

Sermon Discussion Questions - Change
Rick Flood, Compelled Church, May 25 & 26 2019

Q. Pastor Rick talked about our fascination with “life Hacks” what is your favorite “Life Hack”

Read Matthew 4: 1-11

Q What are some observation you see in this text about Temptations?

Q What are your thoughts on “The devil tempting and God testing?”

Q. where have you seen this to be true in your life?

Q. Looking at the three temptations what practical application can you see them representing in your life when it comes to shortcuts as we pursue change?

Read James 1:2-4 NLT

Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, **consider it an opportunity** for great joy. ³For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. ⁴So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.

Q. What are some observation you see in this scripture?

In Matthew we see Jesus is tempted, James talks about trials.

Q. what are some similarities and difference you see between trials and Temptations?

Q. How often does your attitude for trials reflect what James is saying?

Q. What are some things that keep us from having the attitude of Joy?

Q. The word Consider means - lead yourself to the point where you believe it, regard it as true, to train yourself to see it differently?

Q What are some ways we can “LEAD” ourselves to have this perspective during trials?

One of the main points of the message was

We have to walk through trials to Grow through trials

Q. Why do you think trials are so significant in our lives?

Q. what do you think James is saying by “you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing”?

Q. What is one of the most significant trials you have walked through and what lessons did you learn from it?

Take some time to share some difficult situations you are facing and pray for Gods strength and wisdom as you navigate through them.

SERMON NOTES

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TEXT: Matthew 4:1- 11, James 1:2-4NLT

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MATTHEW 4:1-11

V 1. Led by the Spirit...to be tempted

Jesus was not being tempted by God but by the Devil

Scripture is clear God does not tempt us

James 1:13 God does not tempt with evil

God does allow us to walk through temptation with the purpose of testing our faith His goal is not for failure but growth

The Devil Tempts, God leverages those Temptations to expand our faith & trust in Him

Where the Devil intends to tear us down God intends to build us up

The devils goal Was for Jesus to go contrary to His father's will The temptation is used by God to establish Jesus in His father's will

Temptations:

1) bread – challenging His source, playing on his immediate physical need

2) Temple – Challenge His Identity, attacked His identity, if your Jesus prove it

3) Worship – Challenge His loyalty, Why Would God do that? ...he's not looking out for you, my way is way easier

Ultimately he was offering what was not His to give, **Satan has influence, Jesus Has authority**

He was being offered a crown without the cross

James 1:2-4NLT "Consider it an opportunity"

Opportunity – not automatic, more than one outcome, we play a part

Consider – lead yourself to the point where you believe it, regard it as true, to train yourself to see it differently

Hebrews 12:2 The Joy set before Him was you

He endured so we could endure

There is a power in pressing through the difficulties:

Luke 4:1 Jesus full of the spirit was led into the desert to be tempted...

After the temptation it says

Luke 1:14 Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the spirit