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*Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. (Matthew 4:1-2)*

*The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." (Matthew 4:3)*

*Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" (Matthew 4:4)*

**1. God's Word Empowers Us to Get Our Needs Met \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "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.'" (Matthew 4:5-6)*

*Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" (Matthew 4:7)*

**2. God's Word Empowers Us to Obey God Rather Than People.**

*Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me." (Matthew 4:8-9)*

*"...Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'" (Matthew 4:10)*

**3. God's Word Empowers Us to Choose \_\_\_\_\_ with God Even When It's Not Easy.**

*I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you. (Psalm 119:11)*

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**Want to Go Deeper?**

- Memorize Psalm 119:11.
- Reading assignment (texts to memorize): Monday = Galatians 5:16, Tuesday = 1 Corinthians 10:13, Wednesday = Psalm 101:3, Thursday = 1 John 2:4, Friday = Ephesians 4:29.
- For which specific weaknesses do you need to find specific verses to give you strength?
- If you are ready to accept God's invitation to a new life, let us know and we will help you with next steps.
- Read *His Word in My Heart* by Janet Pope.

Please let us know the commitments you are making to God by using the Communication Card. We will pray for you.