

Sermon Discussion Guide
Sunday, November 8, 2020
Who Are You Trusting?
Matthew 4:1-4

We are part of a great spiritual war. Every day we are engaged in battle, even when we don't recognize it. The God of truth is being opposed by "the father of lies." So, Satan and his demonic underlings strive to keep people from salvation by opposing the truth of the Gospel. They also continually oppose those of us who have already trusted in the Gospel, seeking to undermine our relationships with God, which are based upon trust.

1. Do you believe in the existence of demonic beings that oppose us in a spiritual battle? Why or why not? What do you base your belief upon?
2. What is the danger of not believing in the existence of demons? Do you think being unaware of a deadly enemy might be a problem?
3. Jesus did not seem surprised by the attack of temptation or by the character of his adversary. Why do you think that is?
4. Our demonic foes manipulate our natural needs to tempt us to sin. How does that work?
5. Why would it have been a sin for Jesus to make bread? Hint: He was like us in all things but sin.
6. How was Satan trying to use Jesus' natural needs to entice him? How does Jesus' need to be in submission to the Father and to walk with the spirit fit into this scenario?
7. What false promises are implied in the temptation? Jesus gives a hint when he talks about living on bread.
8. How did Jesus respond to Satan's enticement? Why was that an effective response?
9. He quoted Scripture that was directly related to the temptation. Why is that important?
10. What is more important, telling the truth to Satan or trusting the truth in his heart?
11. So, how do we keep lies from penetrating our hearts? Read Psalm 119:11.
12. What are you doing to grow in proficiency with your sword? Discuss this as a group.