

Escape Route – Part 2

Discuss –

- 1) Are you aware of those times in your life when you are more susceptible to temptation? Is there a particular tactic of Satan from 1 John 2:16 to which you are most vulnerable? What precautions can you take to prepare for those battles?**
- 2) Have you ever tried to overcome temptation using your will alone? How did that work? Why is our will too weak to fight Satan?**
- 3) Why is God's Word the best weapon we have against temptation and Satan's attacks against us? How does the story in Matthew 4 show us how knowing God's Word and submitting to God's will enable and empower us to resist the devil?**

Close in prayer. Pray for each other as you face temptation.

Scripture From The Sermon

Matt 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted^[a] by the devil. ² After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³ The tempter came to him and said, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.”

⁴ Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’^[b]”

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. ⁶ “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down. For it is written:

“He will command his angels concerning you,
and they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’^[c]”

⁷ Jesus answered him, “It is also written: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’^[d]”

⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. ⁹ “All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.”

¹⁰ Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’^[e]”

¹¹ Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

1 John 2:16

For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world.

Ezekiel 28:17

Your heart became proud
on account of your beauty,
and you corrupted your wisdom
because of your splendor.
So I threw you to the earth;
I made a spectacle of you before kings.