



Are You Ready?

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READING: Luke 4

It is my desire as a Christ follower to be full of the Holy Spirit and have my life led by Him. But I do not think we realize what that really means. In Luke 4:1-2 the Holy Spirit leads Jesus into the wilderness for 40 days without food.

Being filled with the Holy Spirit is not a walk in the park. You have to die to yourself to walk like Jesus did. It is about following God's will not your will and desires. A lot of times we have a different plan for the way we live.

Jesus fasted for the time in the wilderness so He could totally focus on the preparation of the mission and ministry that was ahead of Him. We often base our actions on how we feel rather than on what God has for our lives. For example, God may be prompting us to get up early and spend time in His Word. But everything in us is telling us how warm and cozy our beds are so we snuggle up for just a little while longer.

Satan used three temptations that are very common to man:

1. He tried to get Jesus to doubt God's word. That one goes all the way back to the garden.
2. He offered to take care of Jesus' physical desires.
3. He appealed to greed by tempting Jesus to fulfill his desires with miracles.

All of these are familiar to man. The bottom line is that Satan wants us to serve him rather than God and God's will.

Satan was not able to sidetrack Jesus in being faithful to God. Jesus could experience the same things we can. Hebrews 4:15 says, *"For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin."*

Jesus used the Word to counter all of Satan's temptations. Psalm 119:11 says, *"I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you."* This should show us the value of spending time studying God's Word. The more of God's Word we store up the better we will be able to see through the lies of the evil one. 1 Peter 5:8 says, *"Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour."*

PRAYER: Heavenly Father, thank You for the Word. I pray that we grow in Your likeness every day.

TOMORROW'S READING: Luke 5

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