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Temptation pt.2

Jump From The Temple

Matthew 4:5-7

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Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after He had fasted for forty days and forty nights, He then became hungry. And the tempter came and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." But He answered and said, "It is written: 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT COMES OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD.'" Then the devil took Him along into the holy city and had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple, and he said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down; for it is written: 'HE WILL GIVE HIS ANGELS ORDERS CONCERNING YOU'; and 'ON THEIR HANDS THEY WILL LIFT YOU UP, SO THAT YOU DO NOT STRIKE YOUR FOOT AGAINST A STONE.'" Jesus said to him, "On the other hand, it is written: 'YOU SHALL NOT PUT THE LORD YOUR GOD TO THE TEST.'"

It creates a sense of _____ in us.

The temptation of _____.

Deuteronomy 8:3

He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your ancestors had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.

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Don't trade what you want now for that thing that you'll need later

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The one thing that keeps you from celebrating other people's success. It's the one thing that keeps you from initiating an apology when you know that you're wrong. It's the one thing that keeps you from initiating an apology when you were only 5% wrong and the other person was 95% Wrong Its the thing that keeps you arguing your point after the fact that you realize that you don't even really have a very good point, but you keep arguing. It keeps you from admitting. You've lost, keeps you from admitting weakness keeps you from admitting you need help keeps you from admitting you don't know what you're doing, even though everybody else knows that you don't know what you're doing.

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*It's what causes you to power up when you should be opening up.
It's what causes you to cheat before you allow yourself to lose.
It's what causes you to lie about your past failed marriage. The
fact that you never really graduated causes you to always have
the final word and it causes you to buy things, to impress people
who aren't even paying any attention to you.*

The temptation of ____.

C. S. Lewis, Mere Christianity (1952).

*"Unchastity, anger, greed, drunkenness, and all that, are mere flea
bites in comparison: it was through Pride that the devil became the
devil: Pride leads to every other vice: it is the complete anti-God
state of mind."*

***Pride _____ you. Diminishes your capacity to _____. Your
capacity to _____. Your capacity to _____.***

*Pride diminishes our capacity to say what needs to be said.
Diminishes our ability to do what we know we need to do. Pride
diminishes our capacity to love...Think about this when you are
full of you, there's no room for anyone else.
Pride has the potential **to crowd God out as well.***

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Psalms 10:4

In his pride the wicked man does not seek him; in all his thoughts there is no room for God.

Pride is a prison and it shuts us in and it shuts God and others out.

The invitation to _____ Jesus is actually an invitation to _____ pride.

Greatness is defined by how well and how passionate you are about doing for others, not getting others to do for you. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus.

Philippians 2:1-4

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like- minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

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In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

Do you really want pride to control you the rest of your life?

Do you want pride to continue to drive what's happening in your marriage, in your relationships?

Pride doesn't have to be your master.