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Vision

We exist to develop mature disciples of Jesus Christ who make a real difference in the world by actively seeking the love justice, freedom, liberation and peace of God.

Luke 4 (Contemporary English Version)

1 When Jesus returned from the Jordan River, the power of the Holy Spirit was with him, and the Spirit led him into the desert.

Why did the Holy Spirit lead Jesus to the desert?

What and where is your desert?

Are you intentional about how you spend quality time with God?

2 For forty days Jesus was tested by the devil, and during that time he went without eating. When it was all over, he was hungry.

Why would the devil wait to the end of the fast to talk to Jesus?

What is your area of vulnerability?

3 The devil said to Jesus, "If you are God's Son, tell this stone to turn into bread."

4 Jesus answered, "The Scriptures say, 'No one can live only on food.'" 5 Then the devil led Jesus up to a high place and quickly showed him all the nations on earth.

6 The devil said, "I will give **all this power and glory to you**. It has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. 7 **Just worship me, and you can have it all.**"

Are you in any relationships that are based on conditions?

How can you serve and love an unconditional God in a conditional relationship?

Every time you are elevated, understand that all of the power and glory goes to God.

(Ephesians 3:20, Romans 11:26, and Galatians 1:5)

8 Jesus answered, “**The Scriptures say:** ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve only him!’” 9 Finally, the devil took Jesus to Jerusalem and had him **stand on top of the temple**. The devil said, “If you are God’s Son, **jump off**. 10-11 The Scriptures say: ‘God will tell his angels to take care of you. They will catch you in their arms, and you will not hurt your feet on the stones.’”

What is the devil trying to kill in your life? (Marriage, Ministry, Hope, Joy, Peace, Health, Happiness, Fulfillment, and/or Divine Purpose). Perhaps the devil is not trying to take your life physically, but trying to convince you to jump so that you can kill your purpose and ministry via spiritual suicide. (John 10:10)

12 Jesus answered, “The Scriptures also say, ‘Don’t try to test the Lord your God!’” 13 After the devil had finished **testing Jesus in every way possible, he left him for a while**. 14 Jesus returned to Galilee with the power of the Spirit. News about him spread everywhere. 15 He taught in the Jewish meeting places, and everyone praised him.

After the devil leaves your situation, do not become complacent.

18 “The Lord’s Spirit has come to me, because he has chosen me to tell the good news to the poor. The Lord has sent me to announce freedom for prisoners, to give sight to the blind, to free everyone who suffers,¹⁹ and to say, **‘This is the year the Lord has chosen.’**”

This is your year, the year of the Remix!! Stop trying and DO! (Romans 12:2)

22 All the people started talking about Jesus and were amazed at the wonderful things he said. They kept on asking, “Isn’t he Joseph’s son?”

28 When the people in the meeting place heard Jesus say this, they became so angry 29 that they got up and threw him out of town. They dragged him to the edge of the cliff on which the town was built, because they wanted to throw him down from there. 30 But Jesus slipped through the crowd and got away.

Follow Jesus and not people. The same individuals that were praising Jesus in verse 22 were dragging him and trying to kill him in verse 28. People can be fickle but Christ is consistent.

33 There in the Jewish meeting place was a man with an evil spirit. He yelled out, 34 “Hey, Jesus of Nazareth, what do you want with us? Are you here to get rid of us? I know who you are! You are God’s Holy One.”

Even the enemy knows the power of God. As a Christian, do not be the only one who does not know the power of God.

35 Jesus ordered the evil spirit to be quiet and come out. The demon threw the man to the ground in front of everyone and left without harming him. 36 They all were amazed and kept saying to each other, “What kind of teaching is this? He has power to order evil spirits out of people!”

Is our ministry transformative?

Are lives being changed, people delivered, vision restored, hope renewed, oppressed liberated, and are the sick being healed?

Are you the sole benefactor of the blood or have you shared his goodness with someone else?