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Primary Claim: Trust God; Don't Trust Satan

Ill for PC (from intro?): Chair vs. Blanket, Dressed up. ... PC again

Organizational Sentence: Jesus demonstrated for us that it is possible to live a full life, fully tempted, but never give in to temptation. We see in Luke 4:1-13 Jesus being tempted and overcoming 3 different times.

First... The Scene (4:1-2)

Expl- Who- Jesus, What- being led to be tempted, Where- Desert, When- just after baptism, How- by the Spirit, WHY???

XBib- Heb 2:5-18 Why? 1. To know that Jesus really is fully human (17) 2. So we know we can overcome temptation. (Heb. 2:5-18, especially 18)

App- Two important distinctions: Being tempted is not a sin, acting on the temptation is a sin /// Temptation is dif. than a test.

Jesus is being tempted in the wilderness after He was baptized, led by the Holy Spirit as part of being human. Because He was fully human and fully tempted, we can be sure He can help us.

I. Shouldn't God give me more? doubting God's provision (4:3-4)

Expl- Satan's warped question: "**What do I need/Shouldn't God give me more?**"

Expl- Why is it a sin for Jesus to eat? similar to Eve; God is holding out. God has failed.

App- Don't let Satan tell you what you need. You are and have enough. (Mt 6:26-30)

Materialism doesn't have to be greed or violent love of money, subtle, comfort, security

Ill- I could tithe 10% (God's plan), but I will once I am a bit more secure. After all, God doesn't want me to be unwise with me money, right? Wisdom is important. I could volunteer for that need in the church (God's plan), but it would cut into my time to rest. And rest is important.

Expl- Jesus affirms that God's plan is good through His word. God will provide all He needs. (Deut. 8:3, ... but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of God.)

App- Fighting temptation with scripture. 1 Cor 10:13. You aren't alone, and you can do it.

Expl- If/then sets up a fake choice. Tries to 'fight' Jesus on his terms, Jesus doesn't fall for it.

Ill- Jesus gives us the strength to hold on. But also, stand up, Put your arms out. Next to you.

App- **Let God define you and tell you what you need.**

II. Shouldn't God do this better? doubting God's plan (4:5-8)

Expl- All at one time Satan showed Jesus all the kingdoms. Probably kind of cool looking

Satan promises to Jesus what God promised to Jesus, but without the suffering. Ps. 2:7-8 God promises His Son the kingdoms of the earth.

Satan does have some authority over them. He actually could give Jesus the kingdoms he is showing Jesus.

Satan's warped question: "**Why this way/Shouldn't God do this better?**": Easy way out. Not God's way, Satan's way. Satan's way - glory now, suffering for eternity. God's way- suffering now, glory for eternity. It's a trap. Momentary release. A fleeting vapid lie.

App- Not alone in knowing short lived the pleasure of sin. Arms grow weary and I succumb to the pressure. (Rom 7:7-25) I rely on my own power. I sin. But when I do, the regret, shame, and isolation soon follow. It is always a lie. Satan's way vs God's way

Expl- This is a mega them in Luke. That Christianity and suffering are closing woven together. But again, momentary suffering for eternal glory. Christianity means suffering. (1 Pet 5:10)

App- When we live for Christ in many ways we are calling the world out. Don't be surprised.
XBib- Jesus catches the lie and trap. >> scripture again affirms sole devotion to the Father.
Expl- He also ties worship with service (Deut 6:4). He did this in Mt 6:24 as well. You cannot have 2 masters. If you worship something, you will serve that.
App- The thing you serve most and most fully is most likely the thing you worship. Is that God? Jesus served and worshipped God. Are you fully devoted to God's plan? Shortcuts? Easy way out? Telling God that His plan is wrong, is yours better? Responsibility vs self-reliance,
App- **Let God define the "whens" and "hows" of your life's plan.**

III. Why isn't God more trustworthy? testing God (4:9-12)

Expl- This temptation is the reverse side of the coin of doubting God
Ill- Oh really? You REALLY trust God that much? Well prove it then. Go on idiot.
App- A quick word on "religious" things. This temptation is happening in the holiest place, God's temple, in the highest place. Satan uses scripture and knows it well. Satan also believes in God. There is a difference between religious knowledge and trusting/living/applying knowledge
Expl- Again, Satan sets up a fake ultimatum, the ONLY way God is trustworthy is if...
Satan's warped question: **"What are His promises/Why isn't God trustworthy?"**
Jesus doesn't fall for it, don't fight Satan on his terms, use God's.
Satan wants us to tell God what His promises are, and then use those promises against him when He doesn't follow through.
Ill- Guy in a boat, sent to help 3 times, guy ended up in heaven
If we know what God's will is, know His word but purposefully get into trouble and then get upset at God for not protecting us, or even blame God, that is testing God. Satan says, God promised this, why don't you try and catch Him and trap Him breaking His promise.
App- Trust God's promises for your life.

Tran- Satan asks Jesus 3 questions, **Shouldn't God give me more? Shouldn't God do this better? Why can't God follow through on His promises?**

Mindfulness

What do I need? Why this way? What are His promises?

The end? (4:13)

Ill- Joking a little, when a movie series ends with a cliff hanger,
Expl- Jesus was tempted, probably again and again, all His life. And the final great temptation was to avoid the cross. Undeserved pain and suffering, easily avoided, talk about temptation.
Ill- CS Lewis, those that live in sin do not know the full power of temptation
App- The opportune time, be vigilant, know the real questions, don't give Satan and opportune time, lean on each other, fight temptation on God's terms, not Satan's