



# Community Church Service 2020



**August 30, 2020 Scripture:** Matt.4:1-11

## "A Spiritual Battle"

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#### I. We Are In A Battle:

**Eph 6:12** "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." NIV

- Goal: Stop Jesus before He starts..
- **Temptation:** an <u>enticement</u> to perform a specific action—that has a spiritual implication (-).

### II. Three Attacks: 3 Skirmishes

<u>Note:</u> Each temptation is very personal (internal) but leads to implications for our world

#### A. Battle Over Needs (4:3-4)

<u>Hunger</u>: A genuine 'need'- (40 day fast) <u>Choice</u>: trusting God or using my own (God given) abilities to meet that need.

<u>Trap:</u> Take care of yourself!

<u>A deeper hunger:</u> Every "ward that proceeds out of the mouth of God" Deut.8:3

#### B. Wrestling With Promises (4:5-7) Deut.6:16

God's **promise** tested— Ps.91:11-12 Will God come through for me? Will he keep His Word? Is God really loving and good?

<u>Irap:</u> Testing God - This distorts one's whole relationship with God.

Can I trust God? Testing or Trusting

#### C. Conflict In Purpose (4:8-11) Deut.6:13

Worship Satan ...no need to go to the cross.

<u>Trap:</u> Spiritual compromise. Do a bad thing for a good reason; The end justifies the means.

Cannot serve two masters (Matt.6:24)

"What fellowship can light have with darkness..." 2 Cor 6:14

Enough: 'Warship the Lard your God, and serve him anly." (vs.ID)

Command: Satan take off! Leave.

Luke 4:13 "The devil .... left him until an opportune time." NIV