

...in temptations

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JESUS

OUR GREAT EXAMPLE

“Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil.” *(Matthew 4:1, NIV)*

When **tempted...**

there is always

more at stake

than I realize

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“Then the devil took him to the holy city
and had him stand on the highest point
in the temple...” *(Matthew 4:5, NIV)*

“...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 4:6, NIV)*

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Jesus answered him, "It is also written:
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“Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor...” *(Matthew 4:8-9, NIV)*

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Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’” *(Matthew 4:10, NIV)*

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know **God's word**
and make it **my authority**

do **God's work**
God's way

“When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him **until an opportune time.**” *(Luke 4:13, NIV)*

“Jesus returned to Galilee in the **power** of the Holy Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside.”

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