

Brokenness:
Experiencing God's Grace in the Cracks of Life
Matthew 4:1-11
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Introduction

Brokenness: An Opportunity to Affirm My Identity

Embracing my identity: Matthew 3:17, 4:1-2

Temptations:

I want blessings now. Matthew 4:3-4

My Response:

Pray for patience (4).

I want protection. Matthew 4:5-7

My Response:

Thank God for what I have in Christ.

I want comfort. Matthew 4:8-10

My response:
Surrender to God.

Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted 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.'"

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.'"

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

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.'"

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