

**Conversations Jesus Had
Lucifer in the Wilderness
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Key Thought of the Day

Our Enemy, The Devil, understands our weaknesses and we can _____ to be tempted by him in those areas of weakness.

Key Verses of the Day

Matthew 4:1-11

Grab This!

Lucifer's aim is to _____ to God and His creation.

Temptation comes from our own desires, which entice us and drag us away. These desires give birth to sinful actions. And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death. James 1:14-15 NLT

After his baptism, as Jesus came up out of the water, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and settling on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy." Matthew 3:16-17 NLT

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted there by the devil. For forty days and forty nights he fasted and became very hungry. Matthew 4:1-2 NLT

Lucifer Tempts Jesus

...the devil came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become loaves of bread." But Jesus told him, "No! The Scriptures say, 'People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Matthew 4:3-4 NLT

TEMPTATION #1

Lucifer attempts to remove a source of _____ and fulfillment from Jesus' life.

No! The Scriptures say, "People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." Matthew 4:4 NLT

Then the devil took him to the holy city, Jerusalem, to the highest point of the Temple, and said, "If you are the Son of God, jump off! For the Scriptures say, 'He will order his angels to protect you. And they will hold you up with their hands so you won't even hurt your foot on a stone.'" Jesus responded, "The Scriptures also say, 'You must not test the Lord your God.'" Matthew 4:5-7 NLT

For he will order his angels to protect you wherever you go. They will hold you up with their hands so you won't even hurt your foot on a stone. Psalm 91:11-12 NLT

TEMPTATION #2

Lucifer tempts Jesus to _____ reveal Himself as the Messiah.

"The Scriptures also say, 'You must not test the Lord your God.'"

Next the devil took him to the peak of a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. "I will give it all to you," he said, "if you will kneel down and worship me." Matthew 4:8-9 NLT

TEMPTATION #3

Lucifer tempts Jesus to bypass the _____.

"Get out of here, Satan," Jesus told him. "For the Scriptures say, 'You must worship the Lord your God and serve only him.'" Matthew 4:10 NLT

Why Does God Allow Us To Be Tempted?

1. Every temptation we face is an opportunity to _____.

2. Every temptation we face is an opportunity to _____.

Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us. 1 Peter 2:12 NIV

3. Every temptation we face is an opportunity for _____.

So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you must endure many trials for a little while. These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world. 1 Peter 1:6-7 NLT

The Challenge

Take the necessary _____ to withstand temptation.

• _____!

Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.

'Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm. Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armor of God's righteousness. For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared. In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil. Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Ephesians 6:10-17 NLT

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Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere. Ephesians 6:18 NLT

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...take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Ephesians 6:17 NLT

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Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. Hebrews 10:24 NLT

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Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it. Proverbs 4:23 NIV

Matthew 18:19

The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure. 1 Corinthians 10:13 NLT