

## Pray for Our Church

- **Pray for our High School summer camp that leaves tomorrow.** Pray for safety and that lives would be changed.
- **Pray for our Student and Children's Ministries.** Pray that Jesus will be honored and our ministry expanded through the upcoming back-to-school events. Pray that souls would be saved.
- **Pray for our upcoming Missions Conference.** October is just around the corner. Begin praying now that the good news that JESUS SAVES will be spread further due to this year's conference.

## Pray For Our Country

- **Pray for opportunities to share the Gospel with the unsaved God sends our way.** The Great Commission is a directive for each of us!
- **Pray for current leadership** including President Donald Trump, Senators Mark Warner and Tim Kaine, Governor Glen Youngkin, Lieutenant Governor Winsome Earl Sears, and Attorney General Jason Miyares that they would lead with wisdom and in accordance with God's will.
- **Pray for recent flood victims.**

## Sermon Notes

### The Temptations of Jesus:

#### When The Bible Is Bait

Matthew 4:1-11

Have you ever had someone quote you... but not really quote you? They snatch one thing you said, rip it out of context, and suddenly you're the villain.

We must never divorce one portion of scripture from another. Here is the first truth that we must learn from Jesus' temptation, the pitfall of...

#### 1. \_\_\_\_\_ The Text (Matt. 4:6)

- We must always compare \_\_\_\_\_ things with spiritual. (1Cor. 2:13)
- The devil is still twisting scripture today!

**When we twist the text to suit ourselves, we stop trusting the Author.**

#### 2. \_\_\_\_\_ The Lord (Matt. 4:7)

- **God is not to be tested.** (Heb. 3:9-11)
- Rather than trust God's power and promise, Israel grumbled. They blamed Moses. They even talked about appointing a new leader to take them back to Egypt. (Num. 14:22-23, 29)

#### 3. \_\_\_\_\_ The Father

- **God is to be trusted**, not the spectacular. (Jn. 2:23-25, 6:26-29)
- We are to have faith and trust in Him when nothing looks spectacular. No signs, no blessings, no obvious provision — just trust in God's unchanging character. (Hab. 3:17-18)
- Jesus knew He had **no reason to test the Father** because **He trusted the Father**. It's no wonder, therefore, that His message to us repeatedly in the book of Matthew is, "Don't worry." (Mat. 6:26-30)

**If God cares for plants and animals, He will surely provide for His children.**

(Lk. 11:13)

There are three **non-negotiables** if we're going **to win** this kind of temptation:

- We must walk with God moment by moment.
- We must live in His Word deeply and rightly.
- We must remember that Satan's power is limited.

And here's the beautiful thing: in time, Jesus did receive all that Satan offered — but not by compromise. By obedience.

**WHAT TEMPTS US TODAY MAY BE GIVEN TO US BY GOD TOMORROW**

— but in His time, in His way, for His glory.