



# SHAPED BY THE WORD

## PART 2: THE BIBLE AS SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY

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### Sermon Notes

**Texts: Genesis 3:1-7 & Matthew 4:1-11**

#### Intro:

The Western world struggles with the idea of authority - we are in an “authority crisis”

How do you live under the authority of the Bible?

Genesis 3:1-7

Eve and Adam give into temptation to reject God’s authority and be their own authority

Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus is tempted to use his deity selfishly and to take shortcuts

**Temptations are an attempt by the enemy to get a person to go contrary to God's will**

**Jesus overcame temptation with resources available to all his apprentices**

**Temptations involve the twisting of reality, so the antidote comes from the truth of Scripture**

2 Corinthians 3:18

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#### Conclusion:

The Bible has been given to us to show us the truth of life in contrast to the lie of the world, the flesh, and the devil

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## Life Group Discussion

### Warm up:

1. What is a type of food you have a hard time saying no to if it's offered to you?

### Study & Discussion:

1. What is your usual relationship with authority? Do you tend to listen well to authority? Why or why not? Do you see how there is currently an "authority crisis" in the world currently?
2. Read Matthew 4:1-11. How does Jesus respond to the three temptations? Read 1 Corinthians 10:1-13. What are some ways that God provides a "way out" for us when we are tempted? How does having the Bible as our Spiritual authority help us in this?
3. What did Jesus do, and could he do, only because he was God?
4. What are some verses that are commonly used out of context? What do they really mean?

### Application:

1. Find some time this week (at least 10-15 minutes). Start with prayer. Ask God to help you understand his teachings in context and to use the Bible to transform your life. Then spend some time reading it. Don't focus on collecting information. Prayerfully invite the Holy Spirit to speak to you, and begin shaping you through what you read.
2. EXTRA - Read Psalm 119 this week. This Psalm is all about loving and trusting the Word of God.

### Prayer: