



TODAY'S MESSAGE:

Three Pointers, Deserts, and Bedtime

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*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. 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.'" 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.'" 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.'" Jesus answered, "It is said: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time. **Luke 4:1-13 (NIV)***

*"Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth." **John 4:23-24 (NIV)***

How do we get truth deep into our hearts and minds?

- Three pointers
- Deserts
- Bedtimes

Jesus is the perfect balance of relationship and reality.

It's by isolation and lies that we are deformed into the image of the devil.



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We fight lies through spiritual practices.

How Jesus fights...

When tempted, will I...

Reflection Questions:

1) Last week our assignment was to name strong emotions we're feeling, name the potential lie, and then replace it with truth. How was this practice for you? What about it was difficult? Revealing?

2) John Mark Comer defines spiritual disciplines as "any habit you see in the life or teachings of Jesus." Take some time to reflect on the habits and practices of Jesus. Share with your small group what comes to mind.

3) What would your life look like if you chose to "stand firm" in the reality of Jesus and his teachings?