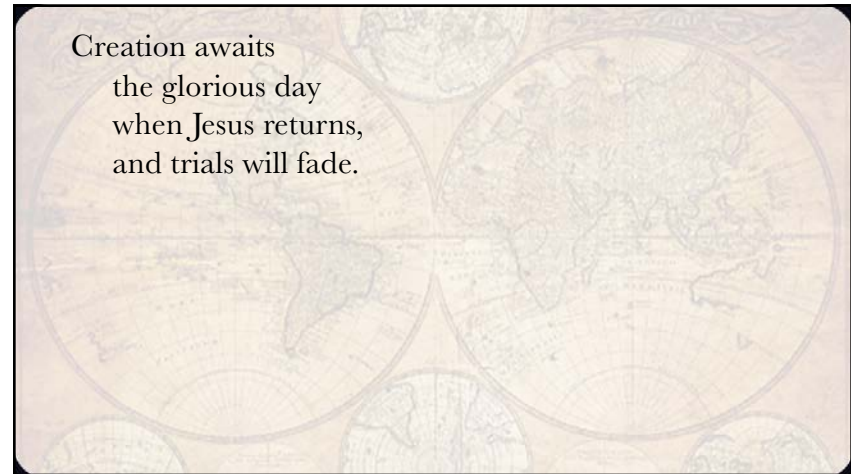
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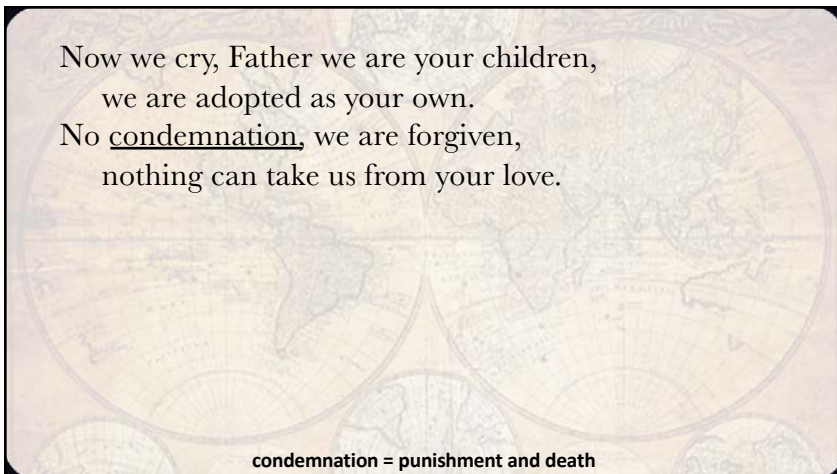
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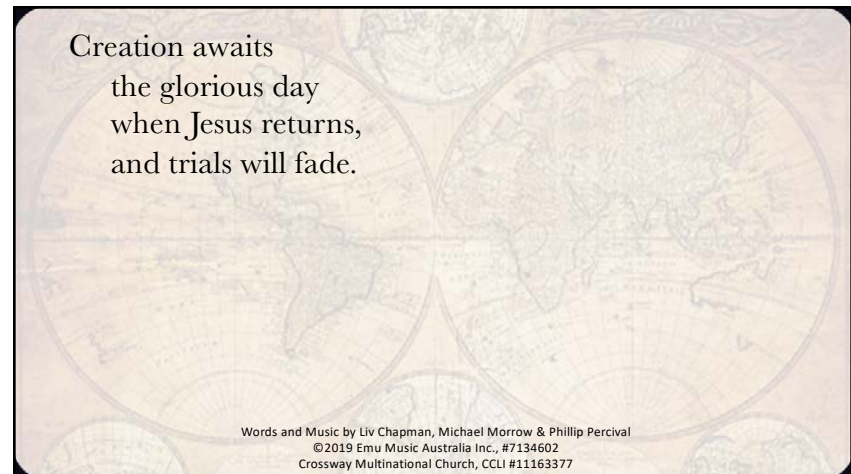
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*Before the Throne of God Above* (Chinese)  
 在天上神的寶座前

Before the throne of God above  
 在天上神的寶座前，  
 I have a strong and perfect plea,  
 我有完全可靠中保  
 a great High Priest whose name is love,  
 一大祭司祂名為愛，  
 who ever lives and pleads for me.  
 永遠活著為我祈求

plea = urgent request for help  
 ever = constantly  
 pleads = prays with deep emotion

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My name is graven on His hands,  
 我的名刻在祂手上，  
 my name is written on His heart;  
 我的名寫在祂心內  
 I know that while in heaven He stands  
 我深知祂站立在天，  
 no tongue can bid me to depart,  
 無權勢能使我離開  
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graven = cut or carved into a surface  
 bid = command

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When Satan tempts me to despair,  
 當撒但試探我絕望，  
 and tells me of the guilt within,  
 控訴我裏面的罪惡  
 upward I look and see Him there  
 我舉目見祂在天上，  
 who made an end of all my sin.  
 已了結我一切罪過

despair = lose hope  
 end of all my sin = no more power or bad effects of bad behavior

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Because the sinless Savior died,  
 因無罪救主為我死，  
 my sinful soul is counted free;  
 有罪的我被算無罪  
 for God the Just is satisfied  
 因神公義者已滿足，  
 to look on Him and pardon me,  
 看著祂而赦免了我  
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counted free = treated as innocent  
 satisfied = accept as sufficient payment  
 pardon = forgive

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Behold Him there, the risen Lamb,  
 看哪祂這復活羔羊，  
 my perfect, spotless righteousness;  
 我完全無瑕疵的義  
 the great unchangeable I AM,  
 偉大不改變的“我是”，  
 the King of glory and of grace!  
 榮耀和恩典的君王

risen Lamb = Jesus Christ, alive after death  
 "I AM" = a name of God

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One with my Lord, I cannot die,  
 與主合一我就不死，  
 my soul is purchased with His blood;  
 我已藉寶血被買贖  
 my life is hid with Christ on high,  
 我命與基督藏在天，  
 with Christ, my Savior and my God,  
 與基督我救主我神  
 with Christ, my Savior and my God.  
 與基督我救主我神

purchased = rescued from sin and death  
 His blood = Jesus' death in my place  
 hid = protected

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### Prayer of Confession

... Since, then, you have been raised with Christ,  
**set your hearts on things above**, where Christ  
 is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds  
 on things above, not on earthly things.

*Colossians 3:1-2*

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### Words of Assurance

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, **fixing our eyes on Jesus**, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. **Consider him** who endured such opposition from sinners, **so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.**

*Hebrews 12:1-3*

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The Lord is gracious and righteous;  
our God is full of compassion.  
The Lord protects the unwary;  
when I was brought low, he saved me.  
Return to your rest, my soul,  
for the Lord has been good to you.

What shall I return to the Lord  
for all his goodness to me?

*Psalm 116:5-7, 12*

**unwary = easily misled, vulnerable**  
**return = give to God in worship and appreciation**

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### Nara

Igbo  
from southeastern Nigeria

You've done so much for me  
I cannot tell it all  
Narekele mo                      *Oh, accept my praise*  
If I had ten thousand tongues  
It still wouldn't be enough  
Narekele mo                      *Oh, accept my praise*

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Chukwu na gwom'oria le *The God who heals my diseases*  
When You heal, You heal completely  
Narekele mo                      *Oh, accept my praise*  
Chukwumar'obinmo              *The God who knows my heart*  
Isi ikendu le                      *The giver of life*  
Narekele mo                      *Oh, accept my praise*

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What shall I render to Jehovah?  
 For He has done so very much for me  
 What shall I render to Jehovah?  
 For He has done so very much for me

**render = give as a gift**  
**Jehovah = God**

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Nara, Nara eh     *Accept, oh, accept*  
 Narekele         *Accept my praise*  
 Narekele mo     *Oh, accept my praise*

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## PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

### Mary Bonnell

Wheaton College  
Wheaton, Illinois

### Marco de Leon

Central Michigan University  
Mount Pleasant, Michigan

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### *What's inside?*

What's inside this box?

- You can't touch it
- You can't open it or damage it?
- You can damage it

How do we know what's inside a person?

What's really inside you and me?

How does what's inside us grow in good ways?

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### *What's inside?*

“Search me, God, and know my heart;  
test me and know my anxious thoughts.  
See if there is any offensive way in me,  
and lead me in the way everlasting.”

*Psalm 139:23-24*

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### *What's inside?*

*Luke 4:1-13*

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**Just before this story...**

John the Baptist was teaching  
 “a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins”  
 Jesus (**God the Son**) was baptized to join with humanity,  
 even though He did not need to repent.  
**God the Holy Spirit** descended on Jesus  
**God the Father** said, “You are my Son, whom I love;  
 with you I am well pleased.”  
 A beautiful expression of the **Trinity**  
 in fellowship and ministry together  
**But then...**

repent = change to match God’s ways  
 Trinity = 1 God in 3 persons

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**Luke 4:1-2a**

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil.

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**Luke 4:2b-4**

He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.  
 The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.”  
 Jesus answered, “**It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone.’**” *Deuteronomy 8:3*

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**Luke 4:5-8**

The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world.  
 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. If you worship me, it will all be yours.”  
 Jesus answered, “**It is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’**” *Deuteronomy 6:13*

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**Luke 4:9-12**

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. **For it is written:**

“**He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.**”

*Psalm 90:11-12*

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

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**Luke 4:1-13**[bib.ly/Lu4.NIV](http://bib.ly/Lu4.NIV)

**1-2a** Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into intense testing

- Luke’s emphasis
  - Jesus was “full of the Holy Spirit”
    - Perfectly led by the Spirit
    - Perfectly following the Spirit
    - Fully empowered by the Spirit
  - The devil: the foremost opponent of God
  - This testing was God’s plan for Jesus
    - To prove Jesus’ perfect obedience
      - Real temptations: the strongest the devil could give
      - He defeated them all
    - To form Jesus for ministry

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Son though he was, **[Jesus] learned obedience from what he suffered** and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him and **was designated by God to be high priest** in the order of Melchizedek.

*Hebrews 5:8-10*

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*Luke 4:1-13*

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- 1-2a Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into intense testing
- Tested for all 40 days, not just on day 40
  - In the wilderness, like Israel

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Remember how the Lord your God led you all the way **in the wilderness these forty years**, to humble and test you in order

**to know what was in your heart,** whether or not you would keep his commands.

*Deuteronomy 8:2*

The Israelites had moved about in the wilderness forty years until all the men who were of military age when they left Egypt had died, since **they had not obeyed the Lord**.

*Joshua 5:6*

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*Luke 4:1-13*

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- 1-2a Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into intense testing
- Testing reveals what is hidden inside
  - Adam & Eve failed such an easy test!
  - Israel failed 10 times (at least) in the wilderness
  - Jesus was found to be perfectly holy inside
  - Testing does that for us too
    - When our needs or desires aren't met
    - When people disappoint us or frustrate us
    - When we disappoint or frustrate ourselves
    - When God disappoints our desires or hopes

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**2b-4** Temptation 1:

- Pattern of temptations:

Setup	Devil’s words	Jesus’ words	Temptation	Idea

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 9-12  
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Setup	Devil’s words	Jesus’ words	Temptation	Idea
40 days without food	Turn this stone into bread to meet a real need	Man doesn’t live by bread alone	<b>God is not being good to you by denying your needs, especially as His Son!</b>	<b>Obedience to God is more essential than food</b>

The good that God gives is far deeper than all other needs and desires  
 • We are also tempted to doubt God’s goodness when good is denied  
 Yet God still cares for the whole of our humanity:  
 “If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith?” *Matthew 6:30*  
 When God withholds good from us, it is for a greater good purpose

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**Luke 4:1-13**

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**2b-4** Temptation 1: Use power to satisfy real hunger even when God says ‘No’ for now

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5-8 Temptation 2:

- Jesus will one day have what the devil offered to give “at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth” *Philippians 2:10*
- God’s path was through horrible sacrifice & death
- Jesus’ answer implies that the devil was not demanding exclusive worship
- 9-12 • But God does demand exclusive worship
- 13 • Like marriage

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Setup	Devil’s words	Jesus’ words	Temptation	Idea
Devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world	Worship me, and I’ll give you all this authority and splendor	Worship God only	There is an easier path to good than God offers	Worship and serve only God (who has final authority)
<p>Worship/service: something I give (my <b>sacrifice</b>) to someone or something (my <b>god/idol</b>) whom I hope will give me something in return (the <b>blessing</b>)</p> <p><b>Sacrifice:</b> hard work, bribe, attitude, money, loyalty, ...</p> <p><b>God or idol:</b> society, family, employer, people in power, country, ...</p> <p><b>Blessing:</b> security, love, identity, honor, pleasure, control, ...</p> <p>Jesus: God is the only one who can give what truly matters, so it is wrong &amp; foolish to worship/serve anyone or anything else</p>				

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**Luke 4:1-13**

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2b-4 Temptation 1: Use power to satisfy real hunger

5-8 Temptation 2: Take an easier path to the good we want than the path God calls us to take

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2b-4 Temptation 1: use power to satisfy real hunger

5-8 Temptation 2: take an easier path to the good we want

9-12 Temptation 3:

- The devil is ‘crafty’ (like the serpent in Eden)
  - Uses Scripture
    - like Scripture was used to defend slavery
  - Uses the temple
    - as the place of God’s protection
  - He tempts Jesus to test God

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Setup	Devil’s words	Jesus’ words	Temptation	Idea
Devil took him to the top of the temple in Jerusalem	Throw yourself down and have God rescue you as He ‘promised’	Don’t test God	God needs to be pushed to provide the help He promised	God’s protection comes through trusting Him, not by testing Him

Psalm 91: “Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.”

God usually delivers us **THROUGH** trouble, rather than **FROM** it

Israel gave in to this temptation, demanding that God meet their needs in **THEIR** way and in **THEIR** timing, over and over again

“Abba, Father,” Jesus said, “everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. **Yet not what I will, but what you will.**” *Mark 14:36*

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**Luke 4:1-13**

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5-8 Temptation 2: Take an easier path to a good result

9-12 Temptation 3: God needs to be pushed to be good to us

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5-8 Temptation 2: take an easier path to a good result

9-12 Temptation 3: God needs to be pushed to provide

**13** Jesus passed every test

- The devil tried everything against Jesus
- “Opportune time” includes:
  - Peter telling Jesus to take an easier path
  - In the garden of Gethsemane, when He experienced the full extent of this testing to take an easier path than the path God commanded

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*The Big Idea*

**Jesus was proven victorious  
by being tempted to the extreme  
in every way we are  
without any flaw being found**

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**We try to determine what's inside people  
by looking at their outside:**

**Their labels**

**What they tell us**

**What others tell us**

**What we see them do**


**God can see people's hearts.**

**We can't even see our own hearts very well!**

**Our insides are often made clearest to us  
(and others) when we are tested**

**•Blaming the circumstances is like blaming the  
thermometer that says we have a fever**

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Our insides are often made clearest to us (and others) when we are tested

- Our anger and impatience
- Our greed and envy
- Our pride
- Our selfishness and selfish ambition
- Our desire to be served rather than to serve
- Our need to be in control
- Our inability to listen to or see others
- Our belief that we know best
- Our need for people’s approval
- Our desire for what is not ours to have
- Our fear about the future

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*The Big Idea*

**Jesus was proven victorious by being tempted to the extreme in every way we are without any flaw being found**

**We are repeatedly proven to be broken inside**

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*Application*

Rejoice in our great Hero!

- Jesus faced temptations to the extreme
  - He never failed
  - Every other human does
- His victory is our victory for all who put their faith in Him
  - Once for all
  - Day by day
- He can sympathize with our struggles

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*Application*

Rejoice in our great Hero!

Don't be caught **off-guard** by trials of many kinds

- “Dear friends, **do not be surprised** at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.” *1 Peter 4:12*
- More intense trials may come to more mature people
- The devil is very crafty
  - Using Scripture and ministry
  - At our weakness
  - At our strength

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**Consider it pure joy**, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the **testing of your faith produces perseverance**. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be **mature and complete, not lacking anything**.

*James 1:2-4*

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#### *Application*

Rejoice in our great Hero!

**Don't be caught off-guard by trials of many kinds**

- God may intentionally lead us into testing
  - Just like He did with Jesus
  - Help us realize our weakness and need for grace
  - Demonstrate God's work in us, to us or to others
  - Cause us to grow
- Tempted to think we would be a better god than God!
  - We think: He isn't being good to us
  - We think: There are easier paths to good than God offers
  - We think: He needs to be forced to give us the help we need
- Submit to God, whose goodness is deeper than we can know

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#### *Application*

Rejoice in our great Hero!

Don't be caught off-guard by trials of many kinds

**Enter testing in God's strength**

- As Jesus did, living by the Word of God (the Bible)
- Be strong "in the Lord and in his mighty power"

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Finally, **be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power**. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore **put on the full armor of God**, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

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Stand firm then, with the belt of **truth** buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of **righteousness** in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the **gospel of peace**. In addition to all this, take up the shield of **faith**, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of **salvation** and the sword of the **Spirit**, which is the **word of God**.

And **pray** in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on **praying for all the Lord's people**. *Ephesians 6:10-18*

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- **How incredibly foolish to enter a battle without being prepared!**

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#### *Application*

Rejoice in our great Hero!  
Don't be caught off-guard by trials of many kinds  
Enter testing in God's strength

**When we fail...**

- We will fail, over and over
  - “Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat.  
But **I have prayed for you**, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And **when you have turned back**, strengthen your brothers.” *Luke 22:31-32*
- Find forgiveness, restoration, and transformation in our perfect high priest

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#### *Application*


Rejoice in our great Hero!  
Don't be caught off-guard by trials of many kinds  
Enter testing in God's strength  
When we fail, return to our Savior  
for forgiveness, restoration, and transformation

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**What's really inside you and me?  
The labels we put on ourselves mean little  
The labels others put on us mean little  
Where have you been tested in recent days?  
What did you find?  
God in His kindness leads us into testing...  
To reveal to us who we are**

- To humble us
- So we turn to our perfect High Priest to receive forgiveness, restoration, and transformation

**To produce perseverance and maturity**

- Making us more like Christ

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**Create in me a pure heart, O God,  
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.**

*Psalm 51:10*

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whenever you face trials of many kinds, because  
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*James 1:2-4*

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*We Have an Anchor*

Will your anchor hold in the storms of life,  
when the clouds unfold their wings of strife?  
When the strong tides lift, and the cables strain,  
will your anchor drift or firm remain?

anchor = what provides hope  
unfold = send out  
strife = angry disagreement  
cables strain = connection to anchor that may break  
firm remain = stay solid

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We have an Anchor that keeps the soul  
steadfast and sure while the billows roll,  
fastened to the Rock which cannot move,  
grounded firm and deep in the Savior's love.

billows = giant waves  
Rock = Jesus Christ  
grounded = held securely

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Held secure by faith, in the Savior's hands,  
shielded by his grace, on Christ we stand.  
He is Lord of all, we should never doubt  
through uncertain times, He is solid ground.

shielded = protected  
grace = God's powerful kindness for His people

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You have carried us, through the raging sea,  
in the fire and flood, we stand redeemed.  
Through the storms of life, you will not let go,  
this our confidence, that our anchor holds.

raging = violent anger  
fire and flood = all that threatens us  
redeemed = rescued

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